

# THE FRONTIER.

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A Harvard 219 courses are offered in the liberal arts and sciences. It would take a student forty-four years to complete all these courses.

A Baltimore man, after a courtship of fourteen years, undertook to withdraw, when the party of the second part objected, and a breach of promise suit followed.

It is only a few years ago that F. T. Dubois, now a senator from Idaho with a salary of \$5,000 a year, was trying hard to get a \$1,300 clerkship in Washington.

Aesop's fables were not written by their author. They were related and handed down until the fourteenth century, when they were collected and published by a monk.

In Europe red hair is associated with deceitfulness. A German proverb printed in 1512 says: "The short in stature are naturally proud; the red haired are untrustworthy."

A crib snake is one of the interesting pets at the Central Park, New York, menagerie. It has a taste for devouring other snakes and it is feared by them all, even the poisonous.

The custom of saying "God bless you" when a person sneezes dates from the time of Jacob, who ordered that when a person sneezed some one should make a pious exclamation.

Five great English war ships are now declared to have guns which are unfit for service. These range from 110 tons to 67 tons. The French 75-ton guns, however, are said to be satisfactory.

On the old Boston and New Haven turnpike, in the southern part of New London county, Conn., is an old mile stone, notched and moss-grown, that was set there by Benjamin Franklin.

The "cow-catcher" of the locomotive which, by the way, has never been patented, is the invention of D. B. Davies, of Columbus, Ohio.

When Rev. M. J. Savage, the Boston Unitarian, preached in Washington last Sunday it was necessary to bring in temporary seats to accommodate the congregation, so great was the rush.

The street car conductors of Berlin receive 62½ cents for a day's wages of eighteen hours, with a half day holiday once in every two weeks. Nothing but the most absolute economy enables them to live.

Brass rings, sometimes weighing thirty pounds, are welded around the necks of the wives of Upper Congo natives. The women are proud of the ornament, believing that it enhances their importance and beauty.

The seat of the coronation chair of England is made of a sandstone slab which was brought from Seone by Edward I. and is said to be the stone upon which Jacob rested his head when he saw his famous vision.

In Washington, recently, among specimens of vegetable products exhibited were potatoes weighing from 3 to 6½ pounds, turnips weighing 25 pounds, and a beet weighing 21 pounds.

The archives of the Borgese family, comprising 475 manuscripts, have been bought by the pope for 250,000 francs. They relate to the popes at Avignon and to Paul V, who was a Borgese. The minister of public instruction meanwhile has warned the impoverished head of the house that he cannot legally send away any work of art in his collection.

An association for the importation of song birds has been formed in Oregon, and a consignment of linnets, skylarks, thrushes and bullfinches has recently been received from Europe. There is every prospect that the experiment will be successful, as the climate and forests of the northwest are peculiarly adapted to the needs of these delightful songsters of the woods.

The latest and rarest arrival at the zoological gardens, in Regent's park, London, is what is considered the only living specimen of the hairy-eared rhinoceros. There are six species of this animal now extant, and Mr. Bartlett, the son of the well-known superintendent of the gardens, believes that he has discovered a seventh in the island of Borneo, in a region comparatively unknown to zoologists.

The ingenious novelist could not invent a queerer hiding place for a will than one reported from real life by the Maine Farmer. The will was tucked up on the partition of a woodshed, a piece of brown paper tucked over it, and there it remained for years, no one but the author surmising its identity. After the testator died, in clearing out the shed the brown paper was removed and the precious document found.

The whisky made by moonshiners seldom becomes a week old and very often it is drunk warm from the still having the effect of broken glass on the palate. It is frequently adulterated, tobacco being added to make it bite and rattled over to make it head. In the moonshine districts almost everybody drinks—men and women, old and young—and the mountain boy on pleasure bent carries a quart bottle of the stuff, a package of snuff and a six-shooter.

## NEBRASKA.

Methodists at Elsie will build a new church. Diphtheria has made its appearance at Central City.

