GONE TO A WATERY GRAVE.

Over Forty Lives Lost By a Collision of Steamers in Lisbon Harbor.

MUCH OTHER DAMAGE DONE.

Talk of a New Cabinet in England-Parliament Prorogued Until February-Movements Which Look Like War.

Terrible Disaster.

Loxnox, Dec. 24.-While the French steamer Villa de Victoria was lying at anchor in the Tagus, she was run into and sunk by the British iron clad Sultana. So unexpected was the accident that most of the crew and passengers of the steamer had not time to escape and went down with the steamer. Nearly two hundred and fifty passengers were on board when the steamer was struck.

LISBON, Dec. 24.—The Sulfan's captain admits that the collision was due to the Sultan's breaking her moorings. After the Sultan's collision with the Ville de Victoria she collided with and damaged the steamer Richmond. The Ville de Victoria's crew and passengers numbered sixty-three, of whom forty were drowned. An English lady who was saved lost a bag containing 600 sovereigns which she had suspended around her neck previous to the colision. The Minetaur also dragged her anchor and ran into and damaged the Monarch.

Talk of a New Cabinet.

LONDON, Dec. 24 .- It is expected that parliament will be prorogued until the 3d of February in order to allow the formation of a new ministry. Matthews, home secretary, whose resignation was thought probable, says he is in perfect harmony with the cabinet. No member of the government within or without the cabinet avows adherence to Churchill. The conservatives are taking courage. Many The conservatives are taking courage. Many members of the conservative clubs are opposed to a condition ministry under Lord Hartington, and want a purely tory cabinet. The St. James Gazette, reflecting upon the spirit, doubts the wisdom of making any appeal to Lord Hartington and urges the conservatives to close up their ranks, throw overboard all domestic legislation for a while and go straight on with their foreign policy. "It will be fitting," says the Gazette, "for England to act with vigor and promptitade in the suppression of crime in Ireland and leave the suppression of crime in Ireland and leave the results to fortune."

The supporters of Lord Randolph Church-ill declare that when he is able to tell the true reason for his resignation the disclosure true reason for his resignation the disclosure will cause a sensation throughout the country and result in his triumphant vindication. They say it will be shown that he didn't oppose, on the ground for necessary defense of the empire, but that he refused to sanction an increase of the estimates unless it was accompanied by a reformed administration of the war and admiralty departments. Lord wholph discovered while in office, say his such that the government had no control over the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of pounds which are yearly voted for the war office for material that has never been provided and that similar abuses exist in the admiralty.

What Hartington Will Do. Lendon, Dec. 24.-In consequence of Lord Salisbury's request, Lord Hartington will remain in Rome until Sunday to await letters from Lord Salisbury. Lord Hartington has not received an invitation yet to enter the cabinet. It is improbable that an invitation cabinet. It is improbable that an invitation would be sent by telegraph, as he has no cipher that would enable him to translate the government dispatch. He will not come to a decision until he has received Lord Salisbury's letters. Lord Hartington thinks that virtually there has been no change in the situation since last autumn. The opinion grows that Lord Hartington will not enter the cabinet. It has been virtually decided to further prorogue parliament until the second week in February. Lord Randolph Churchill alone insisted upon an early meeting. A alone insisted upon an early niceting. A cabinet council has been summoned for next week. Lord Randolph Churchill is irritated and astounded at the unanimity of the de-

unciation of his course by the conserva

Salisbury's Miserable Weakness.. LONDON, Dec. 24,-The Daily News, referring to Lord Salisbury's overtures to Lord Hartington, says: "By this act of miserable weakness and miscailed patriotism, Lord Salisbury acknowledges that the conservatives are absolutely dependent upon the will and pleasures of Churchill. It is not strange that many conservatives are puzzled over and indignant at the feebleness of their leaders, which must surely damage the reputation of modern conservativism.

Russian War Symptoms. LONDON, Dec. 24.-It is stated that the Russian reserves have been called out, Marked movements of troops have been no ticed in Bessarabia,

Don't Believe in War. Panis, Dec. 24.—The Temps and Liberte deny that either France or Germany has any intention of going to war.

G. W. CHILDS' GENEROSITY. He Donates a Drinking Fountain to

Shakespeare's Birthplace.

[Copyright 1886 by James Gordon Bennett.] STRATFORD-ON-AVON, Dec. 23.-| New York Herald Cable-Special to the BEE. |-The name of the great American philanthropist, George W. Childs, will henceforth be associated here with the name of Shakespeare. At the meeting of the town council on Tuesday the mayor, Sir Arthur Hodgeson, while stating that Mr. Childs had donated to Shakespeare's birthplace a magnificent drinking fountain in honor of the queen's jubilee, referring to a letter which he held in his hand, added: "The donor sim ply asks the corporation to furnish water and at night lights." Mr. Chiles would submit to the corporation several designs for their choice and he suggested that the fountain should be dedicated either on the next birthday of the poet, or on June 20, the anniversary of the queen's accession to the throne lifty years before. Alderman Bird. amid renewed cheers for America and Mr. Childs, seconded the mayor's motion of acceptance and thanks. In the course of some very eulogistic remarks concerning the donor, the alderman said the latter's generosities were widely known to the civilized Especially Englishmen remembered Mr. Childs' gift of an American window to Westminster abbey in memory of the poets Herbert and Cowper, which had an additional interest from the fact that the late Dean Stanley furnished the inscription to it. After a conference the council agreed to devote jubilee day to the cere in onies of re

ceiving the gift. A BIG YACHT RACE.

Preparations For One in Honor of the Queen's Jubilee.

