# **INFLAMING COTTON**

A Duplication of the Kate Adams Steamboat Horror.

ON THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS DAY.

The John H. Hanna is Totally Destroyed by Fire.

DEATH JOINS THE MERRYMAKERS

The Awful Sequence of a Night of

Pleasure. BY THE RIVER AND THE FLAMES.

The Fated Vessel's Passengers Either Burned Alive or Drowned by Jumping Overboard-A Similar Catastrophe on the Pacific Coast.

A Terrible Christmas Eve. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.-The steamboat John H. Hanna, from Ouchita river, with slarge number of passengers and a cargo of 8,000 bales of cotton on board, burned last night at Plaquemine, La. It is stated that of 100 persons on board at the time of the disaster, only fourteen are known to be saved. The John H. Hanna was built in Madison; Ind., in 1873, and hailed from Louisville, Kv. She was of 377 tons burden. She was valued at\$18,000, and insured for \$12,000 in local and foreign companies.

Captain J. W. Banks, president of the company, says the latest advices he has are to the effect that the steamboat left Monroe La., on Sunday at 6 o'clock. Upon being questioned as to the number of passengers on the Hanna, Captain Banks said he thought it was small, as there was little travel in that section at present.

A special from Plaquemine says the burning of the steamer John H. Hanna last night, near that place was one of the most terrible river disasters that ever happened in southern waters. The loss is very heavy. About thirty persons perished in the flames, and a large number jumped overboard and were drowned. Among the lost are Captain James S. Holmes and First Clerk Samuel R. Powell. Their bodies have been recovered. Captain Holmes' body was terribly burned,

One of the deckhands who escaped says there were about one hundred persons on board and that only about a dozen could be found alive. The engineer and pilot were saved. All who escaped were burned more or less severely.

It was just before Christmas day was being ushered in that the fine steamer was coming down the river. Several of the passengers were seated in the cabin having a merry time and with no thought of the impending catastrophe. Many of the crew and passengers were asleep when the fire broke out and spread with indiscribable rapidity. The details of the sufferings and death of some of the passengers are barrowing in the extreme.

The boat had reached a point which was but a short distance above town when a negro roustabout near the boiler room ran out to the deck and shouted that the boat was on fire. John Cullen, a stoker, was near the place at the time, and seeing the flames bursting forth from the big tiers of cotton near the boiler ran hastily to the engine room and gave the alarm. Engineer Merriman took in the situation at a glance, and at once sounded the alarm by blowing the steam whistle and ringing the bell. In an instant the flames shot through the cabin and over the sides of the cotton, enveloping the entire boat in fire. Clerk Powell was up stairs at the time, and when he saw the flames, herocally ran through the smoke which filled the cabin and tried to arouse the sleeping people. He kicked at the doors, and in a short time almost everybody was awake. Then confusion worse confounded appeared, and frantic people ran to the different exits to make their escape. But the boat was piled high with cotton and the passageways were filled with smoke. Many dropped before they were able to get to the forward part of the boat and were dead when the steamer went down.

As soon as the fire was discovered Engineer Merriman set the steam pumps to working and tried to battle with the flames. but the fire swept through the boat like a blast on a prairie, and the engine room was soon in flames. Then, to add to the consternation, a steam pipe burst and filled the place with scalding steam. Engineer Merriman was forced to abandon his post, and he and the stokers and others ran to the side of the boat and rushed through pell mell to save

As soon as the smoke and flames began to start up the sides of the boat Captain Jolles the pilot, swung her around and headed the boat for shore. A full head of steam was on, and the boat soon ran into the bank. Before she did so, however, she was doomed. All her timber was furiously burning. When the steamer struck the bank she bounded away again and swung around, drifting down the stream as she burned. Then Captain Jolles jumped out over the cotton bales and springing into the river swam ashore.

The sight was a weird one, viewed from the bank, and the town was aroused. Floating cotton, charred timber and other debris filled the river, and many people were struggling desperately in the water for their lives. Some of them were able to swim ashore, but most of them were so badly burned or thoroughly exhausted that they struggled but a few moments and sank to rise no more.

As the burning boat struck the bank of the river the crew and the passengers, who had been able to reach the forward end of the boat sprang ashore, some of them with scorehed faces and bruised limbs, and many of them with scarcely any covering. Among those who managed to get off were Captain Holmes and Bob Smith, the unfortunate pilot of the illfated White, who was a passenger. Both men were burned nigh unto death, and the story of the manner in which suffered is most heartrending. When the captain jumped ashore he was horriply burned, and in his frantic desire to be relieved from the pain he was suffering. he buried his face and hands in soft mud and begged most piteously for some one to belp him. Smith was just behind and was laid out by the side of the dying captain. Nothing could be done for the suffering men, and the two died together on the river

Plaquemine was not slumbering when the fire broke out, and when the discovery was made that the Hanna was burning, almost the entire town flocked to the river bank and watched the vessel burn. The struggling unfortunates who reached the shore were

came to their assistance and tried to alleviate their sufferings. The City and Central otels and private houses threw open their loors to the ill-fated people and fed and dothed them until this morning. The surrivors telegraphed accounts of the disaster to their homes.

