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, Ky. 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 harrowing in the

The boat had reached a point which was 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

As soon as the fire was discovered En gineer 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 their lives.

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 they 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 help 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 taken care of, and doctors and others

came to their assistance and tried to alleviate their sufferings. The City and Central hotels and private houses threw open their doors to the ill-fated people and fed and clothed them until this morning. The survivors 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 doors, 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, barkeepers; 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 these who were badly burned are DAN CARROLL, Steward, JIM O'NEILL, deckhand. John Gibbons, sailorman.

Louis Welch, roustabout, and a number 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 coustabouts, and eleven belonging to the Josie W., which had been laid up at Monroe

Of these thirty-three are known 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,

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 but a short distance above town when a end. The flames were twisting and sweeping all about him. He tried to reach th bow, but dropped and burned to death before 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 maniacs, and others, screaming at the top of their voices, threy 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 clouded 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 diffi 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 beat 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 mine 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 t the shore, but it nappened to be boggy and he was seen to make frantic endeavors to extri cate himself without avail. The burning boat was fast nearing him, and while he was br his knees in the mud, he put his hands up to protect his back from the intense heat. I 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 him and placed a box between him and the 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 healf an hour after being research. bank. One man went

An Ocean Steamer Burned. SEATTLE, W. T., Dec. 25 .- Five and perhaps seven lives are believed to have been 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 explosion. There were thirty-six people on board three miles from shore.

at the time, and the vessel was 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 Taoma, saw the fire and crowded on full steam to come to the steamer's assistance. Her crew succeeded in rescuing people from the water seven 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 Colby.

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

And two women and a man, whose names

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, staying 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 afternoon 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.

MARRIEREAD, Mass., Dec. 25.-12:30 a. m. -Marblehead 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, a 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 Danici Broden, George Church and Thomas Falls, Metcalf's box factory, and other buildings. Two families lived in Power's block, where the fire originated, but fortunately escaped. Nearly the same locality was burned over about twelve years ago. The first fire started in nearly the same place Many of to-night's victims wer were

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

A \$350,000 Fire at Cincinnati. CINCINNATI, Dec. 25 .- A fire which orignated 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 buildng 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 flames bounding over a large area. The fire department worked with desperation, but lespute their efforts the works of the Budd Street Furniture company, Central Furni-ture association and Queen Twine company were soon in flames. From these buildings the fire spread rapidly to the adjacent dwell-ings, and several were destroyed before the remen could subdue this conflagration. The total losses aggregate about \$350,000 with an insurance about half. Three firemen were quite seriously injured.

Train Robbers at Work. TRUCKER, Cala , Dec. 25. The express car on the cast 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 simultaneously, and two revolvers thrust through, covering the messengers. Johnson was compelled to open the door and let the nen in. One robber then covered the mes took from the safe all the coin packages, which he placed in a bag. The men then jumped 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 iorsemen started in pursuit. Two tramps have been arrested on suspicion. The amount of the less is not known, but is reported to be several thousand dollars, at express representatives say \$1,000 will cover it.

Endorses Boulanger.

Paris, Dec. 25.—General Boulanger's cause has received an immense socession 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 momentions election campaign. The ministers feel the danger acutely and to-day they held a council at Elysee to consider how to face the situation. General Montalban's election address is a frank espousal of the Boulanger programme. He denounces the chamber of 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 multia acted promptly, and to-night five of the ring caders 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 Seven-

teen Years.

A Mother's Plea for Pardon. DES MOINES, 1a., Dec. 25 .- | Special to THE BRE. |-In Oswego, N. Y., about twenty years ago was born a boy whose life for the past five years has been one unbroken series of misfortunes, such as even in this world of sorrow are seidom 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 n 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 paster 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 terrible 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' bills. 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 service ended 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 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 returned 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 raved in deliruim, and weeks passed away before he could leave his room. At this time came the shocking intelligence that his mother had been sent to Michigan a pauper, 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 illness a great deal of expense had necessarily been incurred, and he now endeavored to ge 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 ap-proached him, and requested him to buy a re-volver and watch chain of him, claiming to pe far from home and without money. Ches ter 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 possession. 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 unlawful. 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 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. But

approaching the house in the early morning he 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 if 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 fied 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 overcam his resolution, and forced him to seek food. He left his retreat, went near the house of a former employer and watched for an oppor tunity to get into the house unobserved. At length 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 he had been sent to jail. Passing out of the house he concealed himself in some shrubbery in the garden until 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 wraj himself up. About this time he also entered a hardware store through an open window and took some bags of shot in order to kil game to support himself in the woods. No

posed death and the sad circumstances at tending it, had driven him to desperation. Previous to this he had been in a listless,

