ROUGH TIME ON SHIPPING

Severe Gales Cause Many Wrecks Off the English Coast.

ENTIRE CREW OF TWENTY-FOUR LOST

Men on Several Other Stranded Vessels Taken Off by Life Saving Crews-Storms Inland Delay Railway Traffic.

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- Severe weather has prevailed throughout Great Britain since Saturday, the heavy gale being accompanied by Boggs, which salled from Taltall, August 15, every soul on board of her, twenty-four in the fall, were drowned. The ship was caught in the gale in the Irish sea. The captain evidently thought to run to Holyhead and wait trades unionists of London. Some of his adsacre of Christians in the Sassoun district of dently thought to run to Holyhead and wait dresses have been translated into the prin-for the storm to abate. Shortly before 3:30 cipal languages and largely circulated. In this morning the keeper of the lighthouse at the seaward end of the long breakwater saw him the cross of the Legion of Honor. He the seaward end of the long breakwater saw a bark come out of the gloom with her lights burning brightly and under close storm canvas. The wind was blowing a liv-ing gale and a terrific sea was running before it. The bark, however, was making as good weather of it as was possible and was apparently being handled in a most care-

How the accident occurred is not exactly She struck amidships and immediately began to break up, the sea pounding at her furiously the moment she became stationary. The lighthouse keeper, as soon as he realized what had occurred, fired a rocket to call the coast guardsmen and life boat men. In the meantime the bark had broken into halves. the mainmast going by the board. In its fall it struck several of the crew, who were on the deck, killing them instantly. Others of the crew had clambered into the fore and mizzenmast rigging to escape being washed overboard by the huge combers that were making a clean breach over the wreck.

The coast guardsmen were the first to

reach the scene, and were followed soon after by the life boat men. Above the howl-ing of the gale could be heard the cries of the men on the bark for assistance. The crast guards got a line abourd the wreck and it was caught by one of the crew. Before he could make it fast the fore and mizzenmasts were whipped off close to the deck and everybody in their rigging fell with them into the sea and were drowned. The sailor who had caught the line was crushed to death under one of the falling masts.

After the masts had gone by the board all was silence on the wreck, and those on the breakwater knew that all hands on the bark had perished. In a short time nothing was visible seaward but broken spars and a raffle of rigging attached to them. During the day nine bodies were recovered. The identity of the bark was learned from some of her papers that were washed ashore. Os-seo was commanded by Captain R. Boggs. She was a steel vessel of 1.390 tops and was She was a steel vessel of 1,390 tons and was built in 1889 at Londonderry, from which port she hailed. Her dimensions were: Length, 245 feet 3 inches; beam, 36 feet 9 B. H. McCorkle was her owner

The Norwegian ship, Frey, Captain Han off Troon, was dismasted. Her crew were taken off in a life boat. T The boat capsized The British bark, Bonita, Captain Thomas from Galveston, was run into off Falmouth this morning by the schooner, Carrie Har-vey, and was damaged.

A dispatch from Londonderry says nothing

has been heard of the Mississippi and Do-minion line steamer, Sarnia, which lost her rudder at sea, and which, after being taken in tow, was dropped about 130 miles west of Tory island, owing to heavy weather. Owing to the gale in the English channel the Ostend mail steamer was unable to leave

A coasting schooner was dismasted off Cromer. Four life boats started out to rescue her crew. It was extremely danger ous for the life boats to approach her, and twelve hours elapsed before the crew were taken off and landed. The storm inland has done some damage. Trains have been blocked by heavy snow drifts, and in many places in Scotland the telegraph wires are

NEED OF MORE REVENUE.

Taxes at Colon and Panama. NEW YORK, Dec. 30 .- In reference to the Colon dispatch received Friday night, stating that after the 1st of January Panama and Colon would cease to be free ports, and that a duty would be collected of 10 per cent ad valorem on all imports, officials of the Panama Railway company say that while they as yet have received no official notification of the proposed action by the Co lombian government, they have been advised unofficially that such a tax was proposed. Of course, they said, they would protest against such a tax, which, owing to local conditions, would be a very heavy one, on the principle that it would tend to restrict trade. opinion was expressed that if work was ac-tively resumed on the Panama canal, as proposed, it would be absolutely necessary to import supplies at any cost. But unless this work were resumed it was very likely that the trade of the country would be killed. The impression in the office of the Panama Railroad company was that Coombia was using every means in its power to increase its revenue in anticipation of the resumption of work on the canal, the mines, etc., and to have increased resources as precautionary measures in the event of the possible changes in the government.

The published statements that \$80,000 had by

bananas, but this plan was wisely given up, as it would have killed the industry, which is the principal one of the country. It goes the principal one of the country. to show the efforts that have been made to crease the country's revenue.

At the office of the Panama Canal com-any Mr. Boyard, who is the representative pany Mr. Boyard, who is the representation of the canal company here, knew nothing of the canal company the protest of his comthe proposed tax or the protest of his com-pany. He said, however, that it was pos-sible, in the event of such tax being imposed, that a protest would be issued from language of the globe-will protest in tones the offices of the new Panama company in that cannot be mistaken against the slaugh-

PARIS, Dec. 39 .- A judicial inquiry into French Southern Railway company has revealed another financial scandal, and warrants have been issued for the arrest of a number of contractors, bankers and politicians. The question of the relations of the government to this company was debated in the Chamber of Deputies on December 22 last, when the government narrowly excaped defeat. The matter indirectly led to the harmless duel between Dr. Barthou, minister of public works, and M. Jaures, the so-calist leader who had accused the government of seeking to protect a number of exploiters, which statement Dr. Barthou branded as a lie. French Southern Railway company has re-

the interior, has entered a formal denial

local officers of Cuba to make up the budget of tariff duties, afterward submitting to the government for aproval.

