

NEW PROTOCOL SIGNED

War Between Chile and Argentine Warded Off.

PORTELA STICKS TO HIS PCST.

Both Republics Continue Preparations for Defense—Chilean Senate Authorizes Floating of Bonds for Military Purposes.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 26.—After a fresh conference held last evening between President Rieco, Foreign Minister Yanez and Senator Portela, the Argentine minister at Santiago de Chile, the new agreement was signed, the latest modifications to the former proposals being accepted.

The papers say the new protocol dispels the immediate danger of war, but that the remedy is not complete. The armies of the two powers are meanwhile continuing their preparation. Chile has decided on the erection of new fortifications at Talcahuano and Punta Arenas.

At a secret session of the Chilean senate yesterday the government demanded authority for the expenditure of \$15,000,000 in preparations for defense. The sitting was an exciting one. It was finally decided to authorize the floating of a loan for the purpose.

According to the Diario and the Comercio, Argentine for her part, in view of the new naval acquisition by Chile, has decided upon the construction in Italy of two warships of 8,000 tons, to be ready by the end of 1902.

Portela Postpones His Departure.

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 26.—Senator Portela, Argentine minister to Chile, has postponed his departure and it is announced that a protocol will be signed establishing a modus vivendi between the two countries. The general opinion is that the questions at issue will be solved soon to the great satisfaction of the whole country.

GOMEZ FARES BADLY ON TOUR.

He is Stoned and His Meetings Broken Up in Puerto Principe Province.

Havana, Dec. 26.—According to telegrams printed in Senor Estrada Palma's official organs, General Gomez is faring badly on his political tour in favor of Palma. In Puerto Principe province his meetings have been broken up, he has been greeted with shouts of "traitor" and stones have been thrown at him. General Gomez was mounted on the same horse he used during the war, and is accompanied by a band and a number of veterans. The Maso feeling is running strong in Puerto Principe. The Naclon says Gomez is paid by the government to stump the country. He is met with that accusation on every hand. Maso's followers have withdrawn every one of their candidates and the feeling at some points is bitter.

CUBANS BANQUET OFFICERS.

United States Fleet Entertained by General Garcia and Others.

Havana, Dec. 26.—A banquet was given to the officers of the United States fleet yesterday by the officers of the Cuban veterans. It was a grand demonstration on the part of the Cubans toward the American navy. General Carlos Garcia presided. Governor General Wood, in proposing a toast to the future republic, said that when the fleet came again it would find a stable government in Cuba. Admiral Higginson thanked the Cubans for their grand outpouring of hospitality and said the presence of the fleet had no special significance and certainly no political one.

USE BOERS AGAINST BOERS.

Kitchener Organizes New Corps of His Transvaal Army.

Pretoria, Dec. 26.—The formation of a new burgher corps, to be known as National Scouts, has aroused great interest among the surrendered burghers. In view of numerous meetings and applications, General Kitchener has authorized the creation of fresh wings to operate in the southern and eastern Transvaal, under prominent leaders, elected by the burghers themselves. It is stated that much of the recent success of the British is due to the co-operation of "Celiars" and Cronje's commands, acting under General Bruce Hamilton.

Comment on Barrett's Return.

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—El Tiempo, a clerical organ, says that diplomatic circles and politicians are commenting on the return to the United States of Hon. John Barrett at a time when the conference had just begun the discussion of important and fundamental questions. El Tiempo says it is now coming to be believed that at Washington there is discontent over the fact that the Latin nations do not show docility in accepting the leadership of the United States.

New Irish Land Bill.

London, Dec. 26.—The Daily News gives it as a rumor that the government is preparing an Irish land bill, providing an equivalent to compulsory purchase. It is believed that the measure provides that the tenant may buy at 17 and the landlord sell at 20 years' purchase, the state providing for the payment of the three years' difference.

Oppose National Park.

Cass Lake, Minn., Dec. 26.—The village council has appropriated \$500 to send a delegation to Washington to oppose the creation of a national park in northern Minnesota. The people here want the Chippewa reservation opened to settlement.

EIGHTY SOLDIERS POISONED.