(Copyright 1886 by James Gordon Hennett.) LONDON, Dec. 23.—[New York Herald Cable-Special to the BEE.]-As everybody on land is emulating everybody else in being loval to the queen's jubilee, the contagion has now spread to the water. Last evening the Royal Thames Yacht clue, at its cosy club house, Albermari street, Piccadilly, with Lord

Lork Alfred had already left town for the Christmas holidays, not to do which would be unfashionable. But I was courteously received by Captain Scovell, the secretary. He said, "This proposition was only made last night, but was carried unanimously by a full meeting for the holiday season. The details and full particulars have yet to be discussed at the next meeting, shortly after New Years. Then all the arrangements, as to the date, the cause and the conditions, will be arranged. But from the club feeling last night the event is sure to be of importance and magnitude,"

"Will American yachts have an entry? "Certainly so, if accepting the conditions

that may be made, and the more the merrier."

Big Fire in Liverpool. Livencoon, Dec. 24.—The largest and most disastrous fire since 1847, occurred this morning, when the extensive general retail stores of John Lewis & Co, were entirely destroyed. The stores contained an immense Christmas stock, all of which was consumed, with a menageric connected with the estabishment. The total loss is placed at \$2,000,000. When the firemen had secured such control of the flames as to be able to confine them to of the finnes as to be able to confine them in the burning premises it was noticed that a large polar bear in the menagerie was still alive and comparatively unburt, though sur-rounded by flames. A determined effort was at once made to rescue the fine brute. A powerful stream of water was kept in full play on the cage and a number of daring men made their way under the current to the cage. This they wrenched from its fastenings and grappling it with chains and bars managed, the bear desperately flying at them all the while, to drag it and its occupant from the fire just before the walls of the burning buildings fell in with a crash. fire just before the walls o ings fell in with a crash.

British Grain Trade Review.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Mark Lane Ex-press, which was issued to-day instead of Monday, the regular day of publication, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says wheat trade was limited but prices were steady. Foreign wheat was quiet. The increase of American supplies tends to depress the market, but the disturbed condition of affairs in the eastern part of Europe counteracts this influence and strengthens the market. There is a good prespect of increased business with the new year. At to-day's parket the tone of what was firm day's market the tone of wheat was firm. Flour was 6d dearer. Corn, barley, beans and peas were steady.

Battallions of Kids.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—There is a noticeable movement to form battallions of schools. A number of mayors of arrondissements have begun enlisting youths of from sixteen to twenty years of age, forming companies equivalent to the regular militia. They are armed with chassepois. One corps already has 500 members. They take their rifles home with them instead of depositing them in the arsenal after drilling.

German Members Resign. VIENNA, Dec. 24.-German members of the Bohemian local government board have

resigned in consequence of the recent action of the Bohemian diet on a motion to divide Boliemia into two parts—Czech and German —according to the language of the inhabi Affairs in Ireland.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.-Over a dozen league

meetings were held in Ireland to-day O'Brien has begun an action for £5,000 against the Dublin Express for libel in having accused him of being a swindler and an

Wants a New Deal. LONDON, Dec. 24.-Lord Colin Campbell's ers have applied for a new trial of h

countersuit for divorce against his wife on the ground that the verdict of the jury was against the weight of evidence.

The Story of a Torn Leaf.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to the Bre.]—The heirs of Roger Merritt, of Port Chester, Westchester county, are preparing evidence in support of the claim that the entire village belongs to them. The amount involved is between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000. They declare that the village site which originally belouged to Captain Roger Merritt, an officer in the continental army, was leased by him to various persons and that the leaf containing the record has been torn out of the book in which the leases were entered in the registrar's office at White Plains. They expect to find the missing leaf in Alabama, in possession of the family of the late John Merritt, who is suspected of having torn it out of the book to gratify sonal spite against other members of

The Brakemen's Strike Still On LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24.-The strike of brakemen on the Louisville & Nashville re mains in statue quo. Trains made up for the south Wednesday still stand in the yards with a few made up since then. The road issued an ultimatum to the strikers last night requiring them to report for duty by 1 o'clock to-day or consider themselves discharged. This the strikers ignored. The officials are endeavoring to hire new men, but thus far have not been able to start trains. No trouble occurred. General Manager Harrigan he will certainly not discharge Superintendent Downs as demanded by the men, nor will he reinstate the few discharged brakemen. The switch and yardmen synpa-thize and to-night discussed the advisability of going out, but without result. Both sides

Kicking Against Powderly.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The Tocsin. organ of the workingmen of this city, in its issue to-morrow will say editorially: "From the number of secret circulars published by the head of the noble order, it is to be inferred that the distinguished gentleman is trying to make it appear at least that he is earning his princely salary of \$5,000 a year. Many a poor Knight of Labor, if not on the verge of starvation, is certainly not earning enough to keep body and soul together during this Christmas season, while the heads of the motor are received. order are reveling in all the luxuries their princely salaries afford. The officials cer-tainly have bettered their condition. Pile on

the assessments.

A Big Strike Averted. Pittshuko, Pa., Dec. 24.—The great strike of 12,000 coke workers of the Connellsvilla region, which was to have been inaugurated to-morrow, has been averted and work will to-morrow, has been averted and work will be continued throughout the winter without interruption. A conference of operators and workmen was held here to-day, and after a lengthy session a compromise was effected. By it the wages of the workmen will be slightly advanced, and when the prices of coke is increased their wages will be ad-vanced proportionately. The workmen promise to abide by the agreement and will hereafter discourage petty strikes such as hereafter discourage petty strikes such as have annoyed operators for several months.