North Platte wants a twine and rope factory. A Knights of Pythias lodge has been instituted at Callaway.

Work has been begun on a new hotel at Wayne to cost \$18,000. Fremont banks have deposits to the amount of \$674,000.

A camp of Sons of Veterans is soon to be mustered in at Stromburg. Charles Morter, 96 years old, is the oldest man living in Burt county.

The Burlington and Missouri eating house at Hastings burned Monday. Gothenburg's new Methodist church has been dedicated free from debt.

The sole occupant of the Merrick county jail, a female, escaped Thursday night. H. Hemington, of Cedar Rapids, will exhibit his 4-year-old boy, who weighs 100 pounds.

Rev. J. H. Reyard, of Central City, has been tendered and accepted a call at Tacoma, Wash. A new German Evangelical church was dedicated in Cottonwood township, near Hastings, Sunday.

A Blair man is accused of visiting a house of ill repute and passing himself off as another reputable citizen. Peter Miller and Carl Welch, of Fremont, quarreled over a cow trade and the former was badly cut in the face.

A brakeman named Wilkins was killed at Valley Monday night while coupling cars. His home was at Fairfield, Ia. Lincoln has captured a beet sugar factory. It will be built by Dyer Bros., and American machinery will be used.

Reuben P. Wisler, a grain buyer of Brady Island, has been arrested for selling liquor without a government permit. The marshal of Ohio has been discharged because he refused to care for the street lamps, without extra compensation.

George Kieley, an employe in the Blair Pilot office, had his arm badly lacerated by getting it caught in the machinery of a job press. Chauncey Orton and James Rector collided in a game of foot ball at Weeping Willow, resulting in a broken leg for the former.

Flora Van Buren, an Omaha servant girl, became insane on religion and took poison, but will not die. Nemaha county fourth class postmasters held a meeting and decided to ask for an increase of salary.

Farmers of Knox county report a larger proportion of soft corn this year than the average of other years. Charles Thotyer was held up by footpads at York, stabbed in the face and breast with a knife and relieved of \$1.

Captain Peter Mann, an old and well known resident of Plattsmouth, died Monday. He was a pilot on Missouri river steamboats for many years. The Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Fairmont will not be joined together. A vote was taken on the question and the proposition rejected.

A Columbus man dropped a tack in his ear, but before it could do any damage an accommodating citizen removed the intruder with the aid of a pair of tongs. The Fairfield Herald, independent, has been purchased by Hon. W. S. Randall, who has published the Fairview news for several years and lost his entire plant by fire twice in the past fifteen months.

The Rip Saw, an independent paper published at Crete, has given up the ghost. Mr. Morrison, the editor, not deeming it worth while to monkey with it any longer. Fifty Sioux Indian recruits, enlisted in the regular army at Pine Ridge, have been sent to Fort Omaha. The squaws and a number of papooses are included in the party.

On Otoe county applicant for a certificate to teach school, on being required to name some of the liquids containing alcohol, wrote "beer, wine and champagne." Evidently he is something of a democratic politician, if not much of a chemist, ad dokatos.

R. M. Goshorn, of Santa Fe, formerly editor of the Wayne Herald, has been appointed clerk of the United States and territorial courts of the First district of New Mexico, with a salary of \$5,200 a year. Thirty head of cattle on the Rankins ranch in Blaine county have died recently from some mysterious cause. The owners believed the animals were maliciously poisoned, but a veterinarian who made a post mortem declared that some poisonous weed caused the mortality.

The Tecumseh Chief says that the newly elected judges of the First district, Babcock and Bush, are probably the tallest men on the Nebraska bench. Mr. Babcock measures 6 feet 5 inches and Mr. Bush is nearly up to the same notch. The bench will have to be raised for them to get their legs under.

From eight acres of wheat raised by Leroy Loghry on land rented of J. T. Platt, in Fillmore county, the latter gentleman received \$59.80 for his one-third share. This will make the value of the crop from the eight acres \$179.40, which is not bad.