Eighteenth Infantry Men Made Sick at Their Breakfast Tables.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 26.—Eighty members of company F, Eighteenth infantry, were poisoned while eating breakfast yesterday, and for a time fully half of them were in danger of death. Before breakfast was over every man in the company had to leave the table, and soon all were prostrated and in great agony. The post surgeon was hurriedly summoned and administered an antidote. Forty of the men who sat down first were in very bad shape and vomited vigorously. The antidote administered relieved all of them and last evening most of them were able to eat about. One old man, however, whose name was not ascertained, is critically ill. The surgeon examined the food served at breakfast and is of the opinion that the poison was in the beef.

MUST LEAVE INDIAN LANDS.

Miners Ordered to Vacate Claims in Kiowa and Comanche Allotments.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 26.—United States Indian Agent Randlett of the Kiowa and Comanche tribes is sending out notices to all persons who have staked mining claims in Indian allotments that they must vacate the territory or will be ejected from Fort Hill. The action is based on the opinion of the attorney general, approved by Secretary Hitchcock, and sent to the agent under recent date, prohibiting miners from filing on Indian allotments.

UNITED STATES WINS SUIT.

Government Acquires Land at Pearl Harbor for Small Sum.

Victoria, Dec. 26.—According to advices from Honolulu the first of the suits brought by the United States to condemn lands needed for the naval station at Pearl harbor was decided by a jury in the United States district court, which awarded the land to the government at a price far below the demands of the owners. The verdict is taken to indicate that the government will get land wanted for a naval station for a small sum.

SHOOTS INTO ST. LOUIS SALOON.

Shatters Window Glass and Fixtures and Injures Two Men.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Unknown men fired about 20 shots into a saloon at the corner of Broadway and Carr streets last night. Two men were wounded, nearly all the glass in the front of the saloon was shattered and the fixtures were badly damaged by the bullets. J. W. Smith was shot in the right temple and right wrist and his condition is serious. John King was shot through the right arm. The men who did the shooting escaped before the police reached the scene.

Prayers for Miss Stone.

New York, Dec. 26.—Letters received in this city by natives contain the information that the people of the east are still greatly agitated over the abduction of Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka. Throughout Armenia and the Turkish empire Christians have assembled daily in their places of worship since Sept. 3 to pray for the deliverance of Miss Stone and her companion. Special services of prayer were held yesterday in Beyrut and in every Christian church in the Orient. In pursuance of a plan formulated several weeks ago.

Evangelist Under Arrest.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 26.—W. H. Hill, a well known Methodist evangelist of Hamilton, Ill., is under arrest here on the charge of mutilating a number of Burlington railroad coaches by splitting the panels with his knife. Mr. Hill denies that he is guilty. It is believed that Hill committed the vandalism while intoxicated.

Fatality at Christmas Celebration.

Nacogdoches, Tex., Dec. 26.—While a crowd of men were discharging pistols in celebrating Christmas, a stray bullet struck Mitch Bird, aged 15, inflicting a mortal wound. The boy's father then fired into the crowd with a shotgun, seriously wounding Ed Lee, Reuben Chandler and Edgar Moore, all negroes.

Cleveland Able to Move About.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 26.—Ex-President Cleveland's condition is, if anything, more favorable. He showed a greater disposition to move about and while he did not attempt to come down stairs and take part in his children's Christmas, he showed considerable interest in the gifts.

Called to His Door and Shot.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 26.—Rev. J. H. McClinton, living near Deport, was called to his door at an early this morning and shot to death by a crowd of men. He claimed to have recognized some of them and gave their names to officers before dying.

Top of Head is Torn Off.

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 26.—James Laughlin of Coin was run over and killed last evening by the Wabash train one-half mile south of the Coin depot. The top of his head was torn completely off. Laughlin was about 50 years old.

Pope Celebrates Mass.

Rome, Dec. 26.—The pope celebrated midnight mass at the vatican last night and assisted at two other masses. The health of his holiness has improved and he will resume diplomatic audiences today.

Triple Killing at Shreveport.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 26.—Christmas day had its trail of bloodshed and fire in Shreveport. There were three killings, all of the victims being negroes, and a fire which destroyed property valued at \$70,000.

SHAW ACCEPTS PORTFOLIO

Willing to Assume Duties as Secretary of Treasury.

ALL SETTLED IN WASHINGTON.