A Second Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The engineers, firemen, train hands and coal heavers employed by the Keading railroad company at the coal wharves at Port Richmond, who have been dissatified over the recent rules of the company, and who returned to work yesterday, again struck this morning and trains were reported as badly blocked between the falls of the Schuylkill and Port Richmond. Nine schooners are lying in the docks wait-ing to receive their cargo of coal, and from present indications they will not be

A Ship Owner Assigns. Boston, Dec. 24.—The Advertiser will say to-morrow that Pliny Nickerson made an assignment this afternoon to Thomas H. Liussell, of the law firm of C. H. & T. H. Russell. Affred Paget, vice commodore, in the chair, resolved that the jubilee year of the queen, as a patroness of the club, ought to be celebrated by a great ocean yacht race for a prize of the value of 1,000 guienas, open to the world. I called at the club house this morning, but

THE PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS

The Head of the Nation Will Eat Turkey With His Mother-in-Law.

WHAT THE CABINET WILL DO.

The Order in Regard to "Pernicious" Indianians Allowed to Be Pigeon-Holed-More About Dabney -Capital News.

Cleveland Will Dine at Oak View. Washington, Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to the BEE. |-- At noon to-day the departments were all closed and will not be opened again till Monday next. Within a few minutes after the doors were locked the streets began to fill up, and such a mass of humanity has not been seen in the national capital for many years. Although the weather was most disagreeable, foggy, rainy, and the sidewalks covered with mud, Washington is now enjoying the holidays as only her people can. Nearly all the remaining statesmen left in the city turned out and added to the throng. A wagon started from the white house toward the Tenleytown road for Mrs. Folsom's house with a load of presents and good things for Mrs. Cleveland, and edibles for the president's family feast to take place at Oak View to-morrow afternoon. Only four persons are expected to be present at the dinner-the president and Mrs. Cleveland, Miss May Hudson, their guest, and Mrs. Folsom. It is the first time the president has taken a regular meal with his mother-in-law and a good time is expected by him, He and Mrs. Cleveland will attend services at the church in the morning and then be driven directly out to the country place. Although cold rainy weather is forecasted by the signal bureau everything points to an exceedingly pleasant day in this city. The merchants report the most extensive preparations they have ever known for a holiday, more expensive presents, more edibles, more wine and more buoyance. Most of the cabinet officers will be in the city. Secretary Whitney will remain at home and assist Mrs. Whitney in entertaining a house full of children from her church as she did this afternoon. Postmaster General Vilas will dine a visitor or two, as will Secretary and Mrs. Manning. Secretary Endicott will eat his Christmas turkey at his New England home and Secretary Lamar will do likewise at his old home in Oxford, Miss. Secretary Bayard has gone to his home at Willmington, Del. A dispatch this afternoon from Nortolk, Va., announces the arrival there of Senator Edmunds on his way to Carrituck Sound, where he will shoot ducks for a few days. The senator is very fond of such sport and is said to be a good shot. The capitol was deserted all day, even the emcapitol was deserted all day, even the employes about the document rooms leaving for a frolic. Half a dozen members but no senators were seen around the building during the day. There were no visitors, however, Only the congressional library was open.

PROBABLY PIGEON-HOLED.

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Supprise is expressed here that no action is taken by the president and heads of departments in regard to violations of the executive "warning order" relating to "pernicious" activity on the part of Indianians holding federal positions here. It will be remem-bered that for months after Cleveland took control republicans were removed from departments simply because they were members of their state clubs in this city. For while the rosters of these clubs were in great demand, as they disclosed memberships and aworded ample proof of "offensive partisan-ship" to warrant removal, but the Indiana democrats have organized a club composed of men who occupy positions in the departments, and although they have passed reso-lutions denouncing civil service reform, no notice is taken of it. Assistant Land Commissioner Stockslager was in the chair last night and utterances are reported by mem bers on the floor who are federal officer which not only come within arraignment of the president's warning but the letter of the civil service law, and yet no notice is taken seems to make a great difference whose

ox is gored. DISCUSSING DARNEY. Dr. Dabney, the pension office examiner who has been charged with having served as a guard at Andersonville prison, is out in another card denying that he was a guard, and declaring that he never boasted of having been a guard. The whole question is now one of veracity between certain gentlemen. There are officials at the pension office who state unqualifiedly that they heard Dabney declare that he was a guard at Andersonville, but these officials are republicans and ad-monish those whom they have made their statement to that the source of information statement to that the source of information must not be disclosed, as it would cost them their positions to "tell tales out of school." So for the sake of protecting the loyal officials who heard Dabney make his boast it may not be proven on him, but it is not probable. Your correspondent is informed that persons outside of the pension office and who are not afraid of being known in bearing testimony against Dabney will make oath to his having boasted as stated. Justice, it seems, must move as slow in the matter as it usually move as slow in the matter as it usually does, but it is coming. Ex-Representative John Ellis, of Louisiana, is here and said to-day that he had known Dabney since boyhood; that Dabney was at Macon, Ga., when General Stoneman made his raid; old men, women and children turned out to defend the place, and Dabney was among them and hore arms; further than that he knows noth-ing of Dabney's services. He doesn't think Dabney guilty of any services except in his mind, and bears witness to his being a boaster. Ellis was a confederate officer.