FAVOR AN ARBITRATION TREATY. Over Three Hundred Members of the Commons Sign the Petition.

LONDON, Dec. 31.-The Dally News says the signatures to a memorial which William R. Creamer, M. P., will present to President STATEMENT OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD Cleveland and the American congress in favor of an arbitration treaty between Great Britain, and the United States, are those of unofficial members of the House of Commons Three hundred and forty-five members signed the memorial, and the number would have been increased had the members of the go ernment been invited to sign it. Most of the liberal and Irish and a fair number of unionists signed it. The intention is to use the memorial to assist in the adoption of Senator Allison's resolution. If this resoluhall and snow, rendering navigation along the coasts both difficult and dangerous. All to believe that the British government would vecsels that could do so made for havens of readily enter into negotiations for an arbitration. Some of them, however, did not tration treaty. Mr. Creamer will sail for succeed in reaching port, but were wrecked He has long been an advocate of arbitration when almost in sight of safety. This was the case of the British bark Osseo, Captain been secretary of the International Arbitration league, and editor of the society's organ, for Androssan. She made the long voyage safely until this morning, when she was wrecked on the Holyhead breakwater and was the first secretary of the Interna-

POWERFUL IN RETIREMENT.

sits in the House of Commons for the Hag-gerston division of Shoreditch, in the inter-

est of the liberals.

Times Warns the Porte that His Influence

May Be Far Reaching. LONDON, Dec. 31 .- In a leader this mornknown, but it is surmised an extraordinarily high sea lifted her when she was quite close to the breakwater and dashed her upon it. be well for Turkey to reflect, in her own interest, that in the Armenian matter Mr. Gladstone, with little personal effort and no personal ambition whatever, might play the part of blind old Dandelo. He has the whole British public opinion behind him, and if the Porte defied all Europe his appeal would be capable of producing all, perhaps more than all, the effect he contemplates as merely contingent."

The Times' remarks were called forth by the speech made yesterday by Mr. Gladstone to a deputation from a meeting of the Anglo-Armenian association and other Ar-menian organizations who waited on the expremier at Hawarden.

Severe Storms in Germany. BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Gales, accompanied by snow, prevail in northern Germany. An un-

snow, prevail in northern Germany. An un-usually high tide in the River Elbe has flooded the low lying parts of Cuxhaven and Hamburg. Two bodies have been washed ashore in the lower Elbe. Enormous dam-age has been done along the North sea coasts. Many vessels, badly damaged, have been towed into Bremer Haven.

Bark Sunk by a Steamer. GIBRALTAR, Dec. 30.—The British steamer Oxford, from Palermo for New York, has arrived with some of her plates damaged. She reports having been in collision with the French bark Marie Louise. The bark was so badly damaged that she sank. Five of her crew were drowned.

Government Narrowly Escaped Defeat. ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 30.—The president's casting vote only carried the government's bank note bill through the upper house. The debate continued until 2 o'clock this morning. Amendments were adopted which will necessitate the bill being again sent to the lower house.

ROME, Dec. 30.—The pope today gave an audience to Prince Lobanoff, who formally announced the accession of Czar Nicholas to the throne of Russia. Subsequently Car-dinal Rampolli, pontifical secretary of state, returned the visit on behalf of the pope and conferred on the prince the grand cross of the Order of Christ.

Wazeriri Have Been Subdued. BOMBAY, Dec. 30.-Reports just received here indicate that the Wazeriri tribemen who lately attacked the escort of the British commission engaged in delimiting the Punjab frontier, have been completely beaten, and no longer prove a menace to the British forces.

Churchill's Condition Improved LONDON, Dec. 30.-Lord Randolph Churchill is still conscious. The hemorhage which caused the pressure upon the brain having temporarily ceased, the im-provement of his condition is maintained.

Broke the Record to Halifax. HALIFAX, Dec. 30.-The steamer Labra dor, which arrived from Liverpool last evening, made the passage in six days and five hours, which is the fastest ever made to this port from Liverpool.

Socialists Elect a Deputy BRUSSELS, Dec. 30.—M. Smeets, a social-st, has been elected a member of the

Called to Form a Hungarian Cablact. BUDA-PEST, Dec. 30.—Emperor Fram Josef today requested Count Khuen Heder vary to form a cabinet.

DEPEW TALKS TO ARMENIANS.

