

WHOLESALE DROWNING.

Forty-nine Children Lose Their Lives While Skating.

DISASTER AT FOSTER, IOWA.

Ice Gives Way With Fifty-one and Only Two Escape to Tell the Tale—Impossible to Obtain Particulars of the Reported Catastrophe.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—A telephone message from Washington, Ia., says that 51 school children were skating on the river near Foster, Ia., when the ice gave way and 49 were drowned.

A telephone message from the What Cheer telephone operator at midnight to the operator in Des Moines said that 40 school children had been drowned. Immediately thereafter it became impossible to reach What Cheer by telephone, the operator evidently having gone home.

Telephone messages by way of Oklahoma and Oklahoma say the report of the drowning of 49 school children at What Cheer is true. The children were skating on a pond near the fair grounds and the accident occurred about 9 p. m.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 28.—A telephone message to the Hawkeye from Washington, Ia., says that 51 school children were skating on the river near Foster, Ia., on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul near What Cheer, when the ice gave way and 49 were drowned, only two children escaping to tell the tale.

PICKED UP AT SEA.

Thirteen Shipwrecked Sailors Rescued by the Transport Garonne.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—Particulars of the rescue by the United States transport Garonne of 13 shipwrecked seamen of the ill-fated schooner Theresa Maria in Philippine waters were received in this city. While en route from Vigan, with 12 sick men from the Third cavalry and Thirty-third infantry and 56 insurgent prisoners, the Garonne sighted wreckage with men clinging to it on her starboard bow. Captain Conrad brought his ship around and dispatched lifeboats to those clinging to the wreckage, and all were rescued and taken aboard the Garonne.

RAID ON BRITISH BORDERS.

Tuggeri Tribe of Dutch New Guinea is Quickly Punished.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 28.—The steamer Mlowera brings advices of a raid on the British possessions by the Tuggeri tribe from Dutch New Guinea. A squad of police met the pirates from Tuggeri near the mouth of Morehead river. A fight on the water ensued, the police capturing and sinking five junks. No prisoners were taken, but it is estimated that 40 were shot or drowned. There were no casualties among the government forces.

SPEAKERSHIP CONTEST.

Candidates Are Active in Their Canvass at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Dec. 28.—Three of the speakership candidates—William G. Sears and J. A. Andrews of Frontier were here, but neither of them did much work in their own behalf. The reason that there were only a few of the Republican legislators in the city. The announcement of the withdrawal of Dr. Laflin of Gage county from the race for the speakership caused some consternation in the ranks of partisans, but all sides claimed to be benefited by the action. Dr. Laflin and Mr. Sears were together in the lobby of the Lindell most of the day and the latter expressed great confidence that he would be elected.

Runs on Baltimore Banks.

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—A scare among the timid depositors of the several savings banks of the city was the only noticeable result of the failure Wednesday of the Old Town bank. Runs occurred on nearly all the savings institutions, but the most notable were upon the Savings Bank of Baltimore, the City Savings bank and the Hopkins Place Savings bank. In every case the claims were promptly satisfied.

Turks Assault the British.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Some Turkish soldiers have grossly assaulted and maltreated the British charge d'affaires, De Bunsen, and other members of the British embassy, in the city. A powder magazine, at the residence of the British charge d'affaires, was destroyed by the Turks.

First Violence at Scranton.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 28.—The first blow struck in the street car strike was received last evening by William Patterson, the new superintendent of the Scranton Street Railway company, who was pulled from a car by a mob. Two strikers, Edward and Joseph Pentley, rushed the superintendent into a saloon, protecting him from the crowd with great difficulty. The other strikers helped three police officers disperse the crowd and also assisted the company officials to take the stalled cars to the barn. Eleven cars were moved yesterday, but not a single passenger was carried.

WOMAN WRECKS A SALOON.

Kansas W. C. T. U. President Smashes Bar Fixtures.

UNDER ARREST AT WICHITA.

Mrs. Carrie Nation Hurts Rock Through Cleopatra's Picture and Also Wrecks Carey Hotel Bar—Appeals to Governor Stanley, But is Taken to Jail.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, president of the Barber County Woman's Christian Temperance union, entered the Carey hotel barroom and with a stone smashed a \$300 painting of Cleopatra at her bath, and a mirror valued at \$100. She is under arrest, but no charge has yet been entered. She appealed to Governor Stanley, who is in the city, and he refused to act in any way. She broke mirrors at Kiowa, Kan., in two saloons some months ago. She declares there is no law under which she can be prosecuted and she threatened to continue her violent opposition to saloons.