A. L. Ferguson and his wife were killed Saturday at a crossing west of Violet, on the Burlington and Missouri road. Two sections of a freight train a short distance apart were bound eastward, and when one section had passed, Ferguson, accompanied by his wife and baby in an open vehicle, thinking the road clear, attempted to cross, when the second section caught them and threw the whole party out on the cowcatcher, where the fireman caught both of them and held them until they reached Violet. The man's neck was broken, the wife lived a short time after leaving Violet, and the baby has died since.

There was no mark except a scratch on the woman's face. Ferguson was a well-to-do farmer residing near Violet, a station five miles west of Pawnee City. Lincoln hopes to be represented at the world's fair by a girl prodigy if all goes well. The young lady's name is Lena Shaffer. Although but 14 years old, she grown to a height of six feet; weighed, she tipped the scales at 199 pounds. Her father says she will weigh 200 pounds today and is still growing. Lena's parents have had some very good offers to permit her to enter the musee circuit, but have declined, as they wish her to continue in school. Mr. Shaffer says, however, that if she keeps on growing until her size justifies it he will take her to the world's fair.

## IT IS A SICKENING SIGHT

### The Scene of the Wreck on the New York Central.

#### Great Blotches of Blood Dried and Clotted Between the Tracks—Thieves Add to the Horrors—List of Killed and Injured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The scene of the wreck on the New York Central Christmas eve is a sickening sight. Here and there between the tracks are great blotches of blood dried and clotted, two and three feet in diameter. All else that remains today to tell the story of the frightful disaster is the tin roof of the Wagner sleeping car, Gibraltar. This is still lying in a smoldering mass at the side of the track where the disaster occurred. The rest of the car was burned. The trucks of the car and all the other movable wreckage, as well as the damaged cars, have been removed by the wrecking trains on the New York Central.

Among the passengers on the Gibraltar was J. C. Gould, traveling engineer of the New York Central. He was one of the three men who escaped unhurt. He said that no one in the Gibraltar had any idea of their danger until they heard the crash of the St. Louis express right behind them. The next instant the roof came. In less time than it takes to tell it the locomotive had crashed into the sleeper and the escaping steam was scalding the passengers to death. For a moment there was almost absolute silence and then the most awful shrieks and groans were heard from the passenger car. Mr. Gould does not know how he got out of the car.

The dead and injured:  
MRS. A. N. BALDWIN, New York.  
THOMAS W. POLLEY, New York, of the firm of George H. Polley & Co., Boston.  
ABRAHAM KNIGHT, conductor.  
MISS VAN ARSDALE, New York.  
MISS SLOCUM, Lockport, N. Y.  
MISS MOORE, Medina.  
LIZZIE FORD, Brooklyn.  
J. W. WHITE, porter.  
MISS LILLIAN BALDWIN, New York.  
DR. S. E. BEST, dentist, New York.  
EDWIN S. WILCOX, of the law firm of Wilcox & Johns, of New York.

The burned and injured were as follows:  
MR. HOMER BALDWIN, New York, burned about the face and arms and injured internally.  
ANNE FORD, Brooklyn, slightly burned.  
D. B. MURPHY, lawyer, New York, leg and collar bone broken, face and arms badly burned; may die.  
HARRY A. JACOBSON, New York, slightly burned.  
J. R. BAGNELLE, Poughkeepsie, badly burned about the face and injured internally.

The uninjured passengers are: J. C. Gould, traveling engineer New York Central; Mr. McCormick; Miss Fryer, Poughkeepsie; Homer R. Baldwin, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose B. Tremain, Brooklyn.  
The terrible disaster was due to the carelessness of brakeman Albert S. Herick of the Buffalo express, which was lying still below Hastings. Herick fled and has not yet been found. He left his uniform in the train and put on his citizens' clothes.  
To add to the horror of the occasion thieves got to work and began to rob the injured passengers. How much they secured is not known. It was not known that thieves were among the injured at the time of the accident, and the fact was not discovered until this morning. A number of volunteers worked among the injured passengers and it is probable that this was made a cloak for stealing by some.