With Good Government They Would Soon Be a Great People.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 .- Chauncey M. pew tonight delivered an address on the 'Armenian Atrocities.'' Addresses were also nade by Rev. Dr. David H. Greer, Rev. Abraham Yohannon, an Armenian, and Rev. Dr. McGraw. Dr. Depew began by saying that the year 1894 had been a peculiarly us happy one. The world had been visited dur-ing the year by revolutions, both social and financial. But the crowning cause of un happiness and the one which left a bloody stain upon the history of the year was the murder of the helpless Armenians by the

to begin the new year with a protest against the outrages at Sassoun. "The peace of Europe is only maintained

been appropriated for the transportation of troops was regarded as very significant of the government's efforts toward rages by the Turkish government, which claims they are in a state of insurrection and that is their only excuse for the government's efforts toward preventing and that is their only excuse to possible trouble. One proposition made and that is their only excuse to long ago was to impose an export tax on butchery. But the very nature of the Arbon ago was to impose an export tax on but this plan was wisely given up, menians show this is not so. The Arbon are the New Englanders of the east. They have that sturdiness, thrift, the desire for education, that are so character-iatic of the early New Englanders. With these attributes, if they only had good government, the Armenians would become one of the strongest and most prosperous na-tions of the earth. At Washington all may be silent, but America, with 65,000,000 voices in a language of her own—the universal language of the globe—will protest in tones

> ter of our fellow Christians."
> Among the audience were 300 Armenians. Resolutions were passed by the meeting, expressing good will and heartfelt support to their Christian brethren in England and the continuat who are endeavoring to investigate the outrages and to bring the perpetrators of them to justice. Letters were also read from Bishop Codman and Bishop Potter.

North Carolinians Will Aid Nebraska RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 30 .- A call was is sued today for a mass meeting of the citithe statement which recently emanated zens of this place for the purpose of secur-tom Washington to the effect that a plan ing food and supplies to be sent to the desti-tate districts in Nebraska.

OPENED FOREIGNERS' MAIL

Turkish Government Examines All Letters Coming Into the Country.

Christian Periodicals in Turkey Compelled to Print the Government Denials of Outrages Against Armenians-No Interference by Kurds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The following statements with reference to the districts of Armenia where Christian missionaries are stationed was today issued by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mis-

"Official letters sent recently from the coms of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign missions, containing accounts relating to the European-Turkey missions, were opened by the Turkish officials. The letters were subsequently delivered, but with the Turkish word "Examine" written on the envelope. This indicates that the Turkish government is attempting eastern Turkey became public, after more than two months of suppression on the part of the Turkish officials, the Ottoman government was alarmed at the widespread publi-cations in the American and English press. Under pressure from foreign powers, the Sultan agreed to send a commissioner to investigate and report upon the outrages. In view of this promise of the government, the representatives of the European powers at Constantinople decided to wait for the report before taking any positive action. But after this decision by the powers, and while they were waiting for the departure of the sultan's committee, which had been appointed and which was to make full and impartial investigations of all the affairs reported by the English consul, as well as by many individuals from the Sassoun district, the Turkish government gave out the following official statement of the case, which state-ment was printed in the papers of Constanrefuse to print the statement under penalty of immediate suspension. Hence the Christian periodicals were compelled to print

what they knew to be false."

The statement is as follows: "Some of the European papers have stated, contrary to the truth, that a few Armenian villages have been destroyed, and in the meantime persons have been massacred by the Turkish soldiers in the district of Sassoun. Others, in order to magnify these reports, have asserted that the news of the outrage was pre-vented from leaking out by the obstacles the government put in the way of travelers from

"The subjects of the empire in the Sassoun district are quietly engaged with their business, and the people travel wherever they wish in perfect safety.

BANDITS CAUSED THE TROUBLE. "Some Armenian bandits, being induced by agitators, began lately in and about Sassoun to disturb the peace and comfort of the people by murdering, plundering and blocking the highways. In order to put an end to such disasters, the government em-ployed the necessary means and consequently ordered out a sufficient body of im-perial soldiers of the Fourth army corps, Thus, the extension of the revolt being checked, the troops were withdrawn to their headquarters.

"There was no interference by the Kurds, but, as stated above, some Armenian bandits having ventured to disorderly actions, the Fourth imperial army corps and also the governor of Bittlis undertook to investigate as to the facts, and subsequently a commission of inquiry was appointed, composed of Abdallah Pasha, Eomer Bey, Medjid Effendi and Hafez Tevfik Pash, who will start this week by steamer to the scene of the trouble.
"In general, the sublime porte will never
allow such outrages to be perpetrated upon his subjects as published in foreign papers.'

GROUNDING OF THE CINCINNATI.

Findings of the Court in the Case of Cap

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-Secretary Her bert has made public the findings of the court of inquiry in the case of the grounding of the Cincinnati on November 16 off Execution rock, Long Island sound, and his own action in the matter. The court found that when the vessel neared the point where she struck Captain Glass was obliged to leave the deck orders to the navigator, Lieutenant S. C. Dillingham, the pilot, B. F. Arcularist, and the officer of the deck, Ensign Roger Wells, jr., governing them during his ab-sence, and leaving Dillingham, assisted by the pilot, in charge of the navigation of the vessel. The ship was then headed on a safe course. The grounding is reported as due to an error in judgment of the pilot (one of the oldest and most experienced in New York) and of the navigator in estimating the distance of the ship from the United States shoals, on which she struck. The pilot's error caused the grounding and-con tributing in a large degree to the results were these established facts: The speed of the ship was not reduced by the navigato on approaching the shoals, remaining too great for accurate soundings; that the officer of the deck neglected to station a landsmar on the port side, and that the captain on leaving the deck did not place in charge the officer next in lineal rank. The court was of the opinion that further proceedings should be had in the cases of Pilot Arcularist Captain Glass, Lieutenant Dillingham and Ensign Wells, but as it did not say what the proceedings should be, Judge Advocate Lamly, in reviewing its report, reported that the interests of the service do not require the trial of any of the officers. In endorsing the record Secretary Herbert emphasizes the fact that the presence of the pilot does not relieve officers of responsibility, and says that it is clear that the same degree of caution was not exercised by the fficers in navigating the ship as if there had been no pilot on board. He finds that the captain was particularly censurable for continuing to run his ship at such speed in