NEBRASKA'S STORMY TRIP.

Allian Liner Tossed by Gale and Wave for Nineteen Days.

New York, Dec. 27.—The belated Allan liner steamer State of Nebraska, 19 days out from the Clyde, eight days overdue, crept into port here with smashed lifeboats, demolished deck-house and broken and twisted rails. It was the first clear day the voyagers had seen since Dec. 7, when the Nebraska steamed out of Moville, Ireland, in the face of a gale that swept their decks. On board the Allan liner when it left Glasgow, on Dec. 6, were 39 second cabin and 70 steerage passengers.

MILLER RECOVERS HIS BOY.

Mother and Child Found in a Small Town Not Far From Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.—Yesterday the huckster who drove Mrs. Miller and her son, Sydney, was located and informed the detectives that he had conveyed the woman and boy to Brightwood, five miles east of this city, where she intended to take the first train on the Big Four for New York.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Prussian diet has been summoned to meet Jan. 8.

S. V. Derrah has been appointed general freight agent of the Rio Grande Western railroad.

Thomas B. Williams, ex-member of the board of governors of the New York Stock exchange, is dead.

The First National bank of White Pigeon, Mich., was closed Thursday by order of the comptroller of the currency.

Charles H. Beach is in jail at Logansport charged with trying to kidnap his son, over whom the boy's mother has control.

The industrial commission at Washington is arranging for a list of witnesses who will testify from Jan. 4 to 19 on the subject of transportation.

The president has ordered that the military reservation at Nome, Alaska, be made a public reservation under the control of the war department.

The failure of the well known banking firm of Francisco Martinez Negrete & Sons of Guadalajara, has created a sensation in Mexico. The liabilities are \$2,500,000.

The steamer reported ashore south of Miami, Fla., is the Homeric of Baltimore, laden with coal for Mexico. The wreckers now have her in charge and the entire cargo is being dumped into the sea.

W. R. Neff and Mrs. Myrtle Wright, charged with the murder of G. A. Barber of Iowa, for the purpose of securing insurance on his life, were Thursday discharged at the preliminary hearing at Pagosa Springs, Colo.

A corner in beans is the latest novelty in the Chicago market. It is being engineered by the Albert Dickling company. Within two weeks the price has risen from \$1.84 per bushel to 20 and dealers predict a further

FIGHTING WITH DEWET.

Kitchener Trying to Head Off Boer Commander.

LANCERS ARE TURNED BACK.

Are Unable to Effect Rescue of British Prisoners—Kraatzinger Abandons His Maxims—Large Force of Boers Trekking to Damaraland.

London, Dec. 28.—The following dispatch has been received from Lord Kitchener:

Pretoria, Dec. 27.—Knox, with Barker, Plicher and White, is engaged with Dewet's force, holding a position in the neighborhood of Leuwop.

The Boers' eastern column in Cape Colony is apparently headed by our troops about Retfont spruit. The Boers' western column is reported to have gone north in two portions, one toward Prieska and the other through Strijdomburg. They are being followed up.

Yesterday 200 Boers attacked a small police post near Boksburg. The police gallantly drove them off before reinforcements from Johannesburg arrived. The Boers damaged the mining machinery in the neighborhood.

The Boers attacked Utrecht at 2 o'clock this morning and were driven off.

The Boers held up a train three miles west of Pan and were driven off.

London, Dec. 28.—The latest dispatches from South Africa show that Lord Kitchener has succeeded in holding the invading Boers in check. But he has not yet been successful in expelling them from Cape Colony, while small commandos continue to display astonishing daring and activity over an immensely wide field.

It is questionable whether his proclamation will have much effect until General Dewet is captured. The Boers are likely to regard it as a sign of weakness and to have a wholesome dread of Dewet's vengeance if they surrender.

The proclamation is approved by the party at home that favors conciliatory terms to the Boers as a step in the right direction.

A dispatch from Vryburg, dated Dec. 20, says the Boers in considerable numbers were then making an unexpected movement westward. They had 150 wagons. The dispatch suggests that they were trekking to Damaraland, although the Boers themselves denied any such intention.

Pressing Boer Commando.

Burgersdorp, Cape Colony, Dec. 28.—Colonel Grenfell continues in touch with Krutzinger's commando of 700 men, who are carrying off the British prisoners. Krutzinger, who abandoned his Maxims and carts. An attempt of the Ninth Lancers to turn Krutzinger's flank at Plasterheurn resulted in eight casualties among the Lancers, including Lord Frederick Blackwood, who was wounded.