## COTTON CROPS ARE TOO BIG

Southern Factory Owners, Fearing Rain, Will Reduce Advances to Planters.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 26.—Cotton factors here and elsewhere in the south have practically determined to reduce advances to planters in the coming spring, and in this way force down the production of cotton. They regard it as absolutely ruinous for the south to have another such enormous crop as those of this and last year. Concerted action may be taken to this end.

## A SEVERE BLIZZARD.

Wind at Duluth Worse Than Any Memories of the Oldest Inhabitant.

DULUTH, Dec. 26.—The storm of yesterday and last night was one of the severest blizzards ever known here. The wind has been known to blow here about as hard as it did in last night's storm, but the oldest inhabitant could not remember when it blew so hard and continuously as it did last night. Many fears are entertained for the tug Edward Friske, which put out for Two Harbors Thursday night. This morning the weather is less severe, but the mercury continues its downward course, ranging now at 5 above.

## STILL STARVING.

Edward M. Field Persists in Refusing to Take Food.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Edward M. Field still persists in starving himself. He has greatly alarmed his physicians, and Warden Fallon was instructed yesterday to give him whisky. The warden says Field seems to be in a jaded state and that the only time his face shows any expression of interest is when the family physician, Dr. Lindley, calls.

## Associated Banks Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The weekly statement of the associated banks shows the following changes: Reserve, increase \$318,525; loans, increase 26,415,200; specie, increase \$1,952,200; legal tender, increase \$558,400; deposits, increase \$8,768,300; circulation, increase \$15,100. The banks now hold \$19,483,025 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

## The Eight-Hour Day Rejected.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Northumberland miners have rejected by a vote of 372 against 2,889, the proposition to advocate the passage of a measure providing for a legal day's work of eight hours per day for boys.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS A PRIEST.

Archbishop Katzer's Anniversary Celebration at Hartford, Wis.

HARTFORD, Wis., Dec. 26.—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of Archbishop Katzer to the priesthood is being celebrated here today with considerable pomp and ceremony. This is the old home of the recently consecrated prelate, and when he arrived here yesterday he received an ovation at the hands of the residents without religious distinctions. He was met at the depot by an immense crowd and escorted to the clergy house by a procession of the various Catholic societies. At 5 o'clock this morning masses were celebrated by priests from neighboring dioceses, and were attended by a throng of worshippers. The celebration of pontifical high mass began at 10 o'clock in the old church of St. Kilians, where the present archbishop said his first mass a quarter of a century ago. While celebrating the mass the prelate wore the pallium, which is done only on special occasions. Two sermons were preached, one in English by Father Pitt, of Maize, and the other in German by Father Heller, of Neosho. Father Schnaiger, of St. Lawrence, officiated as archdeacon, an office that he also filled upon the day that the young priest was ordained. The sacred edifice was packed to the doors during the service, and over a hundred priests in full vestments were within the chancel rails. This afternoon the archbishop and the visiting priests were entertained at a banquet in the parish school house.

## REFUSED TO TESTIFY.

Unexpected Action of Civilian Witnesses in the Throckmorton Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The court-martial of Major Throckmorton, charged with duplicating his accounts and drawing checks on banks where he had no deposit, was continued this morning. Major Powell, of the Sixth infantry, had been regularly appointed by the war department to sit in the court as a substitute for Colonel George V. Henry. The defense had no objection, but Colonel Burns declared that law and precedent showed that an officer could not be admitted as a member of a court-martial when he had neither seen nor heard important witnesses. The court sustained the protest. Samuel Westervelt, a clerk in a dry goods house, was called, but refused to answer any of the questions put to him on the ground that he was a civilian. He was told to stand down. Henry Tompkins, attorney for the same firm, refused to testify on the same ground. The judge-advocate severely scolded the witnesses and the court held that both were guilty of contempt but could not be punished. The trial then proceeded, no sensational testimony being offered.