Authoritatively Announced That He Will Be Successor of Gage—Date of Transfer Will Depend Entirely on Convenience of Governor.

Washington, Dec. 26.—It was announced authoritatively last evening that Governor Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa would be appointed secretary of the treasury to succeed Lyman J. Gage. There will be no change in the office of secretary of agriculture, Secretary Wilson, also of Iowa, continuing to retain that portfolio. The date of transfer of the treasury department will depend on the mutual convenience of the outgoing and incoming secretary. Mr. Gage having signified an entire willingness to remain at the head of his department until such time as it may be agreeable to his successor to take hold. It is supposed, however, that Governor Shaw will be inducted into his new office some time in January. It has been known for two or three days that Governor Shaw was slated for the appointment to succeed Secretary Gage, but it was not until yesterday that the Iowa executive accepted the tender made to him.

The definite announcement of Governor Shaw's selection for the position of secretary of the treasury gave the greatest gratification to the Iowans resident here. They regard him as a man well equipped for the place and feel confident the appointment will give general satisfaction. Secretary Wilson voiced these sentiments when asked about Governor Shaw last night, and he added that the governor was better known to the people east of the Mississippi river than any man in private life west of the Mississippi on questions of finance.

To Senator Dolliver of Iowa, whose relations with Governor Shaw have been close, his selection for the treasury portfolio gave the greatest pleasure. "The governor," he said, "has demonstrated by speeches delivered before chambers of commerce and banking associations in every large city of the United States a profound knowledge of the theory and mechanism of our banking and currency system. He is not only a student of these questions, but has been for many years a successful banker. In selecting him the president undoubtedly acted in a great measure upon his personal familiarity with Governor Shaw's abilities in dealing with the special subjects that belong to the treasury department. His appointment will be especially gratifying to the people of Iowa, and, indeed, the whole west, and I have no doubt satisfactory to the great business and commercial interests of the United States."

FORMAL TENDER NOT YET MADE.

Governor Admits His Readiness to Accept, but Says Little.

Des Moines, Dec. 26.—Governor Shaw was seen again last evening with regard to his appointment to the secretaryship of the United States treasury. He will not talk at length about the matter, merely reiterating that the president had confidentially asked him by wire if he would accept the position should it be tendered to him. He replied that he would accept, but up to the present time no formal tender of the position had been made by the president. However, from the tone of the dispatches from Washington he assumed that the president would appoint him and that to all intents and purposes the matter has been fully settled.

The governor will be very busy with the preparation of his annual message, so that if appointed by the president Governor Shaw will hardly be able to take up the duties of secretary of the treasury before Jan. 20, and possibly later. The people of Iowa are greatly elated at Governor Shaw's prospective entry into the president's cabinet, but would regret very much to have Secretary of Agriculture Wilson retire in consequence, and no one would regret this more than Governor Shaw. With Allison as senate leader, Henderson as speaker of the house and with the prospect now of two members of the cabinet, the state is undoubtedly greatly honored and largely influential in national affairs.

Eisteddfod in Session.

Ottumwa, Ia., Dec. 26.—The second annual convocation of the Eisteddfod association of Iowa began at the Grand opera house in this city yesterday. President T. J. Phillips called the meeting to order. John P. Reese, district president of the United Mine Workers of America, was conductor for the day. The convocation is the most successful yet held. Large audiences were present at a morning, afternoon and night sessions.

General Alger Makes Good Progress.

Detroit, Dec. 26.—Dr. G. C. Jennings, who is attending General R. A. Alger, said to the Associated Press: "You may announce that General Alger has safely passed the first and most critical stage after the operation that was performed on him last Sunday. Of course, there will be a possibility of dangerous developments for another week, but we do not expect any."

Fatal Duel in Texas.

Lockhart, Tex., Dec. 26.—As the result of a duel near Coxville, Lon Baker was killed and James Caffey was badly wounded. Caffey was brought here and is in jail.

DEATH OF GENERAL ANKENY.

Veteran of Two Wars and Long Conspicuous in Des Moines.

