

# STEALS HER BOY

### Kidnaping Industry Spreads to Indianapolis, Indiana.

# MOTHER ABDUCTS HER OWN SON

### Gets Child From Nurse and Quits the City—Entire Police and Detective Force Are Searching For the Pair.

An Indianapolis, Dec. 29 dispatch says: A sensational kidnaping, involving the family of ex-United States Attorney General Miller, occurred this afternoon 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 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 seven-year-old son, whom her father had brought west with him and who was living with him at the house of the grandfather, W. H. Miller.

The husband and wife hold a consultation, and she agreed that if the boy was allowed to be sent to her daily she would not kidnap him.

This afternoon the nurse and boy called on Mrs. Miller at the hotel. Later Mrs. Miller said they would go for a drive, and they started in a closed carriage down towards 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.

Mrs. Miller was Helen Kaeher, of Posttown, Pa., and Samuel Miller met her nine years ago at Washington, when his father was United States attorney general. They were married a year later and the boy is now seven years old.

Last summer Mr. Miller was offered an opening in his father's office and came west. Mrs. Miller refused to come and since that time has lived in New York. There has been no divorce and Mr. Miller has been sending her an allowance.

# SOLD HIRED LIVERY TEAM

### Arrest and Disgrace Comes to Dakota County Man.

William Temple, a farm hand employed by County Commissioner J. Blanchard, at Dakota City, Neb., went to Jackson and hired a livery rig from Coroner B. F. Sawyers to canvas the immediate territory for a jewelry concern. After being gone three days Mr. Sawyers started an inquiry and with Sheriff Sides found that Temple had been in Sioux City with the rig, but from there he could not be traced. Officers in surrounding towns were notified and Sheriff Sides received word from Marshal Boosee, of Otoe, Ia., stating that he had his man in limbo. Sheriff Sides and Coroner Sawyers went on to Mapleton, Ia., where Temple had disposed of the rig for \$35, most of which it is alleged, he lost in gambling.

# STRUCK BY TRAIN.

### Wife of Valley County Farmer Badly Injured Near Ord.

As Mr. and Mrs. Hasek were going home from Ord, Neb., Saturday night they were struck by a Burlington passenger train and Mrs. Hasek was very badly hurt, though it is thought she will recover. Her foot was crushed and back hurt. The accident occurred about 6:30 a mile west of Ord, where the wagon road crosses the Burlington track in a deep cut. It was very dark, and the wind blowing strong from the west, so it would be impossible to hear a train a great distance. The injured people were picked up and the train backed to Ord with them.

# Taken to Penitentiary.

A Plattsmouth, Neb., dispatch says: Sheriff Wheeler made a trip to the state penitentiary, taking with him Charles Sheppard and Harry Hickson. Sheppard is the young colored man whom Judge Jensen sentenced to eighteen months for stealing a money bag containing about \$51 from John Schlapacasse's store. Hickson was convicted and sentenced to one year for committing a forgery.

# Murder Follows Old Feud.

At Carl, Ky., on Christmas evening, Robert Morris shot and killed Marion Henderson, who was advancing on him with two pistols. Morris escaped. The tragedy is the result of a feud between leading families, and further bloodshed is expected. Ten years ago Lem Morris wounded Cosh Henderson and a year later Jack Henderson killed Lem Morris.

# Christmas Presents Burned.

An express car attached to a Minneapolis & St. Louis train was burned near Seales, seven miles from New Ulm, Mich. The car was heavily loaded with Christmas goods and most of its contents were destroyed. The origin of the fire is not known.

# Burned to Death.

Robert Litho's son Henry was burned to death in a fire that destroyed his father's store in Toronto, Canada. Mr. Litho's wife was so badly injured in jumping to save herself that her life is despaired of.

# TROOPS TO BE HELD.

### Force in Philippines Cannot be Reduced at Once—Folly to Do So.

As a result of a conference between the secretary of war and Quartermaster General Ludington, it has been decided that no further action can be taken with regard to the return of the volunteers from the Philippines until congress shall make provision for their replacement.

