BIG COLISEUM

Chicago's Mammoth Convention Hall is a Total Lors.

FLAMES SPREAD WITH GREAT RAPIDITY

Building in Which Bryan Was Neminated Completely Wracked.

NUMBER OF LIVES BELIEVED TO BE LOST

Manufacturers' Exhibition Occupied the Stracture.

FIRE IS CAUSED BY THE ELECTRIC WIRES

In Twenty Minutes the Building is Converted Into a Junk Pile of Twisted Iron and Brick.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-Fire tonight destroyed the Coliseum building at Sixty-third street and Stony Island avenue, in which the democratic national convention was held lost year. The fire was one of the quickest ever seen in Chicago. From the time when it originated by the crossing of two electric light wires, until the Collseum was a pile feet high and thirty-six feet square. of twisted iron and hot bricks was not over

twenty minutes. people are missing and have undoubtedly perished:

TWO WOMEN, dancers in the Midway exit collapsed. TWO MEN, seen in the center of the build-

ing during the fire by firemen. SOME OF THE WOUNDED.

The injured are:

face and hands. burned

burned.

Mrs. G. A. Lyons, severely burned.

Crookes tubes and burned about the head. M. J. Wheeler, watchman, hands burned.

ting a live wire with a pair of shears.

Miss Helen Conger, shocked by live wire danger. and severely burned about right arm.

bruised.

and hands. Frank Murphy, St. Louis, severely burned.

Harry Hamilton, burned about the face. W. H. Wright, burned about arms. Albert Chamberlain, burned and cut

Eugene Duggan, burned about left side.

Howard Geyser, Wilmington, Del., deco-

Joseph Byrnes, Hoboken, N. J., decorator. Geyser and Byrnes were decorating one of the booths in the balcony when the fire broke out. The manager of the exhibit ran to the booth and called to the men that the place was on fire and for them to save themselves. They were apparently in no hurry and the last seen of them they were still at work. It is thought that they were both

The fire originated in a booth which was heir Roentgen machine when they were ance. startled by a sizzling noise behind them, and ipon turning saw a part of their exhibit Standard Oil company, near the Southern thiaze. Crossed electric light wires, which Pacific depot in this city, was totally desmother the flames, but before they secured a gasoline tank exploded. Jerry O'Brien, water and cloth the fire had spread throughout the entire booth.

Morley, realizing that he and his partner would be unable to cope with the flames, then nade on endeavor to save some of the mos raluable of the X-ray paraphernalia, Run ning to the machine, he grasped two Crookes his way out of the building. Before he over \$40,000 worth of property. reached an exit the tubes, which he held in both his hands, exploded from the heat caught fire and he was severely burned about the head. Robertson was burned about the

CROWD TO THE MAIN EXIT. About 300 people were in the building at the time of the fire, and at the first alarm there was a rush for safety. Fortunately the aisles were wide and owing to the comparatively small number of people in the building there was little difficulty in reaching the doors. Most of those endeavoring to escape ran to a large door on the east side of the building, which is wide enough to ad-

mit a team of horses and wagen. A crowd of fully 200 people gathered be fore this door, which was found to be locked, and as the fire was roaring through the building with great speed it seemed for a few minutes as though none of those would be able to escape. W. J. Wheeler, a watchman, saw the trouble, and ran to open the door, but the crowd was packed in front of it so closely that the bad the greatest difficulty in opening it. Once it swung wide. however, the crowd was in the open air in a few seconds.

During the jam at this point several people were badly crushed, but none were seriously injured. The balance of the people made their way through the other doors, and several who were caught in the balcony were compelled to jump to the ground from the roof. The balcony is lined with windows that swing outward and they had no trouble in getting up on the roof, and from there the leap to the ground was not great.

The firemen were at band before all the people were out, and before they made an effort to fight the flames they devoted their attention to clearing the hall of the people. By the time they were ready to pour water on the fire there was no use of their doing anything, as the fire spread with such rapidity that there was no chance whatever of saving the building after it had once got beyond the confines of the booth in which it

Within ten minutes after the fire began the | 000 ounces of silver,

roof was ablaze, and in a very short time after the fire had appeared on top of the building one of the large arches that spanned the building gave way with a tremendous report, and then another and another, each one going down with a sound like the report of a cannon. The building fell very quickly. as after the first arch went down the weight was too great for the arches next to it, and all collapsed. It took not over twenty min uter to make a complete ruin of the build-

The Coliseum cost \$250,000 and was twice as large as the Madison Square garden building of New York. It had a floor space of seven acres, including the ground and gallery floors; was 570 feet long by 200 feet wide and contained 2,500,000 pounds of steel, 1,200,000 feet of timber and 3,000,000 bricks.