Des Moines, Dec. 26.—General Rollin V. Ankeny, coroner of Polk county, a veteran of two wars and long conspicuous in Des Moines, died Tuesday of pneumonia, after a short illness. General Ankeny was born at Somerset, Pa., in 1830. He served in the Mexican war with an Ohio regiment and in the Civil war as colonel of the One Hundred and Forty second Illinois infantry. At the discharge he was brevetted brigadier general for conspicuous gallantry. He engaged in business at several places in Iowa, but in recent years had lived in Des Moines and held the office of coroner for several terms. At one time he lived in the Black Hills and became quite wealthy, but lost his fortune later. He was a United States marshal for the Southern district of Iowa and afterward a special agent of the land department.

SURRENDERS FALSE STAMP.

Kansas City Attorney Turns it Over to Missouri Pacific Officials.

Kansas City, Dec. 26.—A fraudulent stamp similar to that used at the Union depot ticket office for the purpose of validating the return portions of railway tickets has been voluntarily surrendered to George H. Foote, secretary of the Kansas City Passenger association. The stamp was presented Mr. Foote by a local attorney, who said it was turned over to him by a client in this city, who begged that with its surrender the investigation of recent wholesale frauds in railway tickets, started by H. C. Townsend, general passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific, and Mr. Foote, be dropped. Mr. Foote says the investigation will be continued and intimates that arrests will follow.

THIELE IS FOUND GUILTY.

Verdict of Murder in First Degree and Life Imprisonment.

Red Oak, Ia., Dec. 26.—The jury in the Thiele murder case brought in a verdict Tuesday afternoon after being out about five hours of murder in the first degree, and fixing his punishment at imprisonment for life. The trial began Dec. 16 and the evidence was completed Saturday. The crime for which S. G. Thiele was convicted was the murder of his wife in Villisca. He met her on the street and stabbed her three times with a knife. They had not been living together for four years and she had refused to live with him again. The refusal led to the crime. The attorneys for Thiele declared their intention of appealing the case.

EFFORT TO REGAIN PALESTINE.

Movement to Re-Establish Hebrews Under Government of Their Own.

New York, Dec. 26.—An enthusiastic meeting of Hebrews was held last night at Cooper Union in celebration of the fifth international Zionist congress, which will open today at Basle, Switzerland. Much progress was reported by the various speakers in the movement to re-establish the Hebrew people in Palestine under a government of their own. It was announced that meetings similar to that held here were in progress throughout the world. The success of the movement will depend largely on an interview with the sultan of Turkey, arranged by Dr. Theodore Herzl, founder of the movement.

New Forest Reserve.

Kalspell, Mont., Dec. 26.—The register and receiver of the Kalspell land office has received a letter from the interior department instructing the withdrawal of all lands from settlement in Montana, north and west of the Kootenai river. The order will involve over 1,000,000 acres of land in this country, besides taking from the state of Idaho over 276,000 acres, which, when surveyed and completed, will be made into a new forest reserve to be known as the Kootenai forest reservation of Idaho and Montana.

Fatal Philadelphia Fire.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—One child was burned to death, its parents were seriously injured and two other young children were slightly injured as a result of a fire at the home of James H. Connolly, 3976 Wyalusing avenue at midnight. It is not yet known whether the parents will recover from their injuries.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

The National Lead company and the Union Lead and Oil company may indulge in a trade war.

John J. Valentine, president of the Wells-Fargo Express company, died at Oakland, Cal., Saturday.

James Wilson, an Oklahoma farmer, was arrested Saturday, charged with the murder of a man at Arno, Mo., 32 years ago.

Omaha won the intercity team shoot at 25 live birds from Kansas City by a score of 227 to 217. Charlie Budd of Des Moines won the Hazard trophy from Frank Parmelee in the shoot-off.

Henry C. Krause of Cleveland, O., had a nightmare Saturday night, during which he strangled to death his aged mother, under the hallucination she was a dragon. Grief made him insane.

Dr. J. L. Gartrell, who was convicted at Butler, Mo., of murder in the first degree for killing a Colorado miner named Donagan, was refused a new trial and sentenced to be hanged Feb. 13, 1902.

British officials have taken preliminary steps to sound the Boer leaders in Holland on ending the South African war. The intermediary is the Duchess of Albany, who has been visiting her sister, Dowager Queen Emma.

BURNS TO WATER'S EDGE

Flames Destroy Steamer at Memphis Wharf.

SPREAD WITH GREAT RAPIDITY.