The war department is considerably embarrassed by the failure of congress to make provision before the recess for the relief of the military situation in the Philippines.

Acting under representations made by General MacArthur the department has concluded that it is absolutely necessary to maintain an army of 60,000 men in the Philippines until the current policy of establishing municipal governments throughout the archipelago has been executed. It is stated at the department that any reduction of the military strength below that figure under existing conditions may prove disastrous to the interests of the United States. No further reduction will be made until the war department is advised fully of the purpose of congress with regard to army legislation.

When the necessary authority has been given it is the purpose of the department to bring home as rapidly as possible all the volunteers and regulars whose terms of enlistment expire on the 30th of June next, but not before it is possible to replace them man for man with new recruits enlisted under the terms of the new army bill.

It is expected that congress will act promptly on the army bill soon after it reassembles in January, but even in that event it is said at the war department it will not be possible to get the fresh troops to the Philippines inside of two months. The general homecoming of the mass of volunteers therefore will have to be postponed until about February 1.

# CLOSING THE HOLY DOOR

### Notable Catholic Ceremony at St. Peter's, Rome—Pope the Leading Actor.

The pope, December 24, performed the ceremony of closing the holy door of St. Peter's cathedral with the gorgeous forms usual to great functions of this kind. It was a magnificent spectacle. There was a great gathering of the princes of the church who participated in the ceremony which was witnessed by enormous crowds, it being estimated that 80,000 people were present.

The closing of the holy door took place with the utmost pomp, his holiness descending to St. Peter's cathedral at 11 a. m. and the ceremonies lasted until 1 p. m. The pope then returned to his apartments, apparently not fatigued. He intoned the Te Deum in a resonant voice and throughout gave evidence of being in excellent health and spirits. He used the artistic golden trowel, subscribed for by the Catholics of the world in mortaring the bricks which he placed, as a first layer, on the threshold of St. Peter's door. The whole pontifical court participated in the ceremonies.

# FIND BONES OF MARQUETTE

### Remains of Intrepid Explorer Said to Be Located.

A special from Toledo, O., says: Announcement is made by Ann Arbor railway officials that what are supposed to be the remains of Father Marquette, the intrepid missionary and explorer, have been exhumed by workmen near Frankfort, Mich. Only the skull and principal bones remain, and experts declare them to be the remains of a white man. A streak of rust and small remains close to the head are believed to have been the father's beads and cross. The find was made at a considerable depth while digging for a big summer hotel.

The Michigan Historical society claims to possess the proof that Father Marquette was buried at this point in the year 1675, in the bed of a small stream. It was in changing the course of a stream that the remains were found. Great interest is being taken in the find by Michigan historians. A thorough investigation is being made.

# THOMAS A. WILLIAMS DEAD

### Former Nebraskan and Well Known Agricultural Authority.

Professor Thomas A. Williams, assistant chief of the division of agriculture of the department of agriculture and a well known authority on botany, died December 24 at his residence at Tacoma, a suburb of Washington, D. C., of heart disease. He was thirty-five years of age and went to Washington from Weeping Water, Neb. Professor Williams was widely known in scientific circles at home and abroad. He was editor of the *Asa Gray Bulletin*, a botanical publication. He was professor of botany of the state agricultural college of South Dakota. He held a similar position in the Columbian university for three years past.

### Hastings Man Dies in Kansas.

News was recently received at Hastings that Dr. Will Phelps died at Lincoln, Kas. The body was brought to Hastings for interment.

Buffalo, N. Y., saloonists had their counsel draw up a bill for introduction at the next session of the legislature providing that saloons in Buffalo may remain open all night. The bill also provides for closing of saloons from midnight Saturday to Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Indian Agent Myton, of the Uintah and Ouray agency, reports to the Indian bureau at Washington that the search of western Colorado by the state officials for Indian hunting in the state has resulted in a failure to find one Indian.

# SMASHES THINGS

### W. C. T. U. Woman wrecks Wichita Whisky Joint.

# DESTROYS PICTURES AND MIRRORS

### Arrested For Malicious Destruction of Property, But no Word Said About Destruction of Whisky—May Precipitate Big Fight in Kansas.