CUT OFF THE BACK PAY.

for the Time Served.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The three new enators who will be elected to fill the vacancles in the states of Washington, Wyoming and Montana, will probably not be paid the back salaries which have heretofore been paid to senators elected or appointed to fill vacancies. They were cut out by an express provision in the legislative appropriation bill of the last session, which, t is believed, will put an end to this prac-ice for the future. Under the system which prevailed heretofore each man chosen would have received the pay for the entire term of six years, notwithstanding two years of the time had already elapsed. The new provision will therefore work as a saving to the government of \$30,000 in this instance

NO MORE STAMP ALBUMS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The opinion of the solicitor of the treasury to the effect that it is unlawful to have in possession or use plates for the printing of postage stamps of the solicitor of the treasury to the effect that it is unlawful to have in possession or use plates for the printing of postage stamps gold watch. n the similitude of those issued by foreign governments will be acted upon at once. No

printed will be selzed. It is an astonishing fact that the penalty imposed by law for the counterfeiting of foreign stamps is much more according to the foreign stamps is much more according to the foreign stamps is much below the foreign stamps is much below the foreign stamps in the foreign stamps is much below that one more body was found in the ruins. the counterfeiting of foreign stamps is much more severe than for counterfeiting United States stamps. In the case of foreign stamps the penalty is not less than two or more than Delevan House at Albany Entirely Deten years' imprisonment, white for the counterfeiting of United States stamps the penalty is a fine of not more than \$5,000 or not more than five years' imprisonment, or both.
The United States court might impose a fine
of \$1 or one day's imprisonment for violations of our own law and come within the

law, while the minimum penalty as to foreign stamps is two years' imprisonment, SATULLI DEDICATED A CHURCH.

Cardinal Gibbons and Many Other Dignitaries Present.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.-Archbishop Satolli and Cardinal Gibobns took part today in the imposing ceremony attending the dedica- ter of all big state political events for forty tion of St. Paul's Catholic church. Besides years past, was destroyed by fire tonight. At the cardinal and papal delegate there were 8:30, when the political headquarters of both Richards, priest of the Georgetown college; from different parts of the house caused Father Sharretti, secretary to the papal delegate, and about thirty other ecclesiastics of burst of flames before an alarm could be Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and elsewhere. Letters had been received from Archbishops Corrigan, Ireland, Ryan, and from many bishops. The new church is one together with the fact that it represents the life work of its pastor, Father Mackin, brought about the unusual gathering of church dignitaries. At 19 o'clock Cardinal Gibbons performed the dedication services, concluding with a brief address congratulating the congregation on having such a struc-ture. Pontifical high mass was then cele-brated, with Mgr. Satolli as the celebrant. His throne of rich purple drapery was at the right of the sanctuary, while opposite was the heavily draped scarlet throne of the cardinal. These, with the two richly robed heads of the church, and back of them the several bishops in their purple gowns and the priests and deacons and servers, formed a most impressive scene. Archbishop Satolli was assisted in saying mass by Rev. Father Gillespie, with Father Schmidt as deacon, and Father Dycer of Baltimore as subdeacon. Besides these assistants the papal delegate was attended by two deacons of honor, Rev. Father Richards and Rev. Father Stephan. The sermon was preached by Bishop Curtis.

WILL PUSH WORK IN THE SENATE.

Disposition to Accomplish Something in the Remaining Two Months.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- Both houses of congress will resume their sessions on Thursday next, and it is believed there will be a more determined effort to press forward the die. work of the session for the next two months whether the appropriations committee shall desire to supplant it with the pensions or fortifications bill, on with any other appropriation bill, after the other bills shall be reported from the committee. The probabilities are that the Nicaragua bill will not be displaced for the present. Senator Morgan has been devoting the holidays to the preparation of a reply to Senator Turple's attack upon the canal bill, and his friends expect him to make a vigorous and exhaustive defense of the measure. He will probably speak an entire day, and possibly two or three days.

Treasury Receipts and Expenditures.

Treasury Receipts and Expenditures. 112,952, and the disbursements \$27,282,783, leaving a deficit for the month of \$5,959,821 and for the fiscal year to date of \$28,254,963.

LEGAL FIGHT FOR MILLIONS.

Strange Allegations Concerning an Insane Person.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 30 .- In the William H. King case, counsel for Mrs. F. A. Webster Ross, who claims that the insane milionaire now confined at Butler hospital is not William H. King, but another man, to weeks' delay in filing affidavits in support of her claim. In answer to this requist, George her claim. In answer to this requist, George Gordon King, guardian for the millionaire, read some sensational affidavits. That of A. H. Huse of Salem, Mass, said that Mrs. Ross boarded at his höuse at times between the latter part of 1888 and February, 1891, and that she passed under the name of Mrs. Black. In February, 1891, Mrs. Ross brought to the house in Salem an aged lady named Marie Phoebe Dowle, whom Mrs. Ross said she had brought north to use as a witness in a property case. About six months afterward, however, Mrs. Ross left the aged lady wholly dependent upon Huse for support.

port.