Four of the Passengers, Unable to Escape, Are Imprisoned and Cremated—Charred Remains of a Man and Two Women Recovered.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 26.—The steamer Sun, employed in the Memphis and Fulton trade, burned to the water's edge and four lives were lost. The dead: Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Rainey of Old River, Ark., and Mrs. G. M. Timbs and child of Richardson Landing, Tenn.

The fire was discovered at 4:10 a. m., as the steamer lay at her wharf here, and spread with such rapidity that the craft was a mass of flames when the department responded to the alarm. When the Sun arrived in port most of the passengers went ashore, but a dozen passengers decided to spend the night on the boat. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Timbs and baby, Mrs. Timbs' sister, Miss Josie Hammers, and Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Rainey. Miss Hammers was sleeping with her sister and the baby in a state room and when she was awakened by the smoke she aroused her sister and started toward an exit. Mrs. Timbs, however, went back for the baby, and before she could return the hurricane deck gave way and escape was cut off. Miss Hammers got out without injury. Mr. Timbs was in another stateroom and until the collapse of the room came tried by every means to reach his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Rainey had a stateroom, and although it was thought that all the passengers on the boat had been aroused, nothing was ever heard from them, until their charred remains were discovered. When the first body was taken out Mr. Timbs identified it as his wife by a ring worn on her finger. The body was horribly burned. The body of the baby has not been found. The loss to steamer and cargo probably will reach \$20,000, partially insured.

RUNS INTO BURNING BRIDGE.

Kansas and Texas Flyer Meets With Disaster Near Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 26.—The north-bound Kansas and Texas flyer ran into a burning bridge five miles south of this city just before midnight. There was no loss of life, but five persons were injured. Four cars were destroyed, only the Pullman being saved. The injured: J. S. Clark, engineer, Denison, shoulder and ankle broken; Fireman William Kenny, Denison, cut on head and severely bruised; Joel Howard, colored, internally; Mrs. Rose Lull, colored, Waco.

On rounding a curve at Five-Mile creek, Engineer Clark saw a burning bridge ahead. He reversed his engine, applied the brakes and jumped as did the freeman. The engine crossed the bridge, but the baggage car went down. This derailed the engine, which, after tearing up the track for some distance, turned over into a ditch. The train behind the baggage car was left standing on the track and caught fire from the burning bridge. The passengers were able to escape by jumping down a 12-foot embankment. The contents of the mail, express and baggage cars were saved. The Pullman was rolled out of danger by the crew and passengers, but the remainder of the train, including a chair car, two coaches and a combination mail and baggage car, was consumed.

Schooner Founders With Eight Men.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 26.—Eight men are believed to have lost their lives in the probable foundering of the schooner Eliza H. Parkhurst, which was posted yesterday by its owners as missing. The Parkhurst, commanded by Captain John D. McKinnon, sailed from the Bay of Islands, Newfoundland, Nov. 24, for this port, with a crew of seven men and one passenger, Lawrence McDonald of this city. The boat carried a cargo of herring. A gale sprang up Nov. 25, and in it the Parkhurst is believed to have foundered.

Fifteen Injured in Freight Wreck.

Grand Saline, Tex., Dec. 26.—In a freight wreck near Silver Lake yesterday 15 cars were derailed and 15 persons more or less injured. The Texas "Cannon Ball" engine, which had been detached and sent on with a wrecking crew, was derailed while returning from the freight wreck, and four men were injured, none fatally.

Formed Fatal Current.

Akron, O., Dec. 26.—D. P. Wheeler, cashier of the Citizens National bank, was found dead in front of the vault in the bank yesterday afternoon. He had been killed by an electric shock through handling a socket of an incandescent lamp and opening the vault door at the same time, thus forming a fatal current.

Three Persons Asphyxiated.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 26.—A chimney flue, obstructed with soot, which caused a tightly closed house to fill with the fumes of burned natural gas, caused the death of George Schaffer, a wealthy grocer, and Anna James here last night. Henry Anderson is still unconscious from asphyxiation and cannot recover.

Farmer Shot to Death.

Hudson, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Peter A. Hallenback, a well known farmer, was shot to death last night at his home near Greensport. Eleven shots were fired and all took effect.

RACE RIOT IN NEW YORK.

Four Whites Wounded in a Battle With Blacks.