A Wichita, December 28, dispatch says: Mrs. Carrie Nation of Medicine Lodge, Kan., president of the W. C. T. U. of Barber county, made a raid on the Carey hotel saloon and destroyed property to the value of \$2,000. She was arrested before she could carry out her threat to serve other saloons in the same manner.

Mrs. Nation came to Wichita last evening and at once made the rounds of the saloons and warned proprietors that if their joints were open in the morning she would destroy the fixtures. True to her word, at 9 o'clock she entered the Carey hotel bar with an arm full of stones and asked the proprietor if he would comply with her injunction. Without awaiting his reply, she smashed a large painting valued at \$500, representing Cleopatra preparing for her bath. Behind the bar is a mirror twelve by eight feet, which is valued at \$1,000. This was smashed by the woman. She also smashed several other paintings and about \$200 worth of cut glass. Two hundred dollars worth of whisky in bottles was destroyed.

She was formally arrested on charge of malicious destruction of property and was taken to the county jail by the sheriff. The warrant was issued upon complaint of Mahan Bros., wholesale liquor dealers. The following statement was made by Mrs. Nation: "I wish to give my reasons for doing this. I do it in defense of humanity. These murder shops are grinding up 100,000 boys every year and the women must protect the boys."

Mrs. Nation is by no means an ignorant woman, and she is far from demoted. Her husband is a lawyer at Medicine Lodge. Before she left home she stated that she intended to raid every saloon in Kansas and rid the state of the joints.

"I am determined to rid the state of the joints," she said after she was under arrest. "We have a law here that prohibits the sale of intoxicants and if the authorities do not enforce it I will do so myself. The same law that prohibits the sale also gives every citizen the right to enforce it, if the officers do not do so. I cleaned Kiowa of its joints and I will do as much for Wichita if I am given the chance."

Mrs. Nation is well dressed and about sixty years of age. Mrs. Nation was arraigned in court at Wichita and her case was continued until January 5. John G. Woolley, late candidate for president of the prohibitionists, has been asked to defend her. A significant feature of the warrant is the fact that the document does not accuse Mrs. Nation of destroying any liquors, but only specifies the mirror and paintings.

Mrs. Nation's action may precipitate the county into an anti-liquor war. Many say the agitation will not rest with the city and county alone, but that it will spread throughout the entire state. The W. C. T. U. has taken an active hand in the matter and its members declare they will force the fight to the end.

A Wichita, Kas., December 29 dispatch says: Mrs. Carrie Nation has agreed to accept bail, which Women's Christian Temperance union members are securing. She declares she only accepts her freedom that she may prosecute her work of smashing saloons. She received fifty letters in two days' mail.

# FIRE AT MARSHALL FIELD'S

### Big Chicago Store Damaged to the Amount of \$25,000.

Fire, which at one time threatened with destruction the retail store of Marshall Field & Co., at Chicago, Ill., was discovered in the white goods and cloak repairing rooms on the third floor. A 4-11 alarm was turned in and by hard work the fire was confined to the third and fourth floors and in the old Field building on State street.

The fire apparently originated in the cable shaft of the elevators. General Manager Selfridge estimated the damage at not to exceed \$25,000, mostly by water.

# Plunge of a Stage.

In a runaway accident three miles above Ouray, Col., the Red Mountain stage was overturned and six passengers precipitated over a cliff about seventy feet in height. Mrs. R. S. Hickley, a passenger on the coach, received dangerous injuries. The driver, John Bates, sustained a compound fracture of the right leg and many had body bruises. Other passengers were more or less injured.

# Dr. Guttery Bound Over.

In the case of the state vs. Dr. J. D. Guttery, of Valparaiso, the preliminary hearing of which was held before County Judge Barney, defendant was bound over to the district court under \$1,000 bonds. This is a case of alleged statutory rape, in which Myrtle Embree is the plaintiff. About fifty witnesses were examined and the court room was packed with people the entire day, the public curiosity having been thoroughly aroused by the sensational case.