## THE BARBAROUS D. K. E.

A Secret Society Whose Methods Are an Abomination to Good People.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 26.—William Lloyd Garrison has published an open letter to the president and faculty of Harvard college in which he says: "The secret society known as the D. K. E., has long been a source of scandal and private indignation. Aside from the witless penalties attending the initiation of members, a cruelty has been superadded. As a culmination of pluck and endurance, the victim's arm is bared for branding. In the case which has just come under my observation six deep and savage burns, from the shoulder to the elbow, were inflicted with a lighted cigar. In common with other secrets which flourish in your sight, a bar providing intoxicating liquors is here maintained, contrary to law and decent morals. If you have the power or the influence to abate these evils the responsibility resting upon your shoulders is a heavy one."

## TO PROTEST AGAINST WOODS.

Patent Lawyers Meet in Chicago to Adopt a Memorial to the Senate.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—If any of the patent lawyers from Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Louisville, and other points that have been invited to attend the meeting at the University club this afternoon to protest against the appointment of Judge Woods, of Indianapolis, as federal judge, are in the city they have so far managed to keep the fact a close secret. None of them have so far made their presence known to those most directly interested in the gathering. Its promoters say, however, that there will be a large and representative attendance, and that a formidable opposition to the confirmation of the Indiana judge will be developed. The chief ground of complaint against him seems to be that he knows little or nothing of the patent branch of the law, that he cannot grasp the intricate questions presented in patent cases, and that on more than one occasion he has expressed and manifested hostility toward patentees. This afternoon's meeting will frame and adopt a memorial and arrange for its presentation to the senate without delay.

## A WOMAN CREMATED.

Mrs. Annie Kelley Incinerated in Her Grocery Store.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Annie Kelley, a widow aged 45 years, was burned to death this morning in her grocery store. A kerosene lamp that was standing on a barrel in the store exploded and, egress being cut off by the flames, she was suffocated and burned before assistance could arrive. The woman weighed 280 pounds and it is supposed that she could not get the bars removed from the door in time to escape.

## SICK CELEBRITIES.

Whitman Has Little Chance for Recovery—Little's Condition.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 26.—Walt Whitman's condition this morning is not such as to give his attendants any substantial hope of his recovery. He rallied slightly yesterday and partook of milk toast and orange juice.

## Cyrus Field's Condition Unchanged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The condition of Cyrus W. Field was reported as unchanged this morning.

## THE MILLS MAY STOP.

The Railroads Cannot Haul the Minneapolis Flour Output.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 28.—In two or three weeks, perhaps sooner, the Minneapolis flour mills will have to shut down on account of the scarcity of freight cars and the inability of the trunk lines east of Chicago to handle seaboard business. The situation here has not been as serious as it is now since the four new roads—the Kansas City, Burlington, Soo and Wisconsin Central—were built about eight years ago. Before that time the local millers had such times occasionally as they are having now, but it was only occasionally. The worst part of it all is that there seems to be no immediate prospects of a better state of affairs. Up to this time the corn crop, south and east, has not begun to move, and when it does, and the cars that already are too few divided again, there will be a worse condition of affairs than the wheat men than exists today. The cause for all trouble is that the unusual crops have called for more cars than the roads have on hand. Of course, there may be a relieving of the pressure somewhat before the two or three weeks are up, but if there is it will come unexpectedly.

