

Largest One in the World Collapses in New York City.
 New York, Dec. 15.—The great steel gas tank of the Consolidated Gas company, the largest of its kind in the world, collapsed at 5:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It went down with a crash and roar like a great explosion. Masonry of granite blocks and bricks to the height of fifty feet fell like a child's toy house of blocks, and loosened from bondage 8,000,000 gallons of water, which deluged the streets and in a ten-foot tidal wave carried death and destruction through the surrounding neighborhood. It is not known how many were killed and injured.

The dead so far recovered are: Andrew Wendt, workman; Rius Baum, engineer in adjacent factory; John Gray, 75 years old, watchman, Manhattan.

Four are missing, and twenty-one more or less seriously injured.

W. J. Logan of the Logan Iron Works of Green Point, L. I., the contractor who was building the tank, arrived on the scene within a few minutes after the collapse and was at once placed under arrest.

William H. Bradley, chief engineer of the Consolidated Gas company, and said to be jointly responsible for the work with Contractor Logan, was also placed under arrest. They were charged with homicide and their bail was placed at \$10,000 each.

Turkey for Soldiers in Cuba.

New York, Dec. 15.—The American soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico will not lack Christmas dinners. Colonel C. A. Woodruff, assistant commissary of subsistence, will forward to them by the steamer Mississippi, which sails at noon to-day for Santiago and Ponce, 10,000 pounds of turkey and 2,000 pounds of cranberries, which should reach them in time for their holiday celebrations. The birds will be shipped in cold storage and will reach the company cooks in good condition. Individual boxes will be carried free on the steamer Mississippi.

The War Department Issues Rations Wherever Application is Made.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Since the cessation of hostilities this government has spent about \$1,000,000 in feeding the starving Cubans and the work is still going on. Besides this, about 5,000,000 rations were left at Santiago after the campaign before that city, but have been used by the American troops and distributed among the Cubans. The distribution of rations is now going on wherever American forces are found in Cuba, as there is a standing order issued by the secretary of war to dole out the rations to Cubans whenever application is made for them.

INSURANCE COMPANIES WIN.

Kansas City and St. Louis Are Exempt From Anti-Trust Law.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—Supreme court en banc yesterday, in an opinion by Judge Burgess, decided that the anti-trust law of 1897, which exempts the fire insurance companies doing business in cities of over 100,000 inhabitants in this state from the provision of the law, is constitutional.

The cases decided were that of the attorney general against the Aetna and twenty-three other foreign insurance companies and the American Central and the Citizens' Insurance companies of St. Louis doing business in Kansas City for writs of ouster for violation of the law by having the rates for premiums fixed by a board of underwriters.

To Teach the Porto Rican.

SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, Dec. 15.—The insular cabinet has decided to secure an efficient American superintendent for the Porto Rican schools. General John Eaton, the well-known educator and formerly United States commissioner of education, has been selected and sent for.

Judge Peabody of St. Louis, Presiding With a Revolver in His Hand.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15.—A riot occurred in the first district police court yesterday, during which Judge Thomas H. Peabody, on the bench, sat with his revolver in his hand, while Attorney J. D. Storts, with drawn weapon, denounced the judge in unmeasured terms because of a decision he declared unfair to his clients. The attorney was defending four women charged with being questionable characters, and the judge declined to continue their cases for more than one day. This angered Storts, who drew his revolver and launched into lurid denunciation of the judge. The judge drew his revolver and called for officers to throw the attorney out. The officers responded, and after a battle, during which furniture was demolished, the lawyer was placed behind the bars. The trial was taken up and the women fined heavily.

Last night while Judge Peabody was about to enter his home on Page boulevard, two men, supposed to be friends of Attorney Storts, sprang upon him and began assaulting him with their fists. The judge attempted to defend himself, but was overpowered. He was being worsted when his cries attracted a private watchman, who ran to his rescue and the assailants disappeared. The judge was bruised, but not seriously injured.

Referring to the trouble in the court the judge said: "When Storts made that charge at me with his revolver, of course I was prepared for him and I would have fired if it had not been that there were a dozen persons behind him. I considered that my life was in jeopardy and I meant to shoot at the first opportunity."

As there is bitter enmity between Attorney Storts and the judge, it is feared there may be more serious trouble.

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Dr. Hyde, Ex-Police Surgeon of Kansas City, Arrested.

CHARGED WITH GRAVE ROBBING

He is a Demonstrator of Anatomy at the University Medical College—Police Say Negroes Engaged With Him Have Told All.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—Dr. B. C. Hyde, formerly police surgeon, one of the demonstrators of anatomy at the University Medical college, was arrested soon after noon to-day for grave robbing. T. B. Carter, the negro janitor at the college, was arrested at the same time. The charge against Hyde is taking the body of Michael Kelly from its grave at St. Mary's cemetery last fall, but the police say they have evidence to convict him with other grave robbers.

The police have hinted at the confession of Sam McClain, a negro, who, with Charles Perry, robbed the grave of Lenora Todd in Woodlawn cemetery last Saturday night, that a prominent physician was implicated in the recent grave robberies, and that as soon as the evidence could be gathered together he would be arrested. What with "sweating" and the best efforts of the detectives, the police have succeeded in accumulating evidence which they say will disclose an organized gang of grave robbers that have been responsible for all the ghoulish work done in Kansas City for years. Besides the warrant for Dr. Hyde, others were issued for Charles Perry, Sam McClain and T. B. Carter, the negro janitor at the University Medical college. Carter was under arrest but was released Monday afternoon. He was let go to allow him to lead the police to import-

BAILEY FIGHTS WHEELER.

Declares He Must Either Resign From the Army or Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Representative Joseph W. Bailey, leader of the minority, has formally and publicly opened his fight on Major General Joe Wheeler of Alabama, one of the heroes of Santiago and a member of the House. Mr. Bailey announces that General Wheeler cannot remain in the army and vote and act as a member of Congress. The constitution, says Mr. Bailey, clearly prohibits a member of Congress from receiving any office under the United States while serving his term, and this being true, General Wheeler must resign from Congress or from the army.

Russia After Japan's Ships.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Paris correspondent of the London Daily News says: "By influencing China to delay the payment of the war indemnity to Japan, the Russian government will be enabled to acquire several Japanese warships now building abroad, which Japan will be unable to pay for at the stipulated time."

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Christmas Groceries.

English walnuts, new, lb, 90c	Pie peaches, 3-lb. cans, each, 70c
Brazils, new, per lb, 120c	Egg plums, 3-lb. cans, each, 11c
Filberts, new, per lb, 120c	Campbell's beefsteak catsup, 1 pt. bottles, each, 22c
Jumbo pears, large, per lb, 120c	Shredded whole wheat biscuit, per pkg, 10c
Cocoanuts, each, 50c	Jersey wheatling, 3 pkgs for, 25c
Peanuts, fresh roasted, per qt, 50c	Quaker Oats, pkg, 9c
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