Mrs. Emil Vandorn Miller, a widow of Washington, D. C., deposed that she never heard that Mrs. Ross had any relatives answering to the description of William H. King. Mrs. Miller then says Mrs. Ross has become insane over the question of property and inheritance of large estates. The case was finally continued until Thursday.

MAY CONTEST THE WILL.

Heirs of the Late James Fair Not Pleased

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—It has been freely asserted since the publication of Senator Fair's will that there will be a contest unless such action should be construed as dangerous to the contestants by reason of the forfeiture clause in the will. The attorneys interested have not yet concluded whether the clause is absolute and binding. Charles L. Fair says that he has not yet given a thought to a contest, but his off-hand idea is that there will be no contest so far as he is concerned. Mrs. Charles L. Fair says that she has no reason to be dissatisfied with her faiter-in-law's provision for her husband. She said she did not marry young Fair for his money, and that they have been very happy without wealth. An autopsy over the remains of Senator Fair held by the doctors demonstarted that death had resulted from kidney disease. The body will be embalmed and the funeral will take place next Sunday from Grace church. the forfeiture clause in the will. The attor-

WRECKED BY NATURAL GAS.

Six Persons Badly Injured at Elwood

ELWOOD, Ind., Dec. 50.- The building i which Milo Zeis' barber shop and lodgings are located was wrecked today by a natural gas explosion. Six persons were badly injured: Milo Zeis, head and face cut; Fred Belzner, head, face and hands cut; Harry Goatee, badly bruised, gush in head; Alf Anderson, badly bruised, internal injuries; Jerry Claxton, leg broken; Charles Hand, leg broken.

NEWAYUGA, Mich., Dec. 30.—Charles White and his 6-year-old son were cremated by the burning of their dwelling this morning. His wife and three children had escaped, and White could have done so, but persisted in trying to save their other child, who was on an upper fleor.

Spent His Money on Speculation. HNDSON, N. Y., Dec. 30.—W. F. Roseman, r., bookkeeper of the National Hudson River bank of this city, was arrested last night on the charge of embezzling \$10,000. He confessed to taking the amount, and said he had spent the money in stock speculation in Wall street,

shot by Burglars. CLEVELAND, Dec. 20.-Burglars visited

Cigar Stub Caused a Big Uire. BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 30.-The city more so-called stamp albums containing stamps of these kinds will be allowed to be printed. The cuts from which these are cigar stub carelessly used caused the fire.

stroyed Last Night.

ONE KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED Flames Spread with Wonderful Rapidity

and Guests Saved Absolutely Nothing -Fears that Help May Not All Have Escaped.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 30 .- The Delevan house, the Mecca of politicians and the cenpresent Bishop Keane of the Catholic uni- Mr. Fish and Mr. Maltby were filled with versity, Dr. Curtis of Delaware, Father politicians and newspaper men, cries of fire given was appalling. Up the elevator shaft shot a solid column of flames, which spread quickly to each of the five floors. Fortuof the handsomest in Washington, and this, nately, the guest list was not very large and the majority of those registered were politicians and were down on the second floor. There was a rush for the stairs in the front and the servants stairs in the back, where the flames had not yet reached, and in a few minutes there was a tumbling mass of humanity down these two means of egress. Those on the two upper floors could not avail themselves of these exits, for the flames were rushing along the corridors and people on the street who had not yet seen the flames heard a crash of glass and saw figures come tumbling out of the windows.

Within ten minutes after the first note of alarm, at least twelve persons were daugling on the insufficient rope fire escapes or hang-ing to the window sills. The department ar-rived quickly, but it took some time to get ladders up and in the meantime some of the people had dropped to the street. JUMPED TO HER DEATH.

On the right side of the building there appeared at the window, surrounded by smoke, a man and woman. The man had hold of the woman, trying to persuade her to wait for help, but she broke away and sprang out. She struck a balcony and re-bounded to the street. The man waited for a ladder and was taken down in safety. His name is H. A. Foakes and he represents a cash register company in Dayton, O. The woman was his wife, and she will probably

In ex-Speaker Maltby's room, which was to than has characterized the proceedings during the month which has elapsed. The necessary citement. About twenty politicians were work of the session is the passage of the appropriation bills, of which there are fourteen. None have passed the senate, and only five have received the sanction of the house. It is in order for the senate for take up any reported appropriation bill at any time, and whether the Nicaraguan casal bill, which stands on the senate calendar as unfinished business, shall continue to hold its place of yantage will depend for the present upon business, shall continue to hold its place of vantage will depend for the present upon whether the appropriations committee shall F. Hellman of Brooklyn was in the third story. He opened his room door as soon as he heard the cry of fire. A burst of flame made him look to the window as the means of escape. He had but two alternatives—a flery death or a jump. He chose the latter. When picked up from the sidewalk he was dying. His wife, who was in the room with him, tried a rope fire escape, but it either broke or else she falled to hold it, for she, too, fell to the payement. Her right limb was broken, her left ankle dislocated, and she was badly burned about the face and she was Edward Walsh a reportor, was caught

head. Edward Walsh, a reporter, was caught in the hall and badly burned. In less than fiften minutes after the fire and all hopes of saving the famous structure were hopeless. The hotel takes in the entire block about 110 by 450 feet, and this was in

another fifteen minutes a seething cauldron only bound by the four walls. CAUGHT A FIREMAN.