Think Crowe Sailed for Liverpool.

Boston, Dec. 28.—The Boston police have evidence to indicate, they think, that Pat Crowe and the man who is wanted on a charge of kidnaping young Cudaly are on the Warren liner Michigan, bound for Liverpool, and a cable containing that information has been sent to the Scotland Yard detectives, who will be on the Liverpool docks when the steamer arrives.

Too Easy for Kidnapers.

Topoka, Dec. 28.—It is likely that the Kansas law against kidnaping will be abridged this winter, attorneys and others being of the opinion that the punishment provided by the present statute is not sufficient for the crime. Before Governor Stanley went home last week he talked the matter over with Attorney General Goddard and they agreed that the law should be amended.

FAVOR CHANGES IN THE LAW.

Iowa Teachers Discuss Legislation as Well as Technical Topics.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—The leading topic before the second day's session of the Iowa State Teachers' association, which is assembled here, was the paper read by Superintendent D. M. Kelly of Cedar Falls upon "Some Moral Questions for the Schools." He was followed by Superintendent S. H. Sheakley of Des Moines upon "The School of the Twentieth Century," while Professor W. W. Speer of Chicago had for his text "Arithmetic: How to Teach It."

Decided in Favor of Brewery.

Sioux City, Dec. 28.—A decision in the district court was announced yesterday which invests the right of the Sioux City Brewing company and all saloons in Iowa to continue in operation under the Martin liquor law. It was claimed by Eugene Lutz, plaintiff, that the brewery had violated the law in several cases and consequently the petition of consent under which all saloons, as well as the brewery operated, was nullified. The decision was in favor of the brewery.

Drunken Man Kills Two Men.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Dec. 28.—Foster Baker and Robert Jones, residents of Cottonwood Point, Pemiscot county, while intoxicated, quarreled and Baker stabbed Jones to death. Later Baker met an inoffensive German named Johnson and shot him dead. Baker is now in jail at Caruthersville. Lynching is feared.

Mob Fails to Find Shenkle.

Whitehall, Ills., Dec. 27.—A band of probably 50 men forced an entrance to the Green county jail at Carrolltown last night and made thorough search for Albert Shenkle, who is under arrest charged with assaulting and robbing Miss Grace Giller in Whitehall. Shenkle had been secretly removed to the jail at Alton, and this action on the part of the sheriff is all that prevented a lynching.

Kills Doctor Who Saved His Life.

Ponca City, O. T., Dec. 26.—Dr. T. L. Hawkins, formerly of Knox, Mo., is dead at Ralston, near here, the result of Cowboy Hamm of Moody's ranch knocking him down and dancing on his stomach. The doctor was over 60 years of age and recently secured the life of Hamm, over the settlement for which services the fatal dispute arose.

Mrs. Weber Acquitted by Jury.

Audubon, Ia., Dec. 27.—The case of John Weighton against Iola M. Weber, whom he charged with complicity in the burning of his barn one night last August, kept the jury out 25 hours, at the end of which time a verdict was given for the defendant.

Stuart's Mission to Carson City.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Dan A. Stuart, the big Texas sport promoter, who successfully brought off the Fitzsimmons-Corbett fight at Carson City, passed through Chicago yesterday en route to Carson City. Since the repeal of the Horton law in New York, the passing of Alderman Patterson's resolution in Chicago, the ring fatality in Philadelphia, to say nothing of the situation, Stuart appears to hold the key to the situation. That his purpose in going to Nevada is to bring off another "carnival of the top-notchers" now looks certain.

CROWE IN MANY PLACES.

Police Are Seeing Him All the Way From Chicago to Boston—Former Owner of Pony Found.

Omaha, Dec. 28.—The police chanced upon a clue yesterday which, they hope, will mark the beginning of the chase of the kidnaping mystery. It is by all odds the most important development in the case thus far, as it clears up the identity of the pony at Clear Junction, traces it directly into the hands of the bandits and furnishes more accurate description of the outlaw than the police had previously secured. It was learned that the pony was sold Dec. 14 by Daniel Burris, who lives at 3319 Grand avenue, to two men, one of whom answers the description of Pat Crowe.

Crowe is the most ubiquitous man in the United States. The space of 48 hours he has been simultaneously seen by police of three cities and sleuths all the way from Denver to Liverpool are looking for him.