No one saw Clerk Powell, who displayed much heroism in waking up the passengers, after he had rapped at the dbors, and it is quite positive that he was burned to death and went down with the steamer. No attempt was made to save any of the steamer's books and papers, and everything, together with the clothes of the crew and passengers, was jost. The boat burned rapidly after she reached the bank and in a very short time after the alarm was given she had burned to the water's edge. The hull sank and nothing was left of the Hanna but the floating timbers and the burning cotton.

The crew of the boat were J. S. Holmes, captain; George Powell and James Gordon, clerks; Lew Rawlings and Henry Jolies, pilots; J. H. Handley and J. C. Merriman, engineers; Daniel Carroll, Steward; Samuel Bryant, first mate; Mike Cussat, second mate; John Gibbon, sailorman; Ben Duclos and Willie Higgins, barkcepers; two chambermaids, Mrs. Demery and Mrs. Hunt; Jimmy Handley and Charley Thompson, firemen; John Rucker and Tom Cullen, stokers. Among those that were lost are:

CAPTAIN J. S. HOLMES, master of the

SAMUEL POWELL, chief clerk. BOB SMITH, pilot from Smithland, La. MIKE O'NEIL, night watchman, JOE CRANE, cabin watchman. MONROE DECK, first cook, JACK DUFF, second cook. JOE HARVEY, cabin boy. JIM WATSON, second baker. JOHN CRAFTON, carpenter.

Among those who were badly burned are

DAN CARROLL, steward. JIM O'NEILL, deckhand. John Gibbons, sailorman

Louis Welcu, roustabout, and a number f others. The following is an additional list of those saved: Mary Ramsey, Priscilla Wright and Millie Gentry, colored passengers; Will Marshall, cabin boy, John Jackson and

Thomas Garrow, both seriously burned. There were on the Hanna thirty-three roustabouts, and eleven belonging to the Josie W., which had been laid up at Monroe. Of these thirty-three are knows to be saved, leaving eleven unaccounted for. The follow lowing are additional names of the lost:

JOHN BARLOW, colored, JIM BLANK, colored.

DICK BLANK, colored, mess room tender. STEPHEN JOHN and MONROE DIGGS,

cooks. The child of Priscilla Wright (colored). The survivors were all warm in their praise of the humane people of Plaquemine. who spared no pains and no money to furnish them with clothes and shelter after their terrible experience. W. H. Brule, mayor of the city, was especially kind to the

survivors. None of the men could say what was the origin of the fire. The general impression however, is that some careless smoker threw a cigarette among the cotton bales and thereby caused the disaster.

The death of John Crafton, carpenter, was a sad one. He was in the upper portion of the boat, struggling to get near the front end. The flames were twisting and sweeping all about him. He tried to reach the the eyes of the people, who were not able to render him any help.

The second barkeeper of the boat said Mr. Powell was standing near him when they both jumped into the water. Powell, who could not swim, climbed on a floating cotton bale, but two deck hands jumped on the bale turning it over and throwing Powell into the water and he disappeared.

The boat was about fifteen yards from the shore when a great many people plunged into the river, and several who reached the bank in safety became bogged in the soft mud, and so intense was the heat of the burning boat that they were burned to death before they could climb up the steep bank of the levee. The fire was so rapid that before the pilot had finished sounding the three alarm whistles the entire boat from stem to stern was a roaring mass of flames, and the scene that ensued was terrible in the extreme. Men yelled and ran about the decks of the burning steamer like maniaes, and others, screaming at the top of their voices, threw themselves into the dark waters and were lost to sight in the twinkling of an eye. The second barkeeper said several persons near him struggled in the water and begged pitifully for help, but he could not render them any assistance, because the water chilled him to the marrow, and his clothing clogged his every movement.

A cabin boy, who was an assistant of the steward, said the crew who were in the Texas were aroused from their slumbers by the flames, which roared over them, and they were compelled to dive headlong from the roof of the boat into the river, and many of them were burned to death while in the water.

This evening the impression prevails that the number of lives lost may not exceed thirty, although, owing to the fact that the steamer's papers were all burned, it is diff! cult to get the exact number of people on board the ill-fated boat.

On the arrival of the train in this city, ambulances were at the depot and all the survivors of the disaster who were suffering from severe burns were at once conveyed to the Charity hospital.

Steward Carroll says that the last of the lady passengers on the boat coming down got off at Baton Rouge. He says among the passengers that were aboard at the time of the accident were Captain P. G. Montgom ery, Mr. Harpin, of the board of under writers, and a drover and his son. They were all saved.

A Times-Democrat special from Plaque nine give the following account of the death

of Captain Hoimes: The brave captain met the most awfu death. He remained at his post of duty till every chance to save the lives of the passen gers was gone. Then he attempted to swim to the shore, but it nappened to be boggy and he was seen to make frantic endeavors to extr. cate himself without avail. The burning boa was fast nearing him, and while he was or his knees in the mud, he put his hands up to protect his back from the intense heat. It was an awful moment for those on shore, who were making every endeavor to relieve him with skiffs and with ropes from the bank. One man went out to flames to protect him from the increasing heat. He said: "Never mind me. I'll be dead in a few minutes, anyway." He was finally freed from his terrible situation by tying a rope around his body and dragging him on shore, but too late. He died about

An Ocean Steamer Burned. SEATTLE, W. T., Dec. 25.-Five and perhaps seven lives are believed to have been taken care of, and doctors and others lost by the burning of the propeller Levi

half an hour after being rescued.