## HOMELESS EXECUTIVES.

Ohio Governors Placed at the Mercy of Grasping Landlords.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.—Is the great Buckeye state ever to have an executive mansion? This query comes into prominence at this time as a result of the fact that Governor-elect McKinley, after having put in several weary days a house hunting, has been compelled to engage a suite of rooms at one of the hotels for his gubernatorial term. When Governor Campbell assumed the reins of office it took him nearly two months to secure a suitable residence, and although the question of building an executive mansion was agitated at that time, nothing ever came of it, with the result that the new executive and his invalid wife are compelled to rely upon the tender mercies of a hotel management. The widespread comment that this condition of affairs has evoked among people of all parties will, it is hoped, result in an appropriation being made by the next general assembly for the erection of a suitable structure.

## A BOTTOMLESS FAD.

Second-Rate Professionals Cannot Gull American Audiences.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The bottom has fallen out of the Kendal fad, and thereat the members of the various American companies are inclined to be exceedingly glad. During the present engagement of these cockney dollar grabbers at Hooleys their business has not averaged more than 30 per cent. of that of previous engagements, while the other houses of the city playing strictly American combinations have been doing a large business. The Kendals have announced the present as their closing tour, and the impression generally obtains in professional circles that the announcement is the result, not so much of choice, as of necessity. It is said upon unquestionable authority that each of the Kendals' seasons in this country has netted them larger financial returns than has ever fallen to their share for three years' work in their own country, where they are regarded as but second-rate professionals.

## LA GRIPPE IS INFECTIOUS.

Professor Nothnagel Lectures on Its Prevention and Cure.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The epidemic of influenza still prevails in Galicia, eastern Prussia and Berlin. An address recently delivered by Professor Nothnagel, of Vienna, upon the origin and treatment of the disease is the talk of the hour among medical men. Professor Nothnagel in his address declared the malady is distinctly miasmatic in character and certainly infectious and possibly contagious. He also stated that persons having cardiac affections and those suffering from tuberculosis have the most cause to fear fatal results, as there is no specific means of cure. The professor says that treatment by anti-pyrene, anti-febrine and phenacetine is inadvisable where the disease is accompanied by any form of congestion of the lungs or weakness of the heart. Such cases should be treated with stimulants like digitalis or brandy, or by sub-cutaneous injection of camphor.

## BULGARIAN TROUBLES.

They Are Still Unsettled—The Cause of Sir Arthur White's Death.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Sir William Arthur White is said to have contracted the disease from which he died while in Sofia on Friday last. The British ambassador was then on his way home, where he met the premier of Bulgaria in regard to the strained relations existing between France and Bulgaria. During an interview with Stambuloff, Sir Henry White is said to have advised the Bulgarian movement to do its utmost to satisfy France. M. Stambuloff, in reply, is said to have threatened to resign unless the unstinted support of England was accorded to him.

## La Grippe the Cause.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Berlin announces the death of Sir William Arthur White, British ambassador to Turkey. Influenza is given as the cause of death.

## Shipping Powder.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The navy department has ordered the shipment of 42,000 pounds of prismatic powder and 11,000 6-inch shells from League Island, Pa., to San Francisco. The department has also ordered the new 12-inch gun made at the Washington navy yard to be sent to San Francisco. The gun will be placed on a large flat car and taken to the Pacific coast as soon as possible.

## Murderer Jones Hanged.

OLIVER SPRINGS, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Lem Jones, was hanged here this morning for murdering his wife and children on June 20, 1903.

## UNHAPPY SUBSCRIBERS.

Suffering Results From Trying to Enforce World's Fair Subscriptions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—There has been a good deal of unfavorable comment over the action of the world's fair authorities in placing in the hands of constables on Christmas eve some 200 distress warrants directed against the personal property of delinquent subscribers to fair stock. The constables were instructed to accept no excuses, but to get the money or levy immediately and without mercy. As a result of this Shylock measure many a poor wife and child failed to receive a visit from Santa Claus on Friday, although such a little thing as that did not interfere with Treasurer Seeberger's enjoyment of his own Christmas. When the subscription books for world's fair stock were first opened a systematic canvass was made of stores, manufactories and workshops of all kinds throughout the city, and hundreds of artisans and mechanics and laborers in all branches of labor, animated by a spirit of local patriotism, hastened to put down their names for from \$10 to \$100 worth of stock. In many of these branches of business trade has not been as good of late as it was at that time, and the earnings of the wage workers have decreased in proportion. But their names were down on the stock sheets in black and white, and so the flat went forth that no excuses of poverty or what not were to be accepted by the flint-faced constables, but that levy, no matter what on, whether it was the tools of trade or a baby's cradle, must be made to satisfy the judgment. And that is how it came about that in many a humble home in this city on Friday the stockings of the wife and little one were found empty at break of day.