A COSTLY BATH. Representative Reagan's bath is likely to prove the most expensive luxury of the kind ever indulged in by a member of congress. It will be a long time before he hears the last of it, and it is feared by his friends that the result will be exceedingly disastrous to his senatorial ambition. Reagan was looked upon as the most formidable opponent that Senator Maxey had to succeed himself in the senate, but Texas, as everybody knows, is one of the most rampant free trade states in the union, and Reagan was looked upon as a man who could be depended on to vote fo any measure designed to bring about the abolition of custom houses. On Saturday, just when he ought to have been yoting, he just when he ought to have been voting, he was taking his bath, and, as a consequence, the Congressional Record shows him as having dodged on the most important question for his constituents that has been before congress this session. Senator Maxey is naturally very much amused at Reagan's predicament, and there is no reason why he should not be, as the best judges assert that that bath is worth at least twenty-live votes to the sitting senator when he shall come up for re-election in January. Reagan is most unmercifully chaifed about the affair, and is growing very tired of the banter of his colleagues. He catches it from all sides. Yesterday the most insignificant little page in the house got in a fling at Reagen in a Yesterday the most insignificant little page in the house got in a fling at Reagen in a very ungentlemanty manner. The little rascal is about eighteen inches high. He walked into the office of the clerk, with a very serious air, and in a dignified tone remarked to that official: "I do not think the tariff bill will come up to-day, so you can give me my bath ticket." Three volumes of Reagan's report on inter-state commerce followed the little rascal out of the door as he hastily made his excape.

lowed the little rascal out of the door as he hastily made his escape.

THE FHENCH SPOLITATION CLAIMS.

Those interested in the payment of the French spoliation claims, which are now being urged before the court of claims, have given up any hope of action by congress this session looking to their payment. About two years ago congress passed a bill referring these cases to the court for the purpose of passing upon the liability of the United States in the premises. With the usual slowness of all offices of justice the court has not yet been able to render a decision which will fully answer the question asked by congress, fully answer the question asked by congress, and as a consequence it will be several years at least before all the cases are finally determined, or perhaps very much longer than that before any one of them can be paid. Thus far no attempt has been made to secure

an appropriation for their payment, and it is hardly likely that anything in this line will be attempted at this session.

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NATIONAL BANKS.

Representative Wilkins, of Ohio, on Monday last introduced a bill which is designed to settle the much vexed question as to the stability of national banks after the bonds which are deposited to secure circulation shall have been paid off. As the law now is the department holds that no national bank charter can be issued to a bank which does not take advantage of the law which allows national banks to issue notes, and ho bank can be established until it has deposited \$30,000 in United States bonds with the treasurer to secure circulation up to nine-tenths of that amount, which is the minimum limit. Mr. Wilkins' bill proposes to reduce this limit to \$1,000. If this bill becomes a law it will allow the continuance of the national banking system even after the bonds of the United States shall have been wiped out. The idea has been suggested, and a bill to that end has been introduced in congress, that, in asmuch as these banks are known as a state of the late of the to that end has been introduced in congress, that, inasmuch as these banks are known as national, the United States should in a measure guarantee depositors against loss, and for this purpose it is proposed that the amount of money collected as tax on circulation should be used as a sinking fund for the purpose of paying depositors in national banks which have failed. It is nardly likely, however, that either of these measures will become a law in the present congress. There are too many men who have strong anti-

are too many men who have strong anti-pathles against national banks in general to allow any such hope of final settlement of this vexed question at the present time. this vexed question at the present time.

A MURPHY FOR TURKEY.

Congressman Jere Murphy, of Iowa, champion of the Lennepin canal scheme, is the last on the list to be named in connection with the Turkish mission. Murphy is an applicant for the place and kept the path around the white house warm in calling upon the president. Murphy was defeated for renomination chiefly on account of strict adherence to the civil service policy of the president. Murphy like Congressman Cox, of North Carolina, who was defeated upon the same issue, thinks that it is the duty of the president to do something for them. Murphy claims that the place should be given to Iowa, as that state has had but little patronage outside of the places within the state. Notwithstanding numerous applications from various sections of the country, there is hardly a donot that the president has decided upon General Viele, of New York.

ARMY NEWS,

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Viele, of New York.

ARMY NEWS.

Eugene L. Violland, who has had a paymastership in the army for about thirty years, is in the city from his present station at St. Paul, having been called here by reason of sickness in his family, which is residing at 110 Second street, Northeast. He will leave here next Monday night for his station.

Army leaves granted: Major William H. Forwood, surgeon, St. Paul, one month; Major George W. Candee, naymaster, Fort Leavenworth, until January 3: Major Charles L. Huzmann, surgeon, Fort Ontario, New York, until December 30: Major Eugene B. Beaumont, Fourth cavalry, Fort Bowit, Ari-York, until December 20; Major Eugene B. Beaumont, Fourth cavalry, Fort Bowit, Arizona two months, from December 22; First Lieutenant Charles B. Gatwood, Sixth cavalry, Fort Stanton, New Mexico, two months, with permission to apply for two months extension; Lieutenant F. G. Dodgson, Sixth caualry, Fort Wingate, New Mexico, two months, with permission to apply for two months extension.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Walter J. Lamb, of Omaha, is at the Ebbit.

NATIONAL CAPITAL MISCELLANY

SAVING BY MARINES. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- It is stated at the navy department that the recent order of the secretary of the navy directing the commandants of navy vards to substitute marines in place of watchmen and ship-keepers where it can be done to advantage, will resuit in a saving to the government of between \$55,000 and \$60,000 per annum, and 'government property and vessels at the various yards and stations will be equally well protected. If the present condition of the marine corps would allow the substitution of marines for all the watchmen and shipkeepers employed, an additional saving of over \$25,000 would have been effected.