# UNITED STATES MAKES ABID

### Offers Denmark \$3,210,000 for West Indian Possessions.

A Copenhagen dispatch says: The United States minister to Denmark, Mr. Swenson, has informed the Danish government that the United States offers 12,000,000 kroner for the Danish Antilles and will not give more.

The sum named in the Copenhagen dispatch as offered by Minister Swenson, 12,000,000 kroner as the price to be paid for the Danish West Indies, is equivalent to about \$3,210,000. It is impossible to learn whether this is the maximum price to be offered.

Purely business reasons would occur for the official silence on this point. It is gathered that Mr. Swenson was allowed considerable latitude in dealing with the matter, but it is intimated that he has about reached the end of his abilities on this point.

Of course an acceptance of his proposition by the Danish government would not complete the transaction. The transfer can be accepted only under a form of treaty which must be accepted by the senate of the United States. And in addition, owing to the necessity of providing the money to be paid for the islands, the house must have its say, being called upon to make the necessary appropriation.

# FOUND HERMIT'S TREASURE

### An Eccentric Ohio Man Who Had \$70,000 in Bonds and Pension Vouchers.

A Springfield, O., dispatch of the 28th says: Government bonds in the sum of \$45,000, with the coupons still attached and running back for thirty years, were found in a chest in a hut occupied by Ypsilanti Smith, a hermit, who died a few days ago. He had lived near Fletcher, Miami county, for forty years and was not known to have a cent. His mind was deranged years ago by the death of his wife. Pension vouchers untouched for years were also found amounting to about \$5,000.

# CAUGHT IN A PRAIRIE FIRE

### Fearful Fate of a Family of Movers in Oklahoma.

Gottlieb Staeker and his family, moving from Stillwater, Oklahoma, to Rogers Mills county were caught while asleep in their wagon in a prairie fire. A seventeen-months-old baby was roasted to death and a boy will die. A young lady will lose both limbs and the mother is not expected to live.

# Burglars Bound Over

Three men who were arrested for the burglary of Wolfe & Bros. Elgin store, and who gave the names of Myres, aged thirty-two years; Wilson, forty years, and Liss, twenty-nine years, pleaded guilty at the present term of court and received their sentences this morning. They were given respectfully, six years, six years and six months, and seven years. When caught they had the stolen goods in their possession, together with a fine supply of guns and skeleton keys. The two latter had, by their confession, been convicted and served jail terms for petit larceny, and the other had been arrested as a disorderly. They will take up their abode in the penitentiary.

# Kansas Again at Top.

The percentage of pupils enrolled to population in New York is 16.94, while in Pennsylvania it is 18.76. The highest percentage of school enrollment to population is in Kansas, where it is 27.87. Iowa makes a good showing. The total school enrollment of Kansas is 351,932, or 26.42 per cent of the population, and the percentage of teachers to pupils is larger than in any other state, there being 28,694 teachers, against 28,828 in Pennsylvania and 33,563 in New York, to teach approximately twice the number of pupils in each case as in Iowa.

# He Was a 30th Kansan.

Chester C. Crane, whose name appeared in a late death list received from General MacArthur, at Manila, formerly lived in Ottawa, Kas. He was a member of the Twentieth Kansas volunteers and re-enlisted in the Eleventh cavalry when the Kansas soldiers returned home. He was a sergeant in Company K of the Twentieth Kansas.

# Dubuque Paper Suspends.

The Morning Herald, of Dubuque, Iowa, the oldest paper in the north-west, has suspended publication. The paper was established in 1836. The evening edition will continue to issue.

# Fire at Waterloo Iowa.

Fire at Waterloo, Iowa, destroyed the west side mill of the Union Milling company, causing a loss to building and machinery of \$50,000; insurance, \$25,000.

# BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The exchanges of the New York clearing house December 29 aggregated \$364,613,290, a record breaker.

Miss Marriott (Mrs. Alice Edgar), the actress, is dead at London. She made an American tour about 1870.

A certificate of incorporation was filed at Dover, Del., for the Midland Canal company, of Fargo, N. D., capital, \$1,000,000.

In a runaway accident Dr. George W. Howland of Flint, Mich., was killed and G. H. Quigley, a prominent business man, fatally injured.