Erickson, off Alki Point, last night. The vessel plies between Seattle and Sydney, and was enroute to the latter point at the time The fire originated in the pilot house and it is not definitely known what caused it, although it is said to have been a lamp exolosion. There were thirty-six people on board at the time, and the vessel was three miles from shore. The fire spread with incredible rapidity Captain John H. Nibbe endeavored to launch the life raft, but found the passengers already struggling to get it overboard. In the struggle to get the raft properly launched the captain was carried overboard with it, while the passengers, seizing the life preservers, firewood, or anything that would float, jumped overboard.

The steamer Skagit Chief, en route to Ta coma, saw the fire and crowded on full steam to come to the steamer's assistance Her crew succeeded in rescuing the people from seven water The steamer Mountaineer, which was four miles away, also saw the fire and came up. When within half a mile of the burning ship they found people struggling in the water. and lowering boats, succeeded in rescuing nineteen persons. One unknown man died after being taken out of the water.

The list of the lost, so far as known, is: MISS ANNIE TOLLNER. J. H. Norsous.

JACK SINMONS, of Sydney. T. SMITH, of Corby. And two women and a man, whose names

re not ascertained. Neither of the rescuing vessels went to the burning steamer, as she was completely enveloped in flames.

No Lives Lost.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 25,-The steamer Silver Star, of Bar Horbor, was sunk this morning about 1:30 o'clock about three miles east of Whalesback light. She struck a sunken wreck, staving a hole amidships and filling with water. Captain Parker and the crew of eight men took the boats, saving only the clothes they had on.

Sail Boat Capsized.

San Francisco, Dec. 25 .- Late this after oon while a party of seven were out sailing on the bay about six miles out the boat was capsized and six of the occupants drowned. The following are their names: Andrew Siegel, Kate Siegel, George Strimp and wife, Matt Cox and Mary Morales.

### A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

The Town of Marblehead, Mass., Nearly Destroyed.

Мапиленело, Mass., Dec. 25.—12:30 a. m. -Marbichead is on fire. The entire business portion is in ruins and a dozen firms are burnt out, also the Boston & Maine depot and several other buildings. It is the largest fire that ever visited this city and the people are panic-stricken. The telegraph office has been destroyed and this dispatch is sent with great difficulty over a hastily improvised wire and communication is liable to be inter-rupted at any moment.

At midnight it is estimated that seven acres have been burned, and the entire loss will be at least \$500,000. Among the buildings that have been burned are the Powers block, William Goldthwaite's three-store building, Monroe's large shoe factory, three-story block occupied by dry goods stores and the Boston branch grocery story on the first floor, Masonic hall on the second, and a skating rink on the third, the four-story Allerton block, the American Express building, Simon's variety store, the dwellings of Dan-iel Broden, George Church and Thomas Falls, Metcalf's box factory, and other buildwhere the fire originated, but fortunately escaped. Nearly the same locality was burned over about twelve years ago irst fire started in nearly the same place. Many to-night's victims were

also sufferers by the former fire.

The shoe business, which has been quie for several mouths past, was just starting up and many operatives will now be thrown out of work the entire winter. The fire is still burning. It is impossible to get definite losses, owing to the great excitement pre vailing among all classes.

A \$350,000 Fire at Cincinnati. CINCINNATI, Dec. 25 .- A fire which originated early this morning in the works of the Jacobs Cordage company, at Budd and Harriet streets, burned to ashes the factories and dwellings, covering three acres of ground. The fire spread rapidly in the build ing in which it started, and soon extended to the yards of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road, which were filled with cars These soon caught fire, and though but little wind was blowing, the intense heat from the wooden buildings and cars sent lames bounding over a large area. The fire department worked with desperation, but lespite their efforts the works of the Bud Street Furniture company, Central Furniture association and Queen Twine company were soon in flames. From these building the fire spread rapidly to the adjacent dwell ngs, and several were destroyed before the en could subdue this conflagration otal losses aggregate about \$350,000 with an insurance about half. Three firemen were quite seriously injured.

Train Robbers at Work. TRUCKEE, Cala , Dec. 25. The express car on the east bound train was robbed last night two miles east of Clipper Gap. The express messenger, Johnson, and his helper, Miles, were busy in the car when suddenly the glass transoms over the doors were broken imultaneously, and two revolvers thrust through, covering the messengers. Johnson was compelled to open the door and let the men in. One robber then covered the mes-sengers with his revolvers, while the other ook from the safe all the coin packages, which he placed in a bag. The men then numped from the train, which was running slow. When New England mills was reached the messenger gave a discription of the robbers, who were both young men, and orsemen started in pursuit. Two tramps ave been arrested on suspicion. The amount of the less is not known, but is re orted to be several thousand dollars, hough express representatives say \$1,000 will cover it.

Endorses Bonlanger.