Previous to this he had been in a listness, 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 persection

time his so-called trial came off. His perse-cutors selected the jury. He was not al-lowed in the court room. The mob, terrified at the idea of justice being visited on them in case of his acquittal, resorted to the most

distardly means to secure his conviction. His attorney, in a weak, half-hearted way, entered a plea of not guilty, and the whole proceedings were conducted in the plainest violation of the law and the constitution

The result of

the state.

have been captured, but their names are withheld. From the prisoners just taken it is learned that George Maury, Cash Maury game to support himself in the woods. Not being strong enough to carry it all, he left it 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 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 captured the next day. When found, he was handcuffed and dragged through the streets of Preston with a rope around his neck, and a drunken, infuriated mob howling around him and threatening to lynch him. A gentleman made his way through the and George Coleman were wounded in th Christmas in New York City. New York, Dec. 25. - Such a Christma day with bright sunshine and warm air as New York has had to-day is not remembered by the oldest inhabitant. On Fifth avenue and Upper Broadway there was a gay scene a drunken, infuriated mob howling around him and threatening to lynch him. A gentleman made his way through the brutal crowd, and, with revolver in hand, rescued the boy from mob violence. But for this timely aid he would probably have been hanged. He was immediately taken to jail, and while awaiting trial, received a letter from his mother, whose supposed death and the sad circumstances at of promenaders. Two big feasts were given to newsboys by the charitably disposed. They are an abundance of turkey. The prisoners in the city institution did likewise. Crazy From Drink. CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 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 he struck, Edward Ames, drew a knife and killed his assailant.

Saved by the River. NEW CUMBERLAND, W. Va., Dec. 25 .- A fire, originating from a natural gas jet, de lestroyed W. A. Scott's drug and jewelry store last night, together with Prasser's lewelry store, a barber shop, four dwellings and several other buildings. The river cut the fire off from the rest of the town, and was its only salvation. Total loss \$15,000

CROWNED WITH LAURELS. The Emperor Receives An Enthusias

tic Welcome at Bredentows.

miserable farce was a sentence of seventeen and one-half years in the penitentiary at hard labor, and in less than three hours after the

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

tion and displaying a remarkably calm, philosophical mind. All who have visited the

penitentiary are impressed with his manly

Burglars at Missouri Valley.

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

their escape. They are supposed to be now

FOR THE POOR.

Distribution of Presents From the

Post-Dispatch Christmas Tree.

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

scene at the Exposition building to-day, the

occasion being the distribution of presents to

children of the poor from the Post-Dispatch

Christmas tree, for which a fund of nearly

\$10,000 had been subscribed by the general

public. The subscriptions were started with

a 10 cent contribution, with no idea of the

magnitude the affair was to assume, and the result far exceeded the most sanguing

position building were blocked with hu-manity. The Cavalry depot band, by per-

entertainment and it will be utilized for pu

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 anarchists

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 Gr ttkan, who, the supreme court

of Wisconsin has 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

"if Christ Himself came here to-day, and

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

lano, 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 wool schedule pending before the senate fails to afford adequate protection, and it is to consider the question of relief that the

Bogardus Defeated.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25 .- A shooting match

ook piece here to-day between Captain A

H. Bogardus and Al. Bandle of this city. It

was at 100 live birds, Burlingham rules, ex-

ept in the case of Bandle, whose gun was :

nine and a half pound ten gauge gun. The score was: Bandle 100, Bogardus 95. Bo-gardus used a seven and a half pound gun.

Latest Advices From Wahalak.

Wahalak, Miss., the scene of the race troub

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Sr. Louis, Dec. 25.-Latest advices from

tional and state associations at Washingto

preached the doctrine of communism

from recent events, be hanged."

osity shop with each day.

meeting is called.

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not a time for a discussion of "economics.

in Omaha.

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

court convened, Chester Turney was on the road to Anamosa to be incarcerated in a dun-Berlin, Dec. 25,-[Special Telegram to goon for seventeen and one-half years for taking something to eat, 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-THE BEE. |- The burden of Christmas comment of the press and pulpit reverts to the auxeties prevalent at the same period for the last three years, and to the existing prospects sanity.

This poor, innocent boy has now been wearfor peace. The weather has not been Christ-This poor, innocent boy has now been wearing 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 over the state, telling her sorrows and endeavoring to enlist sympathy for her boy. Her mas 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 distributed. The household efficials of the empress and Dowager Empress Augusta made unusually large purchases for distribution story seemed so strange that many pronounced it a fiction and heeded it no further. Some, among the poor. 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 Iowa have, at the solicitation of Mrs. Turney's frieads, recently given her passes over the

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."