ORIGINAL COLISEUM WRECKED. On August 21, 1895, the first collissum, then in the course of construction, was wrecked, entailing a loss of \$125,000. The cause of the collapse has never been known, but it was been opened September 2 of that year by the Barnum & Bailey circus and the contractors were rushing the work in order to have it hour before the crash came, which was 11:10 o'clock at night. Fifty thousand feet of green lumber, which was to have been used for roofing, was on the roof of the building at the time and the weight of this was supposed to have had something to do with the accideat. The original Coliseum was designed by S. S. Beman in Itelian renaissance style. In the center of one side rose a campanile 240

After the collapse of the first building Architect Beman at once drew plans for The building had been rented for an ex- a new building and it was constructed and hibition of a manufacturers' exposition and spened to the public June 1, 1896. The dewas filled from end to end with booths, all of tails of the massive building show a compowhich were destroyed, with all of their con- sition of fourteen enormous arches, seventy tents. It is supposed that a number of peo. feet at the apex above the ground and with ple were lost in the flames, and although no a space of 230 feet in the clear. The building bodies have been recovered, the following was encircled on the inside by a gallery thirty-five feet wide and thirty-three feet above the floor. The arena was only equalled in extent by that of the Roman coliseum. hibit, seen entering the building just before The building was insured for \$120,000, the he may reach New York in time to see her busurance being written in twenty-six differ- and his son." ent companies.

FIREMAN INJURED.

While responding to the clarm of five from the Coliseum, engine company No. 19 col-Peter Foots, watchman, burned about the lided with a passenger train on the Lake ject at a great farewell meeting at Albert Shore road, smashing the engine badly. Only hall, London, on January 5. This will be one Harry Parker, New York City, slightly one of the firemen, Albert Chamberlain, was of the biggest and most important asseminjured, however. The accident occurred at blages ever arranged by the army." G. A. Lyons, New York City, slightly Forty-first street and Cottage Grove avenue The hose cart of the company was ahead o the fire engine and close upon the trucks ton Booth since the latter's secession?" M. J. Morley, lacerated by explosion of when the watchman heard a train approaching and closed the gates. The hose cart was William Robertson, face and hands burned. too close to the gate, however, and before the driver could stop his horses, crashed into it. James Maser, fireman, burned while cut- carrying it down completely. The driver Robert Harley, fireman, severely bruised the watchman, seeing that unless he opened army will be healed as the result of General by debris during the collapse of a wall of the the gate the base cart would certainly be run Booth's visit. down, opened them, letting the cart out of

The driver of the engine, which was close George Dekreke, proprietor of "Streets of behind, thought from the raising of the far Cairo" exhibit, jumped from a window of side gates that the way was clear, urged on the burning building and was severely his horses and dashed on the tracks. The train was there before he was, however, and Louis Weiss, janitor, burned about the face he drove squarely into the side of a rapidly ger coach. All of the were thrown from their seats, but all of them escaped injury, with the exception o Chamberlain, whose burts are not severe.

The total loss on the building and contents is said to be \$478,000. Of this amount \$350 . 000 was the value of the building and \$128, 000 the estimated cost of the exhibits and bishops have displayed on the question, rematerial in the exposition in progress in the building. Insurance to the amount of \$120,-000 was carried on the Coliseum, but of this amount \$100,000 will go to the holders of outstanding bonds to pay these obligations in full. The owners of the building will ge but \$20,000 out of their insurance.

Colonel John T. Dickison, president of th Coliseum company, said tonight that no efforwill be made to restore the building.