Paris, Dec. 25 .- General Boulanger's cause has received an immense accession in the candidature of General Montalban for a seat in the chamber of deputies. His appearance as a candidate in the department of Somme conjoined with General Boulanger, opens favorably for the Boulangists a most momentious election campaign. The ministers feel the danger acutely and to-day they held a puncil at Elysee to consider how to face the situation. General Montalban's election ad-dress is a frank espousal of the Boulanger programme. He denounces the chamber of deputies and demands the summoning of a constituent assembly as alone competent to express the national will.

Labor Troubles at Bevier.

Sr. Louis, Dec. 25.-Trouble broke out afresh to-day at Bevier, Mo., the scene of the recent mine troubles. The negroes were the aggressors, and not only did they grow boisterous, but attempted intimidation by the free use of fire arms. The militia acted promptly, and to night five of the ringleaders are in the guard house.

Freight Train Wrecked. DENVER, Dec. 25 .- A freight train on the Midland road jumped the track while rounding a curve near Lime Creek to-day, wrecking cars and killing Fireman Martin and Brakeman Robert Harlin,

## UNDER THE NAME OF LAW.

Sad Storey of a Boy in an Iowa Penitentiary.

STOLE TO KEEP FROM STARVING

How Chester Turney Was Given Mock Trial For a Trifling Theft and Sentenced to Seventeen Years.

A Mother's Plea for Pardon.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 25 .- | Special to THE Brg. |-In Oswego, N. Y., about twenty years ago was born a boy whose life for the past five years has been one unbroken series o misfortunes, such as even in this world of sorrow are seldem experienced. This boy, Chester Turney, became fatherless at the age of three years. His mother, being poor, was compelled to be separated from her boy in order to make a living for herself and him. She engaged in teaching, and, following the custom of the time and place, boarded around among the patrons of the school. The boy Chester was adopted by Rev. James and Mrs. Beecher. Rev. James Beecher was the youngest brother of the late Henry Ward Beecher, and at that time pastor of a church in Oswego. For several years the little fellow remained in their home, where he was carefully trained and cared for. After a while it became necessary for Mrs. Turney to go west to the home of her parents, and wishing to take Chester with her the Beechers gave him up. In their new home Mrs. Turney and her boy found many hardships, but managed to live, the mother teaching, sewing, caring for the sick, and doing whatever she could find to do. One day while engaged in her household work she accidentally stepped through a trap-door and broke her leg. This was indeed a terriple blow to the poor woman. She had by industry and the strictest economy managed to accumulate about \$300, but this sum was soon gone, used to pay for board, lodging, and doctors' pills. Chester at this time was employed on a farm near the little town of Preston, in Jackson county, Iowa. He had contracted for a year, and notwith-standing the illness of his mother and her straightened pecuniary circumstances, his employer refused to pay him until the time had expired. The poor boy worked hard and faithfully, eagerly looking forward to the time when he could collect his wages and contribute his little store to the support of his mother, who in the meantime had been compelled to accept aid from the town of Sa-

bula, in which she was living. This humiliating circumstance was keenly felt by the proud and sensitive boy, and the mental worry it occasioned, combined with the hard physical labor, rapidly destroyed his health. When his term of servicended he was still unable to collect his wages, his employer pleading inability to pay. The disappointed boy went to visit his mother, and found her unable to leave her bed and the forced recipient of public charity, while he, who through long, weary months had toiled early and late, was unable to aid her. The sick mother bravely endeavored to hide her own anguish and comfort her child, but it may be well believed that it was a difficult task. Knowing that the employer was soon to receive a large sum of money, Chester re-turned to Pretson, thinking that if he were present when the money was received, he would surely get his pay. While waiting for it he worked around the town wherever he could find anything to do, but the severe physical and mental strain proved too much for him, and a long, lingering fever was the consequence. For days he rayed in deliruim, and weeks casse away before he could leave his room. At this time came the shocking intelligence that his mother had been sent to Michigan a pau-per, and died on the way. This was the climax of his woe. No light penetrated the gloom surrounding him. His star of hope seemed set in endless night. During his ill ness a great deal of expense had necessaril been incurred, and he now endeavored to get work in order to pay the proprietor of the hotel where he had been during his sickness. One day about this time a young man approached him, and requested him to buy a revolver and watch chain of him, claiming to be far from home and without money. Chester explained to him that he did not wish the articles, but if it would help him he would take them, as the young man offered them very cheap. In a short time Turney was ar rested for stealing. It seems that some par-ties in Preston whom he had offended in some way had induced the young man to get those stolen articles into Turney's posses-sion. He was taken before a justice and fined \$10 and costs, which made the sum total \$30. Not having the money he was sent to jail for ten days. After three days' imprisonment, however, the jailor released him, telling him that his imprisonment was unlawfut. Sick and weary, and burdened by this new sense of disgrace, the poor boy wandered about, dreading to meet anyone who knew him. Near Preston lived a farmer who had been a friend to his mother. He resolved to see him and explain his case, thinking the man would believe him. approaching the house in the early morning found the farmer was not at home and his wife out doing chores. At first he thought he would tell her, but concluded he couldn't, and after talking with her a while passed on. Though the lady kindly invited him into the house, he was determined not to enter it without a full explanation of his late terrible experience. Grief for his mother and his own sickness and trouble had completely crushed the boy, and at length in a state of despair and, it may reasonably be believed, temporary insanity, Chester fled from the haunts of men and sought refuge in the woods. For days he lived on nuts, resolving never to go near a human habitation again but finally the gnawings of hunger overcame his resolution, and forced him to seek food. He left his retreat, went near the house of a