Crowe Also Seen in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Disguised as a woman, Pat Crowe, who is being sought all over the United States for the charge that he was the kidnaper of Eddie Cudaly at Omaha, has been seen in Chicago within the last few days and may still be hiding here, according to statements made by Detective Sergeant James Storen, who has arrested Crowe a number of times in the past.

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Sensational Testimony at the Coroner's Inquest over the Body of Richardson.

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Promise to Stop Slave Raids.

Khartoum, Egyptian Sudan, Dec. 27.—Lord Cromer, the British diplomatic agent, received the Egyptian major of the Sudan under the sirdar, Major General Sir Francis R. Wingate, yesterday. He assured a deputation from the Dinka tribe, which formerly suffered severely from slave raids, that the British and Egyptian flags guaranteed them against a recurrence of such raids and insured respect for their ancient customs. The chiefs departed expressing gratitude.

Strikers Turn Back New Men.

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Apaches on the Warpath.

Phoenix, A. T., Dec. 27.—A message from Chihuahua, Mex., states that the Apaches are on the warpath in that state and that the inhabitants of Granada have organized to meet the warlike Indians. It is stated, also, in the mountains robbing isolated ranches and stealing cattle.

Cementville Rioters Quiet.

Cementville, Ind., Dec. 27.—The warring negroes are under control at Cementville and no further outbreaks are expected. Sam Kendall, in whose saloon a number of shots were fired, secured warrants for the arrest of those who were injured and the surrender of John Redmond.

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Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 24.—Postmaster Genwell of Harper's Ferry was held to the federal grand jury Saturday, charged with embezzling \$1,000 of money order funds.

ANOTHER COUP BY BOERS.

Squadron of Yeomanry Captured by Wily Transvaalers.

HARD AFTER GEN. DEWET.

British Reported to Be Pressing Boer Commandant in Ladybrand District. War Office Desires to Include Maoris in New Zealand Contingent.

Cape Town, Dec. 27.—A squadron of yeomanry which had been following the Boers from Britstown is reported to have been entrapped. There were several casualties, it is said, and the remainder of the force was captured. General Kitchener has left Naauwpoort and gone northward.

The rapid concentration of troops in the disturbed districts through the personal energy of General Kitchener has allayed the local uneasiness. The British are pressing Commandant Dewet in the Ladybrand district.

The Boers captured two wagons containing Christmas luxuries destined for the camp of Lord Methuen. London, Dec. 27.—The paucity and obscurity of the dispatches from South Africa give rise to renewed anxiety. Apparently the disturbed area of Cape Colony extends further south than it did last December and Lord Kitchener does not appear to have had much success as yet in driving back the invaders.

The war office has received no news of the reported capture of yeomanry near Britstown.

A Burgersdorp dispatch has a mysterious reference to an "unfortunate mistaking of the enemy for Brabant's horse, which resulted in the sounding of 'cess firing'" and enabling the Boers to occupy all the commanding positions, the British retiring from a difficult predicament.

General Clements' success against the Boers in the Magaliesberg region is doubtful, the last dispatch reporting that "it was advisable not to force the Boers from their position."

The British press continues in the main optimistic, but the condition of affairs brings home the enormous difficulties that will face Lord Kitchener in patrolling and policing such immense tracts of country, even when the Boers shall be finally subdued. The Daily Mail, which makes a strong appeal to the government to "face the facts and send Lord Kitchener more troops," says: "There is a real risk in being lulled to sleep by carefully censored messages."

The sixth contingent of New Zealanders, 200 strong, half being Maoris, will sail for South Africa in three weeks.

The decision to include Maoris in the New Zealand contingent is extremely interesting, as at the beginning of the war the government promised not to employ blacks.

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Buncoed Out of a Carload of Horses.

Minneapolis, Dec. 27.—F. J. Scharf, a farmer living near Spencer, Ia., discovered yesterday that he had been buncoed out of a carload of horses. Monday he brought the horses here for sale and fell into the hands of two crooks, who induced him to take a bogus order for \$1,300 for 14 horses. The order was payable at a local bank yesterday, but when Scharf presented it he found the order was worthless. In the meantime the two purchasers disappeared and disposed of the horses in various parts of the county. Sheriff Mengerden is now trying to round up the swindlers and the horses, four of which have been recovered.

MOTHER STEALS HER CHILD.

Sensational Kidnaping Case Stirs Indianapolis.

HOT CHASE ACROSS STATE.