Next to the Coliseum, the heaviest individual loser is F. C. Bostwick, the proprietor ased for an exhibition of X-rays, the booth of a mechanical riding school, an elaborate this being unobtainable. Catholics should pro peing managed by M. J. Merley and William contrivance which is said to have cost vide their own schools and adopt under the Robertson. The two men were examining \$60,000, and upon which there was no insur-

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 24 .- The plant of the were over the exhibit, are thought to have stroyed by fire this afternoon. The loss is caused the fire. They at first tried to about \$25,000. While the fire was in progress volunteer fireman, was saturated with burn ng oil. He lingered in terrible agony unti o'clock p. m., when he died. A number of other persons were slightly burned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-The explosion of at oil stove used for heating purposes in the office of Barwise & Son, dealers in teas and tubes and, with Robertson, began fighting coffees, today caused a fire which consumed tuted as follows:

EXPLOSION AT ACETYLENE WORKS

severely lacerating his hands. His hair also Two Men Instantly Killed and Four Others Injured. NEW YORK, Dec. 24 .- A succession of ex plosions at the United States Acetylene Liquefying company, in Jersey City, today caused the loss of two lives and \$20,000 damages to the works.

The dead are: THOMAS FOWLER, the assistant engineer

MAX GRIMM. There were only three other employes i the building at the time of the accident and they received greater or less injuries. Their names are Fred Burr, Fritz Epzol and Charles White. James Leeb, who was working half a block away, was badly injured by a piece of the boiler. A fragment of the boiler tore the roof from a trolley car some

distance away. It is said that the first explosion was di to the boilers bursting and as the fire spread to the various acid tanks there was a succession of deafening reports. Nearby buildings as well as the Central railroad of New Jersey trestle caught fire, but the losses were not serious in those instances.

The machinery of the local electric lighting company was affected by the jar, causing the electric lights in various buildings to go out.

Max Grimm's body was blown through window and torn to pieces. The body of Assistant Engineer Fowler was found in the ruins of the wrecked buildings.

Tow Boat Goes Over a Dam. PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—The tow boat Hot-spur went over the dam at Lock No. 4 on the Monongahela river this morning and was completely wrecked. The crew of eleven men, including John Kiey, father of the captain and owner, were rescued with difficulty. It is feared Kley will die of the exposure. The cargo was valued at about

NEW YORK, Dec. 3,-The steamship Lucania, sailing for Europe tomorrow, will take 635,000 ounces of silver and 5,000 Mexican dollars, The Normandie will take 160

Salvation Army Leader Will Hasten to See His Son Ballington.

WILL BEAR THE OLIVE BRANCH OF PEACE

Leaders of the Organization Looking for a Healing of the Breach as a Result of His Visit.

(Copyright, 1897, by Press Publishing Company.) is profoundly distressed by the news of the of avoiding dangerous rivairies. grave illness of Mrs. Ballington Booth. I The Shanghal correspondent of the Daily journeyed today to Barnet, where the gen-Mail says: "The Chinese government is helperol is staying at the house of his sen and less. It is mobilizing its few troops under thought that the last arch was not placed in alter ego, Bramwell Booth, but the venerposition correctly. The building was to the able leader of the Salvation Army was unable the campaign against Japan. The British to see any one. The special cable dispatch fleet is at present at sea." received from the United States was taken to him, pointing out that the associates of completed in time. Six hundred men had Mrs. Ballington Booth ascribed her illness to on a watching policy, and will retrain from been working on the building up to half an the harsh treatment she had received at the occupying any Chinese territory for the preshands of the Salvation Army leaders.

The reply of General Booth was: "In these rad circumstances it is impossible for me to trouble and my hopes for Mrs. Booth's reovery."

Beyond this General Booth could not be induced to go. He was busily engaged in completing arrangements for his departure for the United States on the 8th of January, until the news of Mrs. Ballington Booth's illness reached him. This distressed him greatly and he immediately cabled a message of fatherly sympathy with his sen in his trouble.

Commissioner Nicol, the first pleningtentlary sent to the United States on the secession of parade of the Loyal Orange association next Ballington and Mrs. Booth, raid to your represcutative at Salvation Army headquarters

"The general is suffering ageny over Mrs. Booth's illness and his only hope now is that "I presume reconciliation is his mission,"

was asked. "Well, I am not at liberty to speak on that subject, but the general will explain his ob-"Was the general's cable of sympathy the

first communication made by him to Bulling-"Execut communications which had been oublished on the controversy, yes." Although the chiefs of the Salvation Army

here are too diolomatic to make any premature admission, I gathered the impression managed to stop his horses on the track, and that they fully expect the dissension in the

POPE ISSUES HIS ENCYCLICAL.

Urges Catholies in Manitoba to Claim All Their Rights. regret at the decision taken seven years ago to the sea." in Manitoba relative to the Catholic schools and points out the rights of Catholics according to the federal agreement.