NO CONTAGION IN QUARANTINE.

In his annual report Surgeon General Hamilton, of the marine hospital service, makes the following statement in regard to the quarantine service. No epidemic diseases have been imported into the United States during the past year. Chelora has States during the past year. Cholera has been threatened from Europe. This disease, which last year extended from Marseilles and Toulon to Sicily and various towns on the west shore of Ifaly, has extended to the eastern shore, to Frume and Trieste, at the head of the Adriatic, and several towns in Austria, and has appeared on the Danube at Austria, and has appeared on the Danube at Buda-Pesth at the time of sending this report to the printer. In each of the districts named the disease has exhibited its usual virulence. At Trieste, during the month of August, there were 250 cases and 198 deaths. As usual the disease haunts the houses of these too poor or too negligent to pay regard to cleanliness of person and surroundings. A map showing the progress of the disease in Europe is subjoined.

A TELEPHONE SUIT DECIDED.

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Justice James, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, sitting in equity, decided the suit of George W. Cothran, or Chicago, against Fred II. Brown, inventor and owner of a patented telephone. Cothran had agreed within thirty days to organize a company with a capital stock of \$6,000,000 to put Brown's telephone in use. He also agreed to give Brown \$5,000 and one-third of the capital stock and to furnish \$10,000 working capital. After the thirty days had clapsed without the performance of the contract, and its extension was refused. Cothran brought suit to prevent Brown from alienating the title to his patent and to compel him to allow the plaint if to carry fout the contract, notwithstanding the expiration of the con-tract period. Justice James decided the case in favor of the defendant, stating that the plaintiff's case was without merit.

THE SILVER CERTIFICATES. The treasury department began the issuing of \$1 silver certificates on the 4th of last October, and has issued to date the amount of \$5,300,000. The \$2 silver certificates were first issued on the 6th of December, and the total issue so far amounts to \$1,040,000. The supply is not equal to the demand, and the certificates are not yet distributed from subtreasuries. They are distributed from the treasury department to localities in all parts of the country is supply and exceeding \$5,000. of the country in sums not exceeding \$5,000, but this can be done only, of course, as the certificates are ready. In other words, the treasury department is placing \$1 and \$2 certificates in general circulation as rapidly as possible. When the general demand is to some extent appeared, these certificates will be distributed to the different sub-treasuries for teach as reading. for issue as required.

The Bayview Rioters.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24.—The trial of the Bayview rioters has been adjourned until Monday morning. Mayor Wallber was on menday morning. Mayor Wallber was on the stand and testified as to the proclama-tion issued May 4 and 5. Judge Sloan, when he adjourned court, told the attorneys for the defense he would only allow them six witnesses to prove that there was no riot at Bayview. He added, incidentally, that he deemed the firing by the militia perfectly ins-linable.

Car Works Burned.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—The car works of Schall & King, at Middleton, were almost wholly burned this morning, causing a loss of \$150,000. Despite the work of the firemen six substantial brick buildings were de-stroyed. The foundry and office and a few sheds were sayed. It is likely that the works will at once be rebuilt. An insurance of about \$40,000 was carried, part of which was on the saved building.

Lamar's Marriage. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.— Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The World's Macon (Ga.) special says: Lamar arrived here on an early train this morning and after breakfasting he called on his reported fiancee. Mrs. Holt. While no day can be named for the nuptials, yet it seems definitely settled that Lamar will be accompanied to Washington by his bride be-fore the holtdays are ended.

A Note of Warhing. PARIS, Dec. 24.—The French press has been warned against publishing military news which would be of use abroad.

THE WEEK IN BUSINESS.

A More Quiet and Steady Feeling Prevails in Financial Circles.

MONEY MORE STRINGENT.

Very Small Activity in Wheat, and Only a Fair Amount of Transactions-Not Much Done in the Hog Product.

The Week in Commerce. CHICAGO, Dec. 24 - | Special Telegram to

the BEE. |-A more quiet and steady

feeling prevailed in unancial circluss during

the week just closed. The loan market was

firm and a little more stringent than has

been noticed for some weeks past, and borrowers were unable to obtain all the favors desired. The demand for money was quite active from all sources, but only well known and regular customers who are able to present undoubted collaterals succeeded in obtaining all the money they required. There was more paper offered on the street than usual. Speculators were moderate borrowers, though not very urgent in their demands Shippers of grain were virtually out of the market, being able to take care of their consignments quite readily. Packers, too, sought very little assistance from banks, as they are disposing of fair quantities of their manstactures and not increasing their stocks very rapidly. Wholesale merchants are moderate borrowers, though not for any large amounts. Parties at interior points have requested increased amounts of money, but our banking institutions are not inclined to enlarge their lines of outside paper at present, notwithstanding they desire in a general way to favor that class of trade. Rates of interest have ruled firm and rather higher, ranging at 7@8 per cent, and it is understood that bankers have notified owners of "call loans" that 7 per cent will be the inside rate at the opening of the year. On the street 8 per cent is about the inside figure. Eastern exchange was in moderate supply and the demand was more active, chiefly on behalf of merchants who desire to liquidate their indebtedness with eastern merchants before the close of the year. The market was stronger carly and sales were made at par at 25 cents premium per \$1,000 between banks. Later the market weakened and prices declined again, with sales at 70@75 cents discount per \$1,000, closing easy at 70 cents. Foreign exchange also showed more strength and sales were made at improved prices, ranging at \$4,77@4.7814. closing at \$4.77 (@4.78 for shippers' sixty days documentary bills. The prospects of free arrivals of gold from England and France has had a tendency to decrease offerings. Speculation in railroad stocks, oil and cotton has attracted less attention and the feeling has been weak during the greater portion of the week, with prices favorable to buyers. In grain and provision circles trading also has slackened considerable largely in the way of transferring