Life of Former Attorney General Miller's Son Thus Off With Her Seven-Year-Old Boy—Separated From Her Husband When He Left New York for Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—A sensational kidnaping, involving the family of ex-United States Attorney General Miller, occurred yesterday and led to a hot chase a few minutes later across the state to overtake the wife of Samuel D. Miller, son of W. H. Miller, who was supposed to be flying to New York City with her stolen son.

Samuel Miller and wife have lived in New York for several years and last summer he came west to go into his father's office. His wife stayed in New York. Last Friday she came here to demand possession of her 7-year-old son, whom the father had brought west with him and who was living with him at the grandfather's house, W. H. H. Miller, at 1027 North Delaware street.

Miller's husband and wife had a consultation at the wife's apartments in the Denison, and she agreed that if the boy was allowed to be sent to her daily with the nurse, she would not attempt to kidnap him.

Yesterday the boy and nurse called on Mrs. Miller at the Denison. She sent the nurse out to get a check cashed and while the governess was gone, ordered a carriage and made arrangements to leave.

When the governess returned Mrs. Miller announced that they were going for a drive. They started in a closed carriage down South Meridian street, toward the depot. The German governess, suspecting foul play, jumped out of the carriage while it was on a run, ran to a telephone and notified the father and grandfather.

Mrs. Miller immediately ordered the carriage driven to Brightwood, and when the two Millers arrived at the Union station there was no trace of the woman and boy.

Two hours later they learned from the hackman where she had gone, and it was believed she intended to take the Big Four accommodation train at Brightwood and then take the Knickerbocker train at Anderson or Muncie. At 6:20 o'clock the two Millers started on the Knickerbocker to run her down before she got out of the state.

Miller and son have returned from points along the Big Four. No trace of Mrs. Miller and the stolen boy could be secured.

IOWA TEACHERS CONFER.

State Association Opens Its Convention at Des Moines.

Des Moines, Dec. 27.—While the chief interest of the opening day of the Iowa State Teachers' association's meeting centered in the session last evening, when Principal W. O. Diddel delivered his annual address as president, and President William R. Harper of Chicago university delivered an address on "The Trend of Popular Education," the preliminary meeting of the various "round tables" took up the entire afternoon and the most significant meeting of the day was that of the educational council to consider the reports of standing committees on two phases of educational work in Iowa.

Examinations were discussed at length. The merits and demerits of the present school system also received attention and the debates were very spirited.

Handsome Elk Takes to the Hills.

Chamberlain, S. D., Dec. 27.—News has reached the city from the Brule Indian agency that Handsome Elk, the most dangerous and desperate redskin of the northwest, beat his squaw in a brutal manner with a neck yoke. It is thought the squaw will die. Elk then seized another Indian woman, Bear Bird's daughter, and scalped her. Then arming himself with his rifle and other firearms, he went into the hills, a short distance from his home, and left word that friend or foe must not approach him.

Nebraska Teachers Meet.

Lincoln, Dec. 27.—The Nebraska State Teachers' association began a three days' meeting yesterday with an attendance unusually large. Sectional meetings were held yesterday afternoon and the association proper gathered for an evening session. Legislation affecting schools and teachers will be discussed during the meeting and recommendations made for such laws and amendments as are deemed wise to be submitted to the legislature soon to meet.

Receiver Appointed for Baltimore Bank.

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—Roger T. Gill, of the law firm of N. Rufus Gill & Sons, was yesterday appointed receiver for the Oldtown bank by Judge Stockbridge. The appointment was made by consent of the president and officers of the bank. Mr. Gill bonded in the sum of \$1,500,000, the assets of the institution being valued at half that amount.

BRYAN TRUE TO PLATFORM.

Chief Speaker at Lincoln Jeffersonsonian Club Dinner.

KERN RAPS AT CLEVELAND.

Defeated Candidate for Governor of Indiana Lauds Bryan and Denounces Those Democrats Whom He Accused of Contributing to His Defeat.

Lincoln, Dec. 27.—The annual banquet of the Jeffersonian club of Lincoln, held last night at the Lincoln hotel, brought together nearly 300 representative men of the Democratic and Populist parties of Nebraska together with a number of leaders from other states.

The dinner afforded an opportunity to Hon. W. J. Bryan to make his first appearance at a public gathering since the election, and the greeting accorded him was never surpassed in point of heartiness in his home city. His address received the closest attention and the applause was frequent.

Aside from the ovation to Mr. Bryan and his speech, the event of the evening was the speech of John W. Kern, defeated Democratic candidate for governor of Indiana, who aroused the banqueters to a high pitch of enthusiasm, not only by his laudations of Mr. Bryan, but by the outspoken criticism