wool schedule pending before the senate fails to afford adequate protection, and it is to consider the question of relief that the meeting is called CINCINNATI, Dec. 25 .- A shooting match took place here to-day between Captain A H. Bogardus and Al. Bandle of this city. It former employer and watched for an opportunity to get into the house unobserved. A was at 100 live birds, Burlingham rules, except in the case of Bandle, whose gun was a nine and a half pound ten gauge gun. The score was: Bandle 100, Bogardus 95. Boength it came. He went in, and finding the table set for a meal, he took something to eat, and the very revolver, for buying which gardus used a seven and a half pound gun he had been sent to jail. Passing out of the house he concealed himself in some shrubbery in the garden until twelve bore. Latest Advices From Wahalak. dark, and then went to the barn, where he stayed all night. On leaving in the morning he took with him an old Buffalo robe to wrap Sr. Louis, Dec. 25.-Latest advices from Wahalak, Miss., the scene of the race troub himself up. About this time he also entered a hardware store through an open window, les, are to the effect that three more negroes have been captured, but their names are and took some bags of shot in order to kill game to support himself in the woods. Not being strong enough to carry it all, he left it withheld. From the prisoners just taken is is learned that George Maury, Cash Maury and George Coleman were wounded in the at the rear door of the store, and returned for it on the following night. During the next day parties had been notified to be on fight of December 16. watch and shoot at sight. So when he appeared, he received a shot in his leg, but managed to escape to the woods, only to be NEW YORK, Dec. 25. - Such a Christmas day with bright sunshine and warm air as captured the next day. When found, he was handcuffed and dragged through the streets New York has had to day is not remembered by the oldest inhabitant. On Fifth avenue of Preston with a rope around his neck, and a drunken, infuristed mob howling around him and threatening to lynch him. A genand Upper Broadway there was a gay scene

of promenaders. Two big feasts were given to newsboys by the charitably disposed. They ate an abundance of turkey. The pristleman made his way through the brutal crowd, and, with revolver in hand, rescued the boy from mob violence. mers in the city institution did likewise. But for this timely aid he would probably have been hanged. He was immediately taken to jail, and while awaiting trial, re-Crazy From Drink. taken to jail, and while awaiting trial, received a letter from his mother, whose supposed death and the sad circumstances attending it, had driven him to desperation.
Previous to this he had been in a listless,
apathetic condition, evincing no emotion at
his fate. But his mother's letter aroused
him and he now desired to be free. In due
time his so-called trial came off. His persecutors selected the jury. He was not allowed in the court room. The mob, terrified
at the idea of justice being visited on them
in case of his agonitial, resorted to the most CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Dcc. 25. - This afternoon Fount Horner, aged twenty, be came crazy with drink, and obtaining a club ran through the streets, knocking down and severely injuring several people. The last man be struck, Edward Ames, drew a knife and killed his assailant.

result of

Saved by the River. New Cumberland, W. Va., Dec. 25 .- A in case of his acquittal, resorted to the most dastardly means to secure his conviction. His attorney, in a weak, half-hearted way, fire, originating from a natural gas jet, dedestroyed W. A. Scott's drug and jewelry store last night, together with Prasser's jewelry store, a barber shop, four dwellin and several other buildings. The river c the fire off from the rest of the town, as was its only salvation. Total loss \$15,000. entered a plea of not guilty, and the whole proceedings were conducted in the plainest violation of the law and the constitution barber shop, four dwellings The river cut this

CROWNED WITH LAURELS.

The Emperor Receives An Enthusias tic Welcome at Bredentown.

miserable farce was a sentence of seventeen and one-half years in the penitentiary at bard labor, and in less than three hours after the court convened, Chester Turney was on the

road to Anamosa to be incarcerated in a dun-geon for seventeen and one-half years for taking something to cat, when grief, sick-ness, inability to obtain work, or collect pay for work already done, and urgent imprison-

ment had driven him to starvation and in-

This poor, innocent boy has now been wear-

ring the garb of a convict for nearly three years, in an Iowa penitentiary. Had his mother really died, it is very probable that his sad story would never have been told. During the three years of his imprisonment, this heart-broken woman has been traveling year the state.

over the state, telling her sorrows and en deavoring to enlist sympathy for her boy. He

story seemed so strange that many pronounced

Chester, all breathing a spirit of filial devo-tion and displaying a remarkably calm, phi-losophical mind. All who have visited the

young life are rapidly exhausting his vital energy, and it is probable that only a speedy

Burglars at Missouri Valley.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 25 .- [Special

to The Bee. |-Burglars broke into the post-

office here last night and stole \$50 in cash

and all the postage stamps in stock. Tom

Carlisle, a cousin of Speaker Carlisle, is the

postmaster, and, with a partner, runs a gen-

eral store, as well as the postoffice. The

partner was sleeping in the store at the time of the robbery, but was not aroused. There

is no clue as to whom the robbers were and no

While Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich were at

their escape. They are supposed to be now in Omaha.