contracts ahead at current differences, and prices have slightly declined. European markets were stronger early in the week, but showed a quiet and easy feeling toward the close. Trading in all trading markets, both domestic and foreign, has been lighter, as is usual with the approach of the hondays. The receipts of grain at leading and the export movement from Atlantic sea board ports quiet. Liberal shipments of pro month will probably show a smaller increas than usual. Packing in the west is progress-ing favorably, keeping pace with the returns of last year, but not reducing the shortage to any extent.
Wheat.-No new nor any important fea-

tures were developed in this market during the past week. A fair business has been

ransacted and that is about all, the marke

lacking the activity which was developed some two weeks ago. One reason for this some two weeks ago. One reason for this, possibly, is the more quiet tone of European markets, which have assumed their holiday character, and not much life nor animation is expected abroad until after the holidays. Home markets have assumed the same condition to a certain extent, and this is of usual occurrence at this season of the year, operators doing a light business, with the majority disposed to even up their year's business. After the holidays a revival in speculation is looked for, as the money derived as interest and dividends will seek new channels and a fair proportion may find investment in wheat and other grain and provisions. Spells of weakother grain and provisions. Spells of weak ness have been developed during the week but these gave place to firmness, and, taken altogether, the feeling has been quiet but strong, and after declining 114c prices re-covered, advancing 214c, and the closing Thursday was about 4c higher than last Friday. The weakness and decline in price early in the week was attributed to the liberal increase in the visible supply—1,470,000 bushels—and the quiet and easier tone of European market advices. Receipts, too, were free early in the week and the export movement did not keep up as well as during the preceding week, but subsequently became stronger, and there was a steady and sharp rally in prices, which was attributed to good speculative buying based men reported speculative buying based upon reported liberal export purchases, chiefly for Jan-uary delivery. It was rumored that stocks abroad would be materially less on the first year than they were one year ago. The receipts in the northwest also showed some falling off, and reports to the effect that the great rush of spring wheat was over contributed to the bullish feeling. established premiums or carrying charges be-tween various futures have not been fully maintained. For instance, the premium for May over January was at one time 7% @7% of and later 7% but closed with 7% premium bid. The stock in store here at the close of December 30 was 12,386,000 bushels, against

14,404,000 bushels one year ago.
In corn only a moderate speculative business has been transacted during the week ness has been transacted during the week and most of the local trading has been weaker for No. 2, both cash and futures declining ½c, resovered and closed about ½c lower than last week. The receipts have continued fairly large and shipments only moderate. The shipping demand has been cut off somewhat the past week on account of the advance in railroad freights. Only moderate inquiry existed for free on board cars for lower grades and prices for these declined fully 1½c, but closed steadier at this decline. The demand has been confined to local interior eastern points. In some sections of the west corn is reported quite scarce and good prices are being paid for feeding purposes, and this naturally lessens the arrivals here. Prices are ruling some 3½c higher for May delivery than at this time last year. Foreign markets are ruling firm.

firm.

Provisions—The market for hog products attracted some speculative attention during the past week, but the volume of business transacted was not very large. The closeness of the money market tended to widen the carrying charges slightly, and the weakness manifested in the leading grain markets had a depressing effect in a general way. On the other hand, the moderate receipts of hogs and the high prices ruling therefor, accompanied with unusually heavy shipments of the product had in a measure checked any material reduction in prices, more particularly in consumptive articles. The increase in the supply of the hog product has been very gradual. Packing at Chicago for the month of December will probably show a reduction of 170,000 hogs compared with the closing month of 1885. It is anticipated that the stocks on hand at the close of December will show about 100,000 barrels of mess pork. 28,000 to 40,000 tlerces of lard and 30,000,000 pounds of short rib sides, which is considerably less in the aggregate than reported one year ago. The question of the final result of packing in the west is attracting more attention than usual at this season of the year. Complaints of a lighter supply of hogs are made at interior points and a scarcity of corn in some of the leading hog-raising districts is Provisions-The market for hog products

also reported. The uneven quality of hog-received at some of the larger packing cen-ters would tend to confirm the latter statement, Speculate while not trading extensively, are watch-ing all prominent features of the market very closely and, as the final out-come of the season is developed, there is litmarket very closely and, as the mal our come of the season is developed, there is lit-tle doubt but trading in the speculative brench of the provision trade will be largely increased. Prices during the week have ruled with considerable irregularity, and on ruled with considerable irregularity, and on the whole range have averaged lower, though unctuations were confined wittin a narrow range. Considerable business was transacted in the way of transferring trades ahead at current differences per month—12 order on mess pork, the on lard and 7 below on short rib sides. Trading centered largely in February and May in mess pork and lard. The latter delivery attracted the most intention. The impression prevails that while the market is not "eyened up," the lines on either the "long" or "short" side of the market are not extensively indicating caution on the part of operators. The shipping demand was comparatively light, as market are not extensively indicating cau-tion on the part of operators. The ship-ping demand was comparatively light, as buyers were unwilling to meet any advance in prices, and higher freights to scaboud points also had a depressing effect. Cen-siderable of the product was forwarded on old freight contracts. The receipts of the product from the interior were quite large and mainly to provide for ourstanding obli-gations. Little change was noted in foreign and domestic markets. Trading was light as usual on the approach of the holiday sea-son.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Holiday Dullness Prevails and Volume of Business Insignificant. NEW YORK, Dec. 2L .- [Special Felegram to the BEE.] -- It was a holiday market to-day and the volume of business was insignificant. There was a move of strength early in the day which carried St. Paul, Jersey Central, and Lake Shore up a fraction, but later there was an almost entire absence of a demand for stock and all of the advance was lost. Louisville & Nashville was held steady around 63 by supporting orders, but there was no disposition on the part of either bulls or bears to move the market. The bank statement was more than usually favorable, showing an increase in the reserve of \$3,224,900. Careful observers thought that the market would likely be devoid of feature until after the holidays. The built theory was that the recent decline had shaken all weak holders recent decline had shaken all weak holders and that there was now no stock pressing for sale. At noon the market was quiet at about the opening prices. Jersey Central and New England were a shade stronger just before the close. The market however, was without feature and very few trades were made after 1 p. m. A break of 35 per cent in cotton seed oil certificates attracted some attention, but falled to bring out either long stock or buying orders of consequence. The total sales were about 100,000 shares, the highest day's trading for months. day's trading for months