The pope condemns a school system based on religious neutrality, praises the zeal the grets that the Catholics are not equally united, owing to the political passions, and admits that the authorities have done something to diminish the inconveniences of Manitoba school legislation. But his holiness declares this to be inadequate and exhorts Catholics to persist in claiming all their rights, though they must not refuse any partial reparations obtainable, with the view to reduce the perils of the education of the

The encyclical says that in the event of guidance of their bishops a program of study consistent with their religion and all literary and scientific progress.

DERVISHES ASSUME AGGRESSIVE.

Marching Against the Anglo-Egyp-CAIRO, Dec. 24.-The dervishes have left Shendy and Metemmeh and are marching against the Anglo-Egyptian forces, with Berber as their objective point.

Venezuela's New Cabinet. CARACAS, Dec. 24.-(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The new cabinet has been chosen and will be consti-

Minister of foreign affairs, Pedro Ezeque Rojas.

Minister of the interior, General George Uzlar. Minister of finance, Senor Escobar Minister of war, General Fernandez.

Minister of public works, Jose M. Man Minister of commerce. Senor Arismendi

Minister of instruction, Senor Vilavicen

Senor Rojas was minister of foreign af fairs from 1893 to 1895. Samuel A. Matos, who was minister of finance and head of the cabinet in 1895, but in trying to please everybody pleased nobody, will be financial counselor. Senor Manrique was minister of public works in the short-lived fusion ministry of 1895.

Protecting Fishing Waters. PARIS, Dec. 24.-Today Senator Peytral M. Riotteau and M. Dellannya, members o the Chamber of Deputies, and Major Blonde waited on M. Hanoteaux, minister of foreign affairs, to advocate an international conference for the neutralization of the New foundland during the fishing season. M Honoteaux promised to give all the assist ance in his power. It is reported that the steamers of the Compagnie Generale Atlantique undertake, under the new mail con tract, to steer clear of the banks during the

Suppressing Independence Talk. LONDON, Dec. 25,-The New York cor respondent of the Morning Post says: The Canadian government, at the request of Great Britain, has ordered the confiscation of seditious publications. This is primarily due to a desire to prevent the Canadian in dependence movement from stimulating independence in India, but it will have the effect of suppressing all public discussion as to annexation to the United States and col-

Carlists Make an Appeal LONDON. Dec. 24 .- The Paris correspond ent of the Daily Chronicle says: Some agitation has been caused in the Spanish colony here by the issue of a circular inviting shots were exchanged and Arnett was dan-Spaniards in Europe to raily to the Carlist gerously wounded.

MISSION OF GENERAL BOOTH standard and save the nation from revolution and anarchy. A remarkable feature of the standard and save the nation from revolution movement is the understanding that evidently exists between the Cuban group in Paris, and the adherents of Don Carlos. It is asserted that Do 1 Carlos has promised to

> DISCUSSING CHINESE SITUATION. European Press Trying to Evolve a Solution of the Trouble.
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> LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the

abdicate in favor of his son Don Jaime.

Daily Chronicle from Rome cays it is rumored there that owing to its obligations to Germany, Italy had declined England's oro posal for common action in the far east, including a joint occupation of Chu San. According to the same directch it is asserted LONDON, Dec. 24.-(New York World Ca- that England has proposed to Russia a conolegram-Special Telegram.)-General Booth ference on the Chinese question with a view

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily the least capable generals who conducted While no formal action was taken in the ab-

The Daily Chronicle says that it has good reason to believe the government has decided pressed it, "To keep a watchful eye upon ent, but will give its moral support to Japan, and distinct warnings to China concerning England's action in certain contingences. It make any controversial statement. I can only is understood, says the Daily Chronicle, that express my sympathy with my son in his Japan will protest in the strongest matner against Germany's action, and diplomatic circles vidicule the idea of a Russo-German entente concerning China.

FOMENTING POLITICAL STRIFE.

Whiteway Followers Seek to Embarrass Premier Winter, ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 24.—The supporters of the Whitewayite party are hoping to embarrass the government of Sir James Winter in connections with the proposed Sunday. Sir Herbert Murray, the governor has issued a proclamation forbidding the procession because at the last parade in 1883 a riot ensued in which seven men were killed. The clergy of all denominations are denouncing this attempt to revive sectarian

The latest news from the herring fisheric in Placentia bay shows, a great success for the American fishing figet. Seventeen Glou cester vessels have sailed with full cargoes and thirty-sevin are now loading. It will require another night's frost to complete the loading of frozen herring. About 3,000 men are engaged in the fishery, and over 50,000 barrels of herring are now on shore.