J. A. R. Elliott of Kansas City defeated William R. Crosby of O'Fallon, Ill., at Washington park, Kansas City, Mo., in a contest for the castiron championship medal by a score of 96 to 91.

H. A. Seymour of New York filed December 28 a petition in bankruptcy individually and as a member of the former brokerage firm of Seymour, Johnson & Co., with liabilities of \$688,630; assets \$750,695.

# BOERS WIN AGAIN

### The British Post At Helvetia Overwhelmed.

# LORD KITCHENER SENDS BAD NEWS

### More Grief For Britons in His Latest Report—British Take a Decidedly Optimistic View of a Grave Situation.

A London, Dec. 31 dispatch says: The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

Pretoria, Dec. 30, 7:50 a. m. General Littleton reports that our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About fifty were killed and wounded and two hundred taken prisoners.

Colonel Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy, Helvetia being re-occupied by Reeves, who has been reinforced from Belfast.

Helvetia was a very strong position on the Machadodorp-Lydenburg railway and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool regiment. An asking for more information.

While Lord Kitchener sends bad news for England on the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a surprisingly hopeful view of a grave situation and of revelations of an enormously wide field of Boer activity. General Dewet is still at large. Kimberly is isolated. The Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position at Helvetia, in the Lydenburg district, while judging from Lord Kitchener's very recent advices no progress is being made against the Boer invaders in Cape Colony.

According to further telegrams received yesterday Zeeb is practically besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months. The garrison at Otsohoop has been withdrawn to Lichtenburg.

# ORDERS RIGID QUARANTINE

### Epidemic of Smallpox at Town of Winona, Minnesota.

Dr. Justus O'Hage, health commissioner of St. Paul, Minn., has issued stringent quarantine orders against the city of Winona, where 500 cases of smallpox are said to exist. He called on the general passenger agents of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and instructed them that they were not to bring passengers from Winona to St. Paul. This quarantine order is in accordance with the warning given by Dr. O'Hage about the first of the month that unless the disease was more strictly handled in Winona he would declare a quarantine against that place. He has not since been satisfied with the measures taken, and his action December 29 is the result.

A special from Winona says that Dr. Bracken, the state health officer, visited the city and held a conference with the council, at which he told them that unless the present health officers were removed and stringent regulations established they would be quarantined against. After much discussion the council took the advice of the health officer and made the changes suggested.

The disease has been rife all summer, but has been of a very mild type. With the advent of cold weather, however, it has become more severe, and it is stated that 238 houses are now under quarantine and the cases number over 500. It is believed that with the adoption of more stringent measures in Winona the quarantine will soon be raised.

# JAPANESE STEAMER SINKS

### Lost With 121 Men on Board Off Her Home Coast.

A Victoria, Dec. 28 dispatch says: The steamer Rio Juan Marus brings news that the Japanese training ship Tsukishima Maru has been lost with all hands, numbering 121, near Maunadazu, Japan. She foundered during a typhoon in Surug bay, sinking after striking Senjiva rocks. Not one of her company escaped. The steamer Inushima, Madokushima Maru was lost on December 8, striking a rock on Alaska bay. A man was saved by a passing steamer but the others were lost.

# To Push Swedish Commerce.

The commission for the promotion of Swedish commerce proposes to establish regular steamer lines to the United States and South America, particularly the United States, whence imports are rapidly growing, while Swedish exports are unimportant. Sweden, at present, received American goods chiefly through London and Antwerp and they appear in Swedish statistics as not from the United States. The commission proposes bounties to the two lines to the United States and South America and also sets forth that bountied lines from Sweden to Russia are desirable.

# May Go to Minneapolis.

The convention of the Modern Woodmen of America, scheduled for the week of June 3 to 8 at St. Paul, may be transferred to Minneapolis owing to a conflict of dates with the National medical association, also to meet at St. Paul. Both expected to use the auditorium in that city.

# Storm in English Channel.

A dispatch from Dover says the gale has renewed and that the wind is blowing heavily in the English channel.