FOR THE POOR.

Distribution of Presents From the

\$10,000 had been subscribed by the genera

public. The subscriptions were started with

thousand dollars remaining from to-day's entertainment and it will be utilized for pur-

chasing clothing, shoes, etc., for poor children. John L. Jennings, editor of the Post-Dispatch, originator of the project, was presented with an elegant gold watch by the

Anarchists Observe Christmas.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25 .- A Christmas tree, sur-

mounted by a red flag several yards long,

was the center around which danced to

night, in Arbeiter hall, scores of anarchist

and socialists with their scarlet decorated

wives and children. Gifts from the tree

were distributed to the youngsters in regula-

tion Christmas fashion. Then came a speech

from Paul Gottkan, who, the supreme court

of Wisconsin aas just decided, still owes the state penitentiary several month's service

for his part in the Milwaukee riot. Unlike

on former occasions, Grottkan's remarks this evening were studiously free from anything

incendiary. Christmas, he explained, was not a time for a discussion of "economics."

The bitterest remark of Grottakn was that

"if Christ Himself came here to-day, and preached the doctrine of communism which His followers practiced, he would, judging

The President-Elect.

Indianapolis, Dec. 25.—Quiet has reigned

in the Harrison homestead to-day, the gen-

eral remaining at home all day. The first

half of the day was devoted to work in his

library. This week, or at least a portion of

it, will be devoted to outlining the inaugural

address. There were but few callers to-day,

and they were all friends from this city

Presents were exchanged, between members of the family and some of the more intimate

friends, of this city, sent in some presents

The parlors grow more and more like a curi

Address to Wool Growers.

Columbus, O., Dec. 25.-Columbus De

lane, president of the National Wool

Growers' association, has assued an address

to the wool growers of the United States

calling a meeting of the officers of the na

January 10. The address sets forth that the

Bogardus Defeated.

Christmas in New York City.

ional and state associations at

osity shop with each day.

from recent events, be hanged."

citizens' committee.

Post-Dispatch Christmas Tree.

St. Louis, Dec. 25.-There was a rare

arrests have been made.

release will prevent his early death

Benlin, Dec. 25,-[Special Telegram to The Ben.]-The burden of Christmas comment of the press and pulpit reverts to the anxeties prevalent at the same period for the last three years, and to the existing prospects for peace. The weather has not been Christmas like. Instead of a crisp frost, there has been a prolonged period of damp, cold and rainy weather. The streets of the capital abound in mud. Last evening, after the imperial dinner at the palace, gifts were dis tributed. The household officials of the empress and Dowager Empress Augusta made unusually large purchases for distribution among the poor. When the emperor visited the Vulcan

shipbuilding works at Bredontown, Saturday, he was greeted by 3,000 workmen who lined the approach to the works. A crown of laurels was offered to his majesty, who in accepting it said: "I thank you. These are the first laurels that have been offered me. I am happy to think they are laurels of peace,"

story seemed so strange that many pronounced it a fiction and heeded it no further. Some, however, impressed by her intelligence, refined manner, and the air of truthfulness with which she related this awful tale of woe, investigated the case, and found her statements absolutely correct in every particular. There is now no doubt existing in the minds of any who desires to know the truth of the case. The railroads of lowa have, at the solicitation of Mrs. Turney's friends, recently given her passes over the principal lines, and she now goes over the state at will, ever pleading for her son. Mrs. Turney has in her possession letters from Chester, all breathing a spirit of filial devo-The staff appointments for the Emin relief expedition will be necessarily delayed until the government's plans assume more definite shape.

penitentiary are impressed with his maniy appearance and brave endeavor to bear up under his terribic fate, but the trials of his In connection with the report that the gov ernment intends to appoint an imperial comissary to the colonial force, Lieutenant Wissman is already named as the probable appointee. Count Pfeil, agent of the East Africa company, who is personally known to Bismarck, is mentioned as the probable governor of the territory.

The chancellor's illness, which has given rise to alarming rumors in the progressist press and French newspapers, does not hinder his work. He has wired his congratulations to Lord Salisbury regarding the English victory in Suakim.

Prince Bismarck ignores the appeal of Sir R. D. Morier, British ambassador at St. Petersburg, to authorize the official contra diction of the charges recently made by the there burglars entered their house and took all the valuables they could lay their hands on and stole several articles of wear-ing apparel. It is supposed that the same parties robbed both places and have made Cologne Gazette, of his having anti-German leanings, and of having, while at Darmstadt in 1870, sent the first news of the advance of Germans across the Mozelle to London whence the news reached Bazine. The English embassy do not expect that

Prince Bismarck will direct the semi-official press to adopt a more moderate tone. On the contrary, they think that unless the obects of the attack are attained, he may order that a more aggressive attitude be assumed.