At 10:30 the east wall fell in and some the firemen narrowly escaped being buried. At 11:30 the Broadway wall fell out and one fireman was buried in the debris. He was taken out and is not thought to be danger-ously hurt. 1. is rumored at this late hour that there are bodies in the ruins, and that quite a number of people did not escape. The clerk says tonight that he is positive all of the guests escaped, but does not feel so sure about the help, of whom there was a great number. There is no way tonight of finding out positively whether these rumors are true or not, and it will take a day or so to de

Mr. Malthy said after the fire: nconceivable how the flames obtained such leadway. The halls were a mass of fire before we recived a word of warning." Of the hundred or more guests not one saved more than the clothes they wore. One of the incidents of the fire was the escape of Miss Martin of New York. She was in the fourth story window on the Steuben street ide when a ladder was raised. boy rushed up and broke the window, thus

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, Bradley Martin, jr., and Mrs. F. T. Martin were guests at the hotel, having come here to bury the former's son. They were on the second floor, a good way from where the fire started and escaped. Mr. Martin, when he reached the sidewalk, offered anybody \$500 who would get his wife's jewels. No-body accepted, and they were destroyed. There was a satchel filled with jewels valued

and one of the most famous hotels in the ward C. Delevan. Hurley & Moore, the proprietors, paid \$40,000 a year rental, and lately had made vast improvements in expectation of a big winter season. The total oss is estimated at \$500,000, with an insur-

os is estimated at \$500,000, with an insur-ance of \$300,000.

On the ground floor of the Broadway side of the hotel block two firms had stores. One was that of Heiser, Muhlfelder & Co., dealers in knit goods, and the other that of Polby & Co., dealers in clothes. Both stocks were ruined. The loss to each will be about \$25,000, nearly covered by insurance. The wires of the electric light company were destroyed and a section of the city left in darkness. The fire raged fiercely for five hours, and was not entirely quenched till

At the hospital tonight it is said that Mrs. Heiliman will lose her reason. She has been put under opiates and every endeavor is made to save her. Mrs. Heiliman had just been married and the couple were on their wedding tour. The husband will die before

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 30.—Frank Debs formerly a resident of Tucson, was mur dered by Yaqui Indians in the state of So-nora, Mexico. Debs established an Indian village at the San Francisco Midwinter fair last summer, but left San Francisco before the exposition closed, failing to pay the Indians he had brought from Arizona and Mexico, and leaving them to return as best they might. Two of the Indians were with Debs at the time he was killed, and the opinion prevails that they killed him out of spite for his having failed to pay them what was due. dered by Yaqui Indians in the state of So his having failed to pay them

Bishop Marty Transferred to Minnesota. ST. PAUL, Dec. 30.—Archbishop Ireland oday received the formal announcement from Rome of the removal of Bishop Marty from Rome of the removal of Bishop Landy from Sloux Falls to the bishopric of St. Cloud, Minn., succeeding Bishop Zanerdelii, who was made an archbishop of Bucharest. Bishop Marty's successor at Sloux Falls has not yet been appointed.

Stockman Murdered by Mexicans, CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Dec. 30.-Mr. B. Magee, a prominent stockman and farmer, was foully murdered Friday afternoon by Mexicans, while hunting ou the Nuces river. Deputies are in pursuit of the murderers.

Found One More Body. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 30.-The

MURDERED FOR THEIR MONEY.

Old Couple at Sacramento Literally Chopped

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 30.—This community is highly excited over the brutal murder of A. H. L. Webber and his wife in their home, which was subsequently webber was in their home, which was subsequently plundered by the murderers. Webber was in elderly grocer, reputed to be wealthy. Singularly he kept no account at any bank, but is supposed to have kept a considerable sum of money about his house. He and his wife lived alone above his store. Yesterday was railroad pay day in this city and among Webber's customers were many railroad employes. Just how much money he had secreted about his house is not known, but the store day book shows that his receipts of the day were \$35. This is gene. Not a cent was found today in the rooms occupied by the grocer and his wife, although the safe down stairs was not molested. Everything up stairs, however, was overhauled by the murderers. The dead bodies of Webber and his wife were discovered this morning by the grocer's son, who went down to the shop and found blood dripping through a celling. He found both parents lying dead in the kitchen, their clothing torn from their bodies in places, and their heads gashed and crushed from blows from an axe. Mrs. Webber's head was split open by the blade of an axe, Webber's face was cut into strips. The murderers were evidently familiar with Webber's methods of business, but thus far there is no clue to the perpetrators. but is supposed to have kept a considerable

SHIPS REPORT SEVERE WEATHER.

Addition to the High Winds Intense

Cold Troubles the Sallors. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.-All the coast. Steamers from Europe report thaving experienced the effects of the gale of the 27th when approaching the Georges banks and Nautucket; the wind, which set in from the southwest, blowing a strong gale, shifted to the southwest and northwest, accompanied by heavy reas and increase to drop in on Mr. Holdrege, and square himself before matters reach the climax of an election. the coast. gale, shifted to the southwest and northwest, accompanied by heavy reas and interesty cold weather. The vessels' decks and hulls were quickly covered with fee to the thickness of several inches. The crews suffered much from the cold, and the task of getting about the decks proved a difficult one. Steamers from the southward ran into bad weather upon reaching Hatteras, where the wind suddenly shifted to the south blowing a strong gale, with a very heavy sea. Several steamers, after passing Hatteras, experienced a severe electric storm, which was accompanied by heavy rain and hard squalls, and upon moderating came out again in a sudden shift of wind from the northwest, blowing with hurricane force and causing a tremendous sea, which washed the vessels' decks and covered them with less the officers and crews suffered a great deal from the cold. No damage of a serious nature was reported. ure was reported.