New York, Dec. 26.—A race skirmish between whites and blacks in Harlem yesterday developed to serious proportions and kept the police busy for a time. The negroes, 100 strong, were armed with revolvers and clubs, while equally as many whites used stones as weapons. The negroes had the advantage, but were driven back into their tenements by the police after they had charged on the whites with pistols and razors. Fifteen negroes were arrested. Four whites, including a policeman, were badly shot or cut.

The rioting began when some white boys stoned two colored girls, whereupon a dozen negroes seized the white boys and beat them. The boys, when released, told their story to white men in the vicinity and an organized attack was made on the negroes, who were driven back into their tenements in confusion. A shower of shots were fired, when the whites attacked the tenements with stones. The whites, surprised by the shots, and seeing men fall from the bullets, turned and ran, followed by the negroes, who used knives and clubs freely. At this point a squad of policemen arrived on the scene and with drawn clubs stopped the rioting, chasing the negroes into their houses.

PAWNEES ON THE WARPATH.

Indians Acting in Threatening Manner Toward White Settlers.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 26.—The Pawnee Indians are on the warpath. An immense buffalo bull was so injured in transferring from the Santa Fe stock yards to Pawnee Bill's ranch south of town that he had to be killed. The meat was given by Major Lillie to the Indians for a buffalo dance. The Indians have been dancing and powwowing ever since.

They claim the vast herds of buffalo are coming back to this country and many of the Indians have notified the white lessees to vacate their ranches at once, as they wish to lay the fences low so the buffalo will have full sway of the country. The white people in the remote parts of the reservation are coming into Pawnee and report that the Indians are acting in a threatening manner toward them. Pawnee Bill has placed mounted guards around his buffalo ranch, as the Indians are camping in the timber west of there and in sight of the herd, and from their suspicious actions he thinks they intend to liberate the herd and perhaps kill them. The United States Indian agent at that point has been notified and has made a report to the commissioner of Indian affairs at Washington.

BRINGS CHEER TO THE POOR.

Christmas Charity in New York Breaks All Records.

New York, Dec. 26.—Public and private charity gave happiness to thousands of persons in this city yesterday, while in the outlying districts, where the wealthy have their country seats, the poor were better cared for and made happier than ever before. The feature of the day was the organized work of the Salvation army. By means of a fund raised by that organization, 3,000 persons sat down last evening to a substantial dinner in Madison Square Garden, while earlier in the day 3,400 baskets, each containing a complete dinner, were distributed at the garden. These baskets are estimated to have contained food for 20,000 persons. The day is believed to have been a record breaker in the way of charitable work.

Christmas Cheer at White House.

Washington, Dec. 26.—At the white house last night there was quite a gathering at the family dinner, which included the presidential household, Commander and Mrs. Cowles and other guests. After the dinner the entire party adjourned to the east room, where the evening was spent, the guests being entertained with a medley of popular airs. The dinner was followed by a musical promenade, and afterwards, in honor of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the evening was closed in a dance, in which about 20 couples finished Christmas night.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

A Big Four train ran into a herd of cattle, killing ten, near Kansas, Ills. Alfred S. Dewitt, United States commissioner and city clerk of Guthrie, O. T., died Wednesday.

C. H. Patton, grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, died at Mount Vernon, Ills.

Dunlap Smith, a leading financier and real estate dealer of Chicago, died Wednesday of pneumonia.

President Roosevelt ordered E. S. Maclay peremptorily discharged from the service of the government.

A fire truck and a street car collided at Toledo and one man was killed and another fatally hurt.

The foundry of George L. Mesker at Evansville, Ind., was destroyed by fire Wednesday. Loss, \$60,000; insurance, \$30,000.

Frank Mallory, proprietor of a restaurant at Hot Springs, Ark., was shot and killed Wednesday by Frank Chiccut, a saloonkeeper.

T. M. James, uncle of Frank and Jesse James and one of the leading crockery merchants of the west, died at Kansas City Wednesday.

Dewitt Clinton House, who is dead at his home in Kansas City, aged 74, was one of the oldest and best known traveling men in the United States.

In defending his mother from an assault by her drink-crazed husband, Theodore Watkins, colored, 13 years of age, shot and killed his father, Richard Watkins, at Brazil, Ind.