

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.

Telephone messages by way of Oskaloosa and Ottumwa 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.

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.

The Theresa Maria was bound from Santa Cruz to Manila with rice and sugar and encountered a squall which swamped her.

RAID ON BRITISH BORDERS.

Togeri Tribe of Dutch New Guinea is Quickly Punished.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 28.—The steamer Miowera brings advices of a raid on the British possessions by the Togeri tribe from Dutch New Guinea.

SPEAKERSHIP CONTEST.

Candidates Are Active in Their Campaigns at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Dec. 28.—Three of the speakership candidates—William G. Sears of Burr, John J. McCarthy of Dixon and J. A. Andrews of Frontier—were here, but neither of them did very much work in their own behalf.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Six hundred miners of the Berton Coal company's mines near Minesboro, Pa., are on a strike.

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 future Wednesday of the Old Town bank.

St. Joe Murder Mystery.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 28.—The prosecuting attorney believes he will be able to develop all the important features of the sensational murder of the millionaire merchant, Frank Richardson of Savannah, at the inquest to be resumed today.

RIOT IN BROOKLYN JAIL.

Matron and Warden Beaten by Maddened Female Prisoners.

New York, Dec. 28.—Twenty maddened female prisoners in the Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, rioted yesterday and fiercely assaulted Matron Fannie Handy and Warden McGrath.

EMPEROR OBJECTS.

Chinese Court Takes Exception to Two of Note's Stipulations—Wants Forts Left and Guards Ousted.

Peking, Dec. 28.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese peace commissioners, have heard from the emperor, Kwang Su.

NEBRASKA TEACHERS.

Record Breaking Attendance at the Annual Meeting at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Dec. 28.—One of the features of the State Teachers' association meeting was the address last evening of Chancellor Andrews of the University of Nebraska.

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FIGHTING WITH DEWET.

Kitchener Trying to Head Off Boer Commander.

LANCERS ARE TURNED BACK.

Are Unable to Effect Rescue of British Prisoners—Kruitzinger 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, Picher and White, is engaged with Dewet's force, holding a position in the neighborhood of Leunkop.

The Boers' eastern column in Cape Colony is apparently headed by our troops about Retfontein.

Yesterday 200 Boers attacked a small police post near Jolburg. The police gallantly drove them off before reinforcements from Johannesburg arrived.

London, Dec. 28.—The latest dispatches from South Africa show that Lord Kitchener has succeeded in holding the invading Boers in check.

It is questionable whether his proclamation will have much effect until General Dewet is captured.

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.

Pressing Boer Commando. Burgersdorp, Cape Colony, Dec. 28.—Colonel Giesseff contingents in touch with Kruitzinger's commando of 700 men, who are carrying off the British prisoners.

Miller Recovers His Boy. Mother and Child Found in a Swazi Town Not Far From Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.—Yesterday the huckman 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.

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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."

The report of the legislative committee contained a number of minor recommendations with regard to the change of the school law of the state.

The following officers were elected: President, A. W. Stuart, Ottumwa; vice presidents, J. P. Huggert of Cedar Rapids, E. H. Graff of Red Oak and E. C. Lilly of Independence; secretary, W. F. Barr, Des Moines.

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 end of the kidnaping mystery.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Disguised as a woman, Pat Crowe, who is being sought all over the United States on the charge that he was the kidnaper of Eddie Cudahy at Omaha, has been seen in Chicago within the last few days and may still be hiding here.

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 Cudahy are on the Warren liner Michigan, bound for Liverpool.

Too Easy for Kidnapers. Topeka, 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.

Iowa Boy Kidnaped. Judd, Ia., Dec. 28.—The 9-year-old son of Louis Tenhose has been missing since Tuesday last and the father is of the opinion that it is the work of kidnapers.

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.

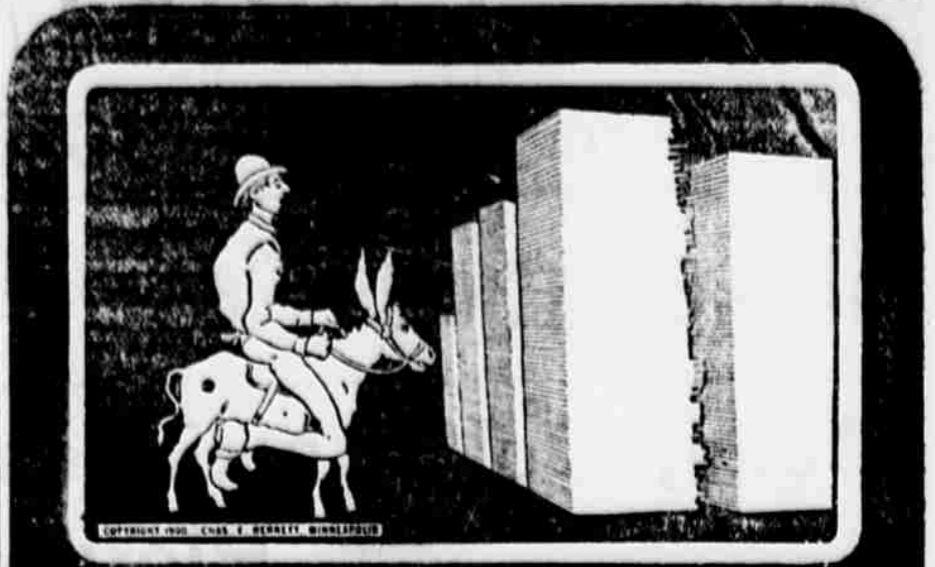
The industrial commission at Washington is arranging for a list of witnesses who will testify from Jan. 4 to 19 on the subject of transportation.

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 \$2,300,000.

The steamer reported ashore south of Miami, Fla., is the Homerick 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.



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