IOWA GRAVE ROBBERS.

Carlisle Excited Over the Desecration of a Cemetery. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 24.- | Special Telegram to the BEE.]-Carlisle, eleven miles outh of this city, is in a fever of excitement over the desecration of the cemetery in the robbing of the grave of Miss Hull, the sister of Dr. Hull, a prominent physician of that place. It occurred Wednesday night and was not discovered until Thursday morning. OVERTON, Neb., Dec. 24.-[Special when Captain Randleman, who lives near the when Captain Randleman, who lives near the cemetery, discovered the tracks of wagon wheels leading into it. He suspected that something was wrong and communicated his suspicions to the sexton. Following the tracks they were led up to the grave of Miss Hull, who was buried a day or two ago. An examination proved that it had been tampered with, and getting spades they dug downward to the casket, which was found empty save for the shroud. The news spread like wildfire and the wagon tracks

wildfire and were trailed in the dir Des Moines. Accordingly Painter was communicated Accordingly S direction of and astructed to search, high and low for the remains. The description given was that of a girl sixteen years old, good looking, well formed, with short light hair and light bangs. Yesterday Deputy Sheriff Jan Compton went through all the dissecting joints in the city and vicinity. He found them rather lacking in "material," having only three dead bodies on hand—those of two elderly women and s man. One of the women had been dead for some time, while the other two were recent cases. The friends of the dead girl are wild, and the medico who is found in possession of her remains, or the man who stele them, will suffer. The guilty parties have covered up their tracks well, for all trunks and hiding places in the medical colleges have been sub-

ected to a thorough search.

Brutal Child Murder. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 24.—There is great excitement in Montezuma, Poweshick county, over the discovery of a brutal murder committed by two colored people-A. J. Brown and Chloe Robinson-about four miles from that place. The victim was a littie boy, six years old, grandson of Brown, who had been staying with them. Wednesday night the boy died and the old man reported in town that he died from some un-known cause, but the suspicions of neigh bors were are used and they investigated and found that he had been flogged to death. A coroners' jury was summoned and it has taken a large amount of testimony showing that the child had been treated with inhuman cruelty by both of the guilty wretches. The testimony shows that on the night he died the woman had him suspended by the heels and beat him with a rope for thirty minutes, and subsequently the man Brown suspended him in a like manner, and were out half a dozm switches in beating him, and then washed his wounds with salt and water. The child's offenses were trivial in each instance. The man and workan were arrested and lodged in jail at Montezima. Public indignation runs high, and talk of typehing is freely heard. ors were are used and they investigated and and talk of lynching is freely heard.

Railroad Commission's Finding. DES MOINES, Dec. 24. - Special Telegran to the BEE.]-The railroad commission has decided the complaint case from New Market against the St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern railroad for over charge of freight rates. The complainants made a shipment of house hold goods from Salem to New Market under an agreed rate for freight of 87 cents per hundred pounds. When the goods were de-livered an extra charge was made. The company admitted a part of it was due to error and the other half they claimed for transfers to the Humeston and Shen and oah roads. The commission recommends that the whole amount of the over charge be returned to the shippers and stating that the companies should strictly adhere to the agreements made by their agents.

Another Haddock Witness.

Sloux City, Ia., Dec. 24.-A newspaper orrespondent has found another witness of the murder of Haddock. This man's name has never been mentioned yet in connection has never been identioned yet in connection with the affair. He will be used as a witness on the trial, but at this time fears to have his name published lest he will meet with violence at the hands of the accused men, such is the reign of terror in this city. There are undoubtedly a dozon men in Sioux City who saw the murder who have been afraid to say a word. Some of them have been driven to leave town. The new witness refuses at present to say how he will identify fuses at present to say how he will identify the clergyman's assassins, but the inference from his story is that it will be the wealthy brewer, Arensdorff.

A Raitroad Man's Promotion KEOKUK, Ia., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegran to the Brg. !—E. C. Goodrich, superintend ent of the Dubuque & Dakota railway, with headquarters at Waverly, was to-day ap-pointed general manager of the Keokuk & Western, vice H. F. Clark, resigned.

Barglars' Big Haut.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-A special to the Inter Deean from Galena, Ill., says: Just before daybreak in this city this morning burglars entered the jewelry store of Julius Krinezer, on Main street, and robbed the sate of \$2.600 in money and \$3,500 north of jewelry. Up to this evening no cine to either thleves property has been discovered.

HELD FOR CRIMINAL LIBEL.

A Holdrege Editor Criticises a County Official and is Arrested.