# CHINA ASKS QUESTIONS

### Gets Ultimatum of Powers, But Inclined to Haggles over Details.

A Peking dispatch of December 30 says: A note was received last evening from the imperial court at Si Nan Fu acknowledging the receipt of the demands of the powers. It further contained five questions, or requests, namely:

1. Might not the Tain forts remain standing, though dismantled?
2. Is it proposed to behead princes the same as other offenders?
3. If the demands are acceded to, would the allies cease sending out expeditions?
4. What places do the allies propose to occupy?
5. How long do they propose to occupy them?

It is recognized by Washington officials as natural for the Chinese government to ask for explanations of important points in the agreement reached by the ministers in Peking. Hence they are not surprised to hear that the Chinese court, before blindly accepting the agreement as binding, wishes for some definite statement as to what Chinese cities are to be occupied, how long the occupation is to continue, whether it is an *ad hoc* condition that the princess is to be beheaded and whether the Tain forts are to be razed or whether dismantlement will not suffice.

It is believed that China will be willing to accept the terms of the ultimatum, and carry them out to the fullest extent possible in their power. It is conceivable that the Chinese government may find it absolutely impossible to behead a prince. The result of the effort might be to overthrow the dynasty, destroy the government itself and throw the country into chaos again.

Meanwhile, it begins to appear from the character of the Chinese response that there may be more time in securing a final acceptance of the agreement than was at first expected.

It was not to be supposed that the allies, in view of their union upon the use of the word "irreversible" as applying to the agreement would tolerate unnecessary delay on the part of the Chinese government in acting upon the agreement, but the inquiries made appear to be so reasonable, at least in the eyes of the United States government, that there can scarcely be a valid objection to their consideration.

# MAKING PUSHING CAMPAIGN

### Troops in the Philippines Aggressive All the Time.

A Manila dispatch of December 29 says: A pushing campaign has been carried on by the Fortieth infantry during December in northern Mindanao. The town of Jemeliz was captured, as was also the insurgent stronghold in the mountains further inland. The coast town of Langaran was captured by a detachment of 100 troops, who scattered the enemy in that vicinity, killing and capturing several. A portion of the troops thus engaged have returned to Cagayan and joined in the campaign which Brigadier General Kobbe is personally prosecuting.

General MacArthur's proclamation resulting in many arrests of alleged insurrectionists in Manila and vicinity, a few of those taken into custody being prominent. One prisoner was shot dead and another wounded in attempting to escape.

# BODIES TURN TO STONE

### Indiana Cemetery a Great Bed of Petrifications.

An old cemetery in Starke county is said to be a bed of petrifications, many of the bodies buried having turned to stone. The discovery was made the other day, when the work of transferring the bodies to the new cemetery was begun. The first graves opened were those of Henry Polkinghorn and Adam Penglose, who died ten years ago, and when the workmen undertook to lift the coffins out of the graves they were unable to move them.

# UNDER ARREST FOR MURDER

### Iowa Man Accused of Killing His Traveling Companion.

Frank Montague, who says his home is at 519 East Mill street, Ottumwa, Ia., is in jail in Jeffersonville, Ind., charged with the murder of William Gilmore, also of Ottumwa, whose dead body was found on the Baltimore & Ohio Northwestern tracks. Montague says Gilmore was killed by three negroes. He claims he and Gilmore were portpackers looking for work.

# Closed Up Tiget as Drama.

A Chicago, Dec. 29 dispatch says: All saloons were closed as tight as drums at midnight tonight for the first time since the present mayor has held office. Chicago was given a taste of the blue laws, and the men sitting as grand jurors in the criminal court building, through their deliberations and exposures were charged with the responsibility for the great change.

The orders closing the saloons emanated from Chief of Police Joseph Kipley's office.

# Henry Howgate Released.

Henry Howgate, who in 1886 served the government as disbursing officer of the signal service at Washington, was released from the penitentiary at Albany, N. Y., after having served six years for forgery and falsification of accounts.

Nearly 1,700 employes at the stemming plant of the Continental Tobacco company, of Louisville, Ky., went on a strike Dec. 28. They want increased wages and also object to various restrictive rules that have been made by a new foreman.