MORE SNOW IN THE SOUTH.

Street Cars Kept Running All Night at Birmingham, Ala.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 30.—The worst snow storm ever known in this section is prevailing. Four inches of snow fell today and tonight the fall was renewed furiously. The weather is very severe and much suffering exists among the poor. Many cattle are starving. In this city the street car companies run their cars all night to keep the track clear. The snow storm extends all over the northern section of the state.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 30.—From six to eight inches of snow is reported tonight in middle and west Tennessee, Arkansas, north Mississippi and western Alabama, with a steady drop in temperature.

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NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—Six inches of snow fell today at Columbus, four inches at Starkville, Water Valley, Holly Springs and Grenada, Miss.

DECATUR, Ala., Dec., 30.—Five inches of snow fell today and there are prospects of more.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 30.—About one and one-half inches of snow fell today, but tonight it is clear and cold.

CRASHED INTO A CARRIAGE.

Five Persons Seriously Injured by Careless Switching. CHICAGO, Dec. 30 .- A Chicago, Island & Pacific passenger coach being rapidly switched into the Rock Island depo this afternoon, crashed into a carriage

a crossing. Five persons were badly in jured, as follows: Mrs. C. Christine of Chicago, injured internally, left cheek badly cut, brulsed about the body; Mrs. R. Chris tine of Canada, injured internally, seriously bruised and cut on right shoulder, both arms and cheek; Miss Bertha Christine, cu arms and cheek; Miss Bertha Christine, cut and bruised; prostrated by the shock; Miss Jennie Christine, injured internally, left shoulder bruised, cuts on hands, neck and head, suffered greatly from the shock; Dennis O'Connor, driver, severely injured internally and badly cut and bruised.

The accident was caused by the gateman's slowness in putting down the gates.

WILL STAND BY THE ORDER.

Pythias Are Loyal. NASHVILLE, Dec. 30 .- Dr. R. L. White supreme keeper of records and seals, Knights of Pythias, in an interview concerning the order and the recent papal edict, says; seems that it is a matter which each individual must settle for himself. The man who considers himself his own master in vorldly affairs will remain in the order, if he is devoted to its principles. I have talked with several Catholic Knights of Pythias concerning the question, and they all say they intend to remain in the order. The supreme lodge had decreed that each member must be loyal to the government under which he lives. You can see where that would fail to please the pope."

DENVER, Dec. 30.—The republicans claim they can organize both branches of the legislature, which will meet next Wednesday They have a handsome majority in the house, and there will be no contest there The populists have a majority in the senat unless a combination can be formed by the republicans with the one or two democrats that are still left there. Two years ago there was only one senator who claimed to be a democrat, and there were occasions when he was in doubt. Now two or three senators who were elected a couple of years ago are of the opinion that they owe something to the democratic party. The republicans hope to carry the organization by a combination with these. inless a combination can be formed by th

CHICAGO, Dec. 30,-A gang of four rob-bers started out last night to raid the saloons on the north side. The net result is one bartender fatally wounded and one dead one bartender fatally wounded and one dead robber. The gang early in the evening entered the saloon of W. J. Meiln at 29 Kinsey street. Nels Beck, the bartender, showed fight and was shot through the body. Later the gang entered the saloon of Austin McGrail, 57 Huron street, and ordered him to throw up his hands. He remarked: "Oh, I guess not, you are going to have a drink with me." The gang apparently acquiesced and McGrail, selzing his revolver, shot one of them through the heart and bombarded the others as they flew through the doorway.

Fun Ahead in New Mexico SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 20.-A great crowd of politicians is in the city to attend the opening of the legislature tomorrow.

Women Will Run the Paper One Pay, MEMPHIS, Dec. 30.—The Commercial-Appeal has placed its plant at the disposal paper for the one issue and receive the revenue accruing therefrom for the purpose of starting a fund to be used in a Woman's temple in this city. The edition will appear on St. Valentine day.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 30 .- Governor Dates, who has just returned from Washington, says, in an interview, that the Carlisic curreccy plan will be defeated, the Nicaragua canal bill will fail to pass and congress will do but little this zession.

Big Four Freight Tral : Wrecked. LONDON, O., Dec. 30 .- A freight train on KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 30.—The the Big Four was wrecked near this place latest news of the disastrous fire which today, but there was no loss of life, as was occurred at Silver Lake on Christmas even- at first reported.