TWO SUICIDES IN THE STATE.

A Crete Bum Hangs Himself and an Overton Man Uses a Revolver-· Fire at Nebraska

City.

An Editor's Troubles.

HOLDBEGE Neb., Dec. 24. | Special Telegram to the BEE, -Last week the Holdrege Republican contained a long article criticusing P. C. Funk, a county officer, To-day Funk swore out a warrant charging M. L. Thomas, proprietor of the Republican, with eriminal libel. The trouble arose originally from the county printing, the tax list being sent to another paper, when the Republican and Nugget had a joint contract. The town is excited, both parties being prominent men. Thomas appeared of his own volition before the county judge, without giving the officer a chance to arrest him, and waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court. J. H. Einest, vice president of the Commercial State bank, signed his \$5,000 bond. It is reported that Funk will also sue for \$10,000 damages.

How Overton is Prospering. OVERTON, Neb., Dec. 24 .- (Special to the BEE. |- A bridge is being built across the Platte river at this point costing \$15,000. s to be completed February 15. This will open a large and thrifty settlement to the Overton market. In anticipation of the increase of trade a bank is soon to be opened and other facilities for business increased. The Carr hotel, well known as a model of peatness, comfort and good living, is being materially enlarged. Work will commence on the bank building in a few days. A flouring mill is in contemplation by two different parties, but a third party might still step in and take the cake. A large amount of wheat is already marketed here and with the new bridge the amount will be nearly doubled the coming season. There are good opportunities coming season. There are good opportunities here now for profitable investment in business. Another dry goods store is wanted, also a harness shop and shoe snop. Overton is a new, clean, thrifty looking town, of enterprising and friendly people, and is the market fown for a large and prosperous farming community.

farming community. Fire at Nebraska City.

Syracuse, Neb., Dec. 24.- | Special telegram to the BEE |- This morning between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock the brick work shop connected with the institution for the blind at Nebraska City, caught fire in some way unknown at present, and before assis-tance could be produced was entirely con-sumed with the entire contents, consisting of stock and tools. Loss estimated at \$5,000. It is thought that the insurance will nearly cover the loss.

Took His Own Life.

o the BEE. |-Fred Banks, living four miles northwest of Overton, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He was in middle life, and leaves a wife and five children. His wife went with him to Plum Creek yesterday, and on his way home stopped at her father's. On her going into the house he went into the granary, where his body was afterward found.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Henry Heineker died o day at the hospital for the insane, the first death occurring there since the biennial report to the legislature was submitted. Hemcker was a resident of Lincoln and his

An Insane Patient Dies.

emains were brought to this city for burial. He Can't Kick Editors. OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 24.- [Special to the BEE. |-John A. Frawley, who assaulted L. D. Chamberlain, editor of the Headlight, on

Monday last, was yesterday arrested, taken before Judge Sheesley and placed under bonds to keep the peace.

Suicide of a Crete Bum. CHETE, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special to the BEE.] Joe hibble began celebrating the holiday season Monday morning and closed the jubitee suddenly. Wednesday night by hanging the rope he gave his wife a Christmas souve-nir in the shape of a black eye. He leaves a wife and five children whom he shamefully

The Nebraska Senatorship.

CITICAGO, Dec. 24 .- [Special Telegram to the BEE. -Hon, J. Stering Morton, who was in the city last evening, said to a reporter for a local paper that if Senator Van Wyck was re-elected it would be done by his opponents, paradoxical as it might seem. He explained this by saying there were truths enough concerning Van Wyck that might prevent his election, but when misrepresentations and false assertions were made, sympathy for the man was created and secured help from unexpected quarters. Governor Morton said Mayor 1893d and Dr. Miller had declared they were not candidates, while Judge Dundy came to the front with warm backing, so that from the present outlook, if Van Wyck was not returned, Judge Dundy was in the lead. Governor Morton was asked if the democrate would hold a caucus, and he said he would advise such a sten. The democracy, he thought, ought to put up a candidate and stick to him to the death. Governor Morton was asked if he would be a caudidate, and he modestly replied that some or his ardent friends had mentioned his name in this connection, and this was all pathy for the man was created and secured its name in this connection, and this was all

The Whitneys Christmas Party. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. - Seventy or eighty ittle boys and girls, mostly children of people n official life, were entertained at a Christhas eve party to-night by Secretary and Mrs. Whitney, A huge pine Christmas tree, gaily decorated, was set up in the ball room, and around it the children danced for an hour or two. Great bundles of presents, piled on the

henches around the tree, were distributed among the children. Among the elder folks present were Mrs. Endicott and Mrs. Vilas, ord a large number of senators and diplomars with their wives. Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Folsom, with little Miss May Cadman, were expected, but didn't come. The Reading's Scheme. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The executive ommittee of the reorganization trustees of

the Reading railroad company has determined to issue its advertisement on Monday

next calling for a deposit of securities under the plan within sixty days. The only change in the scheme from what has already been nublished is the proviso that in the event of the withdrawn of the general mortgage bonds after their deposit, the expenses shall not exceed \$2 per bond. Another Vessel Condemned. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-The naval board of inspection which surveyed the United

States steamer Tennessee has reported to the

navy department that the vessel cannot be repaired within the statutary limit of 30 per cent and will have to be condemned. The Tennessee will probably be used as a receiving ship in the place of the Minnesota. Nebraska and Iowa Weather. For Nebraska and Iowa: Snow, station-

ary temperature. Permit to wed was granted by Judge McCalloch yesterday to John F. Kyle and Miss Annie Rennard, both of Omaba.