## Passengers in a Panic.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 28.—The steamer City of Bridgeport left New York Saturday afternoon as usual. When the boat reached a point off Norwalk the passengers observed flames bursting from the floor of the women's cabin. In a second the wild excitement prevailed. The passengers, mostly women and children returning from a shopping tour in New York, were panic stricken. There was a rush for the life preservers and women fainted. Many men on board lost their presence of mind and thought only of themselves, some securing three life preservers, while helpless women and children had none. The officers of the boat were unsuccessful in their efforts to restrain the passengers. The crew was ordered to the pumps, but the latter could not be made to work for several minutes. In the meantime the flames, which started at the bottom of the smokestack, gained considerable headway. The captain ordered the pilot to head for the Connecticut shore and to keep within three minutes' run of land and the engineer to proceed at full steam. The crew worked at the pumps for half an hour and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The passengers could not be prevailed upon to remove the life preservers fastened about their bodies until the boat reached her wharf in this city, when the flames again burst out anew, but for the second time were extinguished. As quickly as possible the passengers were landed.

## Boston Firemen Injured.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The most disastrous fire which has visited this city since Thanksgiving in 1899 occurred last night, burning the brick building at 133-141 Federal street and damaging it to the extent of \$125,000. The building was occupied by Parker, Holmes & Co., and Hosmer, Codding & Co., whose combined losses are estimated at \$235,000.

## A Number of Firemen were Injured at Last Night's Fire. The Following Being the List:

CHIEF ENGINEER WEBER, hurt in the leg and hurt internally.  
DISTRICT CHIEF EGAN.  
DANIEL STEVENS.  
LIEUTENANT JOSEPH SMITH, of chemical No. 2.  
EDWARD SPARROW, overcome by smoke.  
J. T. GILLIBREW, ladder No. 8, cut in thigh.  
MELLEN R. JOY, ladder No. 17, dislocated ankle.  
GEORGE W. THOMPSON, of No. 1, cut with glass.  
JOHN B. ELLERY, of engine No. 6.  
JOHN MARENGO, engine No. 26, taken with hemorrhage.

## An ambulance with a corps of doctors from the Emergency hospital were at the scene of the fire and the lives of three firemen were probably saved by the prompt treatment they received.

## Activity at the Navy Yards.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Post this morning asserts positively that despite the denials of the navy yard officers, an unusual activity exists at that important gun factory. Some of the employees were at work yesterday and gasfitters have been employed for a week or more arranging gas fixtures so that work may be carried on at night. The men have been instructed to work twelve hours per day. Commodore O'Neill, inspector of ordnance, who is in charge of the yard, said yesterday that they were always busy at the yard when a new ship was ordered and the ordnance in the department kept ahead of the construction so that when the ships would be completed the armament could be ready.

## In Honor of Creswell.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The post-office department was closed at noon today in respect to the memory of ex-Postmaster-General Creswell, whose funeral took place this afternoon at Elkton, Md. Third Assistant Postmaster General Haze, James Meynard, chief clerk of the mail depositions bureau, and C. F. McDonald, superintendent of the money order division, left the city this morning to be present at the funeral ceremonies, as representatives of the department.

## McCalla's Sentence Remitted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—An order has been issued by the navy department remitting the unexecuted portion of the sentence of suspension imposed on Commander B. H. McCalla. Commander McCalla was sentenced to three years suspension for cruelty to subordinates.