Speakership Pendulum Swings to the B. &

M. Legal Department's Choice.

Burch Men Have Had Orders to Combine on Richards - Presidency of the Sen-

ate Still Hovers Near Watson-

Logrolling at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, Dec. 30 .- (Special Telegram.)-Tonight the speakership situation has passed through another transformation. Throughout the day the mill at the Lindell has been steadily grinding, and it looks now like a Richards grist. The political pendlum, which last night coquetted with J. C. Burch of Gage county, has swung toward Richards found of Hebren. Mr. Dewcese has, apparently, got his second wind, and the legal department of the Burlington seems likely to have its own sweet will in naming the speaker. Quite a number who yesterday made small bets on Burch are tonight offering to pay them, so it appears that the belief in the success of Richards is infectious. But back of all this it is more than likely that word has come from Mr. Heldrege to combine on

Richards. Up to midnight there was no visible outward change in the situation, as it relates camers report very severe weather along to president of the senate. The trip of John Steamers from Europe report C. Watson to Omaha yesterday was pointed

clash between the railway and insurance in-terests may yet cut an important figure in the election of president of the senate. Interest in other candidates for offices in the gift of the senate and house is sub-sidiary to the momentous quetion of who will be speaker. Fates hang upon fates, and with the defeat of either Burch or Richards, away go a lot of other aspirants as demoral-ized as a box of matches struck by lightning. Champions of Geddes of Grand Island and rigg of Beatrice for cierk of the house have each espoused either the cause of Burch or Richards, and can say but little concerning the clerkship without touching on the speakership and exhibiting their partisanship. It is extremely difficult to say anything favorable for the most prominent candidates for the various legislative officer. anything layorable for the most prominent candidates for the various legislative offices. It is difficult because scarcely one of them who has any show of success is not a crea-ture of the Burlington and will not have paid for his election by cast iron pledges to the road.

o the road. There is bound to be considerable rail-way legislation thrown into the ring this winter. It's in the air. It is an open secret that there is money in the introduction of speculative bills. of speculative bills, termed by some boodle legislation, in which measures are intro-duced antagonistic to railway interests for no other purposes than to be dropped when paid for by the railways. Members point to this fact and commend the Burlington for being forehanded enough to have a finger in

all the pies.

Governor Holcomb arrived today Broken Bow and is quartered at the Lindell. He is in a rather sequestered situation, however, and holds himself aloof from a scramble in which he has no active part, and doubtless little sympathy.

little sympathy. JOHN FITZGERALD DEAD.

pires at His Home in Lincoln. LINCOLN, Dec. 30 .- (Special Telegram.)-John Fitzgerald, capitalist and railroad conractor, died this morning at 2 o'clock at his

residence, on Twentieth, between B and C Mr. Fitzgerald has been ill for more than year, having broken down from an active. hearty man of business to a confined invalid. Deceased was born in Limerick, Ireland, and came to this country in 1846. He was 65 years old at the time of his death. He leaves a wife and four children. His estate is estimated in the country of the timated to be worth between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000, but is involved in litigation to the amount of several hundred thousand dollars.

The funeral will occur Wednesday next. John Fitzgerald has for many years been a prominent figure in the material develop-ment of the state of Nebraska. He was a railroad builder of the most aggressive type and during his career in the west handled some of the largest single contracts ever given to one man. He came to Nebraska in 1869, and he brought a railroad with him having constructed the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy from a point in the interior of Iowa to the Missouri river, opposite the city

Mr. Fitzgerald was a native of Ireland, but

emigrated to America at an early age. He began life as a workman on the Erie canal. Of his earlier life in the country but little is known. His life since his advent into Nebraska has been an active one, and can be traced through every year. In 1868 he as-sociated himself with R. C. Cushing, well known afterward as a prominnent contractor of Omaha and mayor of this city. The firm of Fitzgerald & Cushing took the contract for extending the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy to Plattsmouth, via Pacific Junction road was completed in 1869, and Mr. Fitz-gerald located as a citizen of Plattsmouth. He immediately commenced the construction of the B. & M., and completed it to Lincoln in July of the following year. After the B. & M. had been completed to Kearney to a junction with the Union Pacific, Mr. Fitzgerald built the Atchison & Nebraska, from Atchison, Kan., to Lincoln, besides several other branch lines, the B. & M., from menced the long line of the B. & M., from Hastings to Denver, via Red Cloud, finishing the latter point in November of eral other branch lines. In 1878 he the road to the latter point in November of that year. The work of const-ucting the line

to Denver continued at intervals until 1882, when it was finally completed. In the meantime Mr. Fitzgerald had renoved his home from Plattsmouth to Lincoln, n 1878. He at once took a front rank among the leading capitalists of that city. He was elected president of the First National bank, and was a director in many other enterprises. He built one of the fines: suburban homes in the Capital city and contributed liberally to all charitable works. He was an active member of the Catholic church and was of great assistance to that denomina-

tion in a pecuniary way.

In 1887 he commenced the contract for constructing a line of railroad from Pueblo, Colo., to the eastern boundary of the state of Kansas, and it was this work which in volved him in the financial difficulties which had so much to do with ending his well spent life. This road was known as the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic, and to finish it Mr. Fitzgerald exhausted his available resources. He became involved in extensive litigation with Jay Gould, Russell Sage and other well known wreckers of railroads and private fortunes, and the complications surrounded him until the day of his death.

Mr. Flizgerald was a patriotic citizen of the land of his adoption, but he never lost his symmetry for the cause of his own reco-

his sympathy for the cause of his own peozealous worker for the cause of Ireland, and in 1889 was elected president of the Irish National League of America, holding the office for two years, and being succeeded by M. V. Gannon of Omaha. In 1892 Mr. Fitzgerald, in company with several other dis-tinguished frish-Americans, visited Ireland in an endeavor to reconcile the warring

tions of the Irish party, but with indifferent His death removes one of the men who have done much to make Nebraska what she is. He was active, progressive, public spirited and carnest. He built in Lincoln one of the