The staff appointments for the Emin relief expedition will be necessarily delayed until the government's plans assume more definite shape.

In connection with the report that the govappearance and brave endeavor to bear up under his terribic fate, but the trials of his young life are rapidly exhausting his vital energy, and it is probable that only a speedy release will prevent his early death. 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,

partner was sleeping in the store at the time of the robbery, but was not aroused. There Prince Bismarck ignores the appeal of Sir R. D. Morier, British ambassador at St. is no clue as to whom the robbers were and no Petersburg, to authorize the official contraarrests have been made.
While Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich were at diction of the charges recently made by the church burglars entered their house and took all the valuables they could lay their hands on and stole several articles of wear-Cologne Gazette, of his having anti-German leanings, and of having, while at Darmstadt in 1870, sent the first news of the advance of ing apparel. It is supposed that the same parties robbed both places and have made 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 ob jects of the attack are attained, he may order that a more aggressive attitude be assumed.

Herr Bleicherordo, the banker, privately entered Friederichsruhe yesterday. It is surmised that his business is for the purpose of consulting with Prince Bismarck in regard to coming imperial loans. Immediately after the visit a Frankfort syndicate, which 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 mpossible within German territory.

expectations of the projectors. Fully 15,000 children received presents and for hours the streets in the vicinity of the ex-More changes are made in high military commands. General Winterfeldt, governor mission of the secretary of war, furnished the music. There will be a fund of several thousand dollars remaining from to-day's of Mayence, has been retired, General Reib netz replacing him. Since the emperor be gan the work of reforming the service sixtyfive generals have been placed on the retired

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 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 Lebel rifle at the disposal of the czar 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 Mann licher rifle nor the German repeater is smoke less, 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, resulting in great hardships, and suffering to the victimized, and the recent collapse of the State Bank of Brainard, whereby many deositors were robbed of their hard earnings, esides 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, whereby another lot of confiding people were deprived of their sayings, could not be practiced in our state if the state required personal nominations to be made by good accountants, the same as is now in force under the national

Every man or bank authorized to receive deposits from the public should first be compelled to obtain a permit or charter, and be required to make a certain deposit with the state treasurer, of securites to cover all liabilities 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, un-announced, 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 be stricken the resources and cease to be consid-

ered of any value.

This agitation, no doubt, will create considerable opposition from all concerns that are

in reality bankrupt now, and that on call for

a report and examination, would be compelled to close up business; but no man in the business, who is honest, and intends to do an nonest 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 t true showing, as every business man knows who is conversant with the actual facts. At present, a convict leaving the peni-tentiary in Texas or California this week can come to Nebraska 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 imagnation, if reports are true. Neither should a man be allowed to act as a broker including the losning on chattel and real estate mortgages, unless he can clearly establish 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 Our state will become more prosperous by offering better security at home to depositors and obtain more confidence and credit abroad by strict

Drowned White Skating.

BEN HAYSEED.

state examinations of banks, prokers, and all

money loaners and dealers in securities

LAKE VILLAGE, N. H. Dec. 25 .- G. B. Renon and B. L. Renon, father and son, and Ammon Vensy, 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 OMARA ISER, 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 preminent citizen of that state.

"Yes; and some interesting facts are do veloping 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 that should cause the president-elect to feel under any obligation to Nebraska."

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

"Certainly, but tit 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 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 shorts. An intimate friend of Congressman Buterworth, 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 speakership is merely a "blind." Major Butter-worth is at present laying a pipe for the caucus nomination for the senate, and there are many 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 race thinks Butterworth would make a far better senator than speaker.

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 appearances 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 a severe nervous prostration. It is from the latter difficulty that his present trouble arises. When he left Washington for Nebraska he wore 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 minutes. 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 reover his health. There is a chance that the delirium accompanying the fever may serve to aid him, through the oblivion which it

will produce. 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 DANGEROUS TO REPUBLICANS. 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 is Christmas in this city. He is here on 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 Nebraska representatives in the upper house intends to leave Washington during the holidays.

Congressmen McShane and Dorsey, are in chraska. They are expected back by next Nebraska. Sunday night. PERRY S. HEATH.

The Kilrain-Sullivan 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 200 miles of any city that may be mutually agreed upon, the Kilrain repre-sentatives preferring New Orleans or Sioux City; the battle to be for the Police Gazette iamond belt, which represents the champ-onship of the world, and to take place in bree or four months after signing articles. Under no conditions will Kilrain's represen-tatives agree to sign articles unless the belt s 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.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 25. - A terrible tragedy 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 he 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 diamond 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 lowa: Fair, preceded by light snow in lowa; colder, northerly winds. Dakota: Fair, continued low temperature,

followed Wednesday by slightly warmer, variable winds.