scene at the Exposition building to-day, the occasion being the distribution of presents to Herr Bleicherordo, the banker, privately children of the poor from the Post-Dispatch entered Friederichsruhe yesterday. It is Christmas tree, for which a fund of nearly surmised that his business is for the purpose of consulting with Prince Bismarck in regard to coming imperial loans. Immediately a 10 cent contribution, with no idea of the after the visit a Frankfort syndicate, which a 10 cent contribution, with no idea of the magnitude the affair was to assume, and the result far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the projectors. Fully 15,000 children received presents and for hours the streets in the vicinity of the exposition building were blocked with humanity. The Cavalry depot band, by permission of the secretary of war, furnished the music. There will be a fund of several thousand dollars remaining from to-day's was arranging a loan of 7,000,000 marks for the Bulgarian government, received official notice that the issue of such a loan would be impossible within German territory. More changes are made in high military

ommands. General Winterfeldt, governor of Mayence, has been retired, General Reibnetz replacing him. Since the emperor be gan the work of reforming the service sixtyfive generals have been placed on the retired

The rifle factories at Spandon Dantzican derfurt are turning out 50,000 repeaters of the new pattern every month. The French government, during the recent stay of the Russian grand dukes in Paris,

offered to place the Lebei rifle at the disposal of the ezar on the condition that the whole supply be made in France. The czar has as yet came to no conclusion regarding the prooosal. Although neither the Austrian Mannlicher rifle nor the German repeater is smokeess, like the Lebel rifle, both are believed to be reliable.

Reform in Our Banking Laws. DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 24 .- [To the Ed tor of THE BEE. |-The recent failures of the banks at Valpariso and Fairmont recalls to mind afresh the dire necessity for stringent laws regulating the business of bankers and brokers in Nebraska, and the much needed appointment of a few competent bank examiners under the supervision of the state auditor. Such robberies as the J. Robert Williams' affair, in Butler county a few years ago, whereby chattle mortgages and notes in duplicate, and even triplicate, were obtained from innocent farmers to the tune of some \$30,000, and sold to capitalists in Lincoln, Omaha and Chicago, esulting in great hardships and suffering to he victimized, and the recent collapse of the State Bank of Brainard, whereby many de-positors were robbed of their hard earnings, pesides the making of fictitious notes and mortgages, and swindling people east by false representations of values, as well as the Fairmont bank of the Chases, whereb another lot of confiding people were deprived of their savings, could not be practiced in our state if the state required personal nomi-nations to be made by good accountants, the

bank act.
Every man or bank authorized to receive deposits from the public should first be com-pelled to obtain a permit or charter, and be required to make a certain deposit with the state treasurer, of securites to cover all lia-bilities to depositors, besides being required to constantly keep on hand from 15 to 25 per cent of its deposits in actual cash, so that the state examiner may call at any time, unannounced, and count it, examine all its resources and liabilities, with power to order a a strict compliance with the laws. No bank or broker ought to be allowed to loan to any one person or firm more than 10 per cent of its or his capital, all notes taken to be well secured and if a note is six months past due, without payments being made, it should b from the resources and cease to be consid-

same as is now in force under the national

ered of any value. This agitation, no doubt, will create considerable opposition from all concerns that are n reality bankrupt now, and that on call for a report and examination, would be compelled to close up business; but no man in the busi-ness, who is honest, and intends to do an honest business in this line, can object to it. The present system by which reports are made to the state auditor, is of no avail, whatever, and is perfectly useless for making a true showing, as every business man know who is conversant with the actual facts. At present, a convict leaving the peni tentiary in Texas or California this week can come to Nebrasica and the next week

open a bank (not with the drill and crow-bar and receive deposits, loan money, buy and sell notes, bonds, and commercial papers, and after a while take an excursion to Canada. The next week or month after that prison bird has had a chance to plume and fly away another comes along and goes through the same performance. This is not a mere figure of imagination, if reports are true. Neither should a man be allowed to act as a broker, including the losuing on chattel and real estate mortgages, unless he can clearly es-tablish his right to pursue that line of busi-ness. It may close the doors of a good many usury sharks in Omaha, Lincoln, and even in the rural districts, but in the end the people will have more money and enjoy more confi-dence at home and abroad. Our state will become more prosperous by offering better security at home to depositors and obtain more confidence and credit abroad by strict state examinations of banks, prokers, and all money loaners and dealers in securities
BEN HAYSEED.

Drowned While Skating.

LAKE VILLAGE, N. H. Dec. 25 .-- G. H. Renon and B. L. Renon, father and son, and Ammon Veasy, were drowned in Round Bay, near here, this afternoon, while skating.

### SAUNDERS MAY BE SENATOR.

Mr. Harrison Thought to Favor Him as Manderson's Successor.

AN EYE ON SHERMAN'S SHOES.

Butterworth Ambitious to Succeed the Ohio Statesman if He is Called to the Cabinet-Laird's Condition Dangerous.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.

The New York Herald has this paragraph: You are to elect a United States senator from Nebraska this winter, aren't you?" inquired our representative of a prominent citizen of that state.

"Yes; and some interesting facts are developing in that connection. Before the presidential nomination this year it was generally conceded that Senator Manderson would be elected to succeed himself, but by the election of General Harrison, new and unexpected conditions are introduced. There was no element in the Nebraska delegation to the Chicago convention at all interested in the nomination of General Harrison, and there was nothing done by that delegation

under any obligation to Nebraska." "Well, are you going to mend that, now that the conduct of the delegation is a matter of record."

that should cause the president-elect to feel

"Certainly, but it becomes a question whether some other prominent man may not be elected in place of Senator Manderson. Mr. Alvin Saunders, who was formerly United States senator from Nebraska, has been in town, and his presence has caused some comment, because of his possible resome comment, because of his possible re-entry into public life. Russell Harrison, son of the president-elect, married the daughter of ex-Senator Saunders, and this necessarily brings the two families nearer together. It would not be surprising if Nebraska should change front for the purpose of getting a United States senator who can have the fa-vorable consideration of the administration.

SHERMAN'S SHOES. An intimate friend of Congressman But-terworth, of Ohio, said, this afternoon, in reference to the speakership contest: "Major Butterworth is not really a candidate for speaker. I know, of my own knowledge, that the Cincinnati member expects that John Sherman will be made secretary of state; and he believes that he can succeed him in the senate. The candidacy for the speaker-ship is merely a "blind." Major Butterworth is at present laying a pipe for the cau-cus nomination for the senate, and there are many reasons why he should succeed. Geomany reasons why he should succeed. Geo-graphically he is well located. He is decidedly popular, and would make an acceptable

There are a number of members of the house who are of the opinion that Major Butterworth has never been a real candidate for the speakership, and every man who is in the ruce thinks Butterworth would make a far better senator than speaker.

LAIRD'S CONDITION.

Nothing further has been heard from the bedside of Congressman Laird, but his friends here believe that he is quite as ill as the worst reports make him out to be. The trouble with Mr. Laird is that he has not the requisite physical stamina to get well. He is of that peculiar temperament which cannot stand pain or discomfort. To all outward ap-pearances he is the picture of health, but just before the session closed he was worn out by the worries of the campaign conducted at long range. The worry brought on in-somnia and insomnia was followed by a severe nervous prostration. It is from the latter difficulty that his present rouble arises. When he left Washington or Nebraska he were a troubled air, which he seemed utterly unable to shake off. Throughout the campaign he allowed every trille to ruffle him, and it is said there were weeks, during the last days of the canvass, when he did not sleep ten consecutive min-utes. It is thought now that the strain which he has forced himself to bear, without the slightest necessity therefor, has worn out his wonderful strength, and his brain has given way, from sheer inability on the part of the patient to believe that he can re-cover his health. There is a chance that the delirium accompanying the fever may serve to aid him, through the oblivion which it

will produce. DANGEROUS TO REPUBLICANS.

The military committee of the house seems to be a bad place for republicans. Colonel Steele, of Indiana, was absent for some weeks some time ago on account of illness. and General Cutcheon, of Michigan, was compelled to leave in the middle of the last session on account of insomnia, and it is said that his physicians have ordered him away again for the remainder of the present con-

gress, because of a recurrence of the same Ex-Congressman Hepburn, of Iowa, spent his Christmas in this city. He is here on private business and will remain several

C. O. Carpenter, of Omaha, is registered at the St. James. Senators Manderson and Paddock enjoyed

turkey at the table de hote in the Portland, with their families. Neither of the Nebrasia representatives in the upper house intends to ave Washington during the holidays. Congressmen McShane and Dorsey, are in Nebraska. They are expected back by next Sunday night. Penax S. Heath.

The Kilrain-Sultivan Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 .- The terms upon which Kilrain will insist in the meeting with Sullivan, are that the stakes be \$20,000 a side, open for \$25,000; that the battle is to be fought within 250 miles of any city that may be mutually agreed upon, the Kilrain representatives preferring New Orleans or Sioux City; the battle to be for the Police Gazette mamond belt, which represents the champ-onship of the world, and to take place in three or four months after signing articles. Under no conditions will Kilrain's representatives agree to sign articles unless the beit is contended for. Kilrain's representatives will insist on the referee being appointed at the posting of the final deposit in order that there be no wrangle at the ring and no flasco.

Murdered His Mother.

Muskoger, I. T., Dec. 25. - A terrible ragedy occurred Sunday night five miles west of here, on the farm occupied by a widow named Johnson and her four children. The ten-year-old son went to a neigh bors on a visit Sunday night, and when he returned home in the evening found his mother and twelve-year-old sister dead, their heads being teaten into pulp with a hoge club which lay on the flood. The three year-old baby was alive. The eldest son, aged sixteen, was not to be found, and as be is known to be rather a hard character and has had frequent quarrels with his mother, it is supposed he, in a fit of rath, committed the murders.

Base Ball Indoors.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25 .- The first attempt to play base ball indoors was made this afternoon in the main building of the Pennsylvania state fair grounds. The teams were made up of professionals wintering in this city, and were divided into teams called the "Up Town" and "Down Town." The dia-mond was rather small, but the ball used rendered run-getting rather a difficult task. About 2,000 people witnessed the game, which, taken altogether, could not be considered a glittering success. The score: Up Towns, 1; Down Towns, 6.

Weather Indications.

Nebraska and Iowa: Fair, preceded by light snow in Iowa; colder, northerly Dakota: Fair, continued low temperature, followed Wednesday by slightly warmer,