Inpan at Peace with the World. YOKOHAMA, Dec. 24. On the reassembling of Parliament today the mikado declared that the relations of Japan with all the foreign powers were friendly. His majesty announced the intention of the goveroment to initiate frosh taxation measures and to introduce a bill amending the codes. No reference was made in the speech from the throne to the present situation.

Kruger's Warning Against Rhades. JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 24.—Presiden Kruger, in the course of a speech at Krugersdorp on Tuesday, expatiated upon the ROME, Dec. 24.—The pope's encyclical on danger of the so-called constitutional the Manitoba school question is published methols of Cecil Rhodes and upon the imhere this evening. After recalling the re- portance of keeping out of Rhodes' clutches ligious history of Canada and eulogizing its Delagoa bay, which the president charolastic institutions his holiness expresses acterized as "The Fransvasi's only gatewa

> More French Ships for China. LONDON, Dec. 24.-A special dispatch from Paris says: The French cruiser Pothuan has been ordered to prepare for sea in believe Great Britain will actively oppose the Chinese waters. The Pothuau is a first-class cruiser of over 5,000 tons displacement and 10,000 indicated horse power. It carries two 7.6-inch guns, ten 5.5-inch quick-firing guns evaded active censorship. The dispatch says: and eighteen small quick-firing guns.

LISBON, Dec. 24.—Further advices from St. Paul de Loanda, Portuguese Lower Guinea, announce that the Portuguese officer, who, with a number of men, was killed by natives of the Humbe Plateau, is Count Almouster, a grandson of the Duke of Sandanha. The Portuguese killed and missing number twenty-one persons.

No Italian Fleet for China. ROME, Dec. 24.—The statement contained in a dispatch from Rome, published in London yesterday, to the effect that a cabinet meeting has decided to send an Italian squadron to China, was pure invention. There has been no cabinet meeting since December 20.

SUAKIM, Dec. 24.—The native levees the Kassala garrison surprised a dervish post at Elfashes, on the Atbara, Wednesday, defeating the dervishes and capturing a number of them, and many caltle. Two dervishes and emirs were killed. The dervish post at Azabri has also been invested.

Spared for Political Purposes. PARIS, Dec. 24.-During the progress to day of the trial of deputies and former deputies accused of complicity to the Panama scandil, M. Andrioux, a former prefect of police, declared that the real culprits were being spired for political reascus.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 24.-A wing of the general hospital here was destroyed by fire this morning. Much difficulty was experierced in rescuing the inmates, but finally all were gotten out safely. The loss is about \$12,000.

Australian Meat for Siberia. SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 24.—The Russhin government has contered into communication with the government of New South Wales with the object of procuring shipments of meet to Vindivastock.

Bismarck is improving. FRIEDRISCHSRUHE, Dec. 24.-Prince Bismarck, who for the last few days, has been ill, is now again enjoying satisfactory health. He will spend Christmas quietly with his family.

Consult on Yulian Matters. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 34.- Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, will leave for Washington on Sunday to confer with the United States authorities on Yukon matters.

Miners Secure a Raise.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 24.—A special to
the Free Press from Ishpeming, Mich., says.

Very few members of the Mine Workers' nion came out this week to cast ballots to decide whether or not a walkout should be declared. The great majority of those who voted were opposed to the proposition. In consequence of the union's failure to carry out its threat, mine managers met lolay and decided to increase wages 10 per cent, dating thought that the union will now go to

Duel Between Politicians.
PAINTSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24.—Gratz A nett and Green Patrick, both politicians. fought with revolvers here today. The due was the outcome of an old grudge. Eight

WILL KEEP ITS HANDS OFF

United States D cides Not to Mcdile with Broken China.

WILL PLAY THE ROLE OF SPECTATOR

Anglo-American-Japanese Alliance is Not Among the Possibilities, According to Views Expressed

at Cabinet Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- This country's attitude toward what appears to be an effort on the part of the powers of Europe to dismember China was the principal topic of discussion at today's meeting of the cabinet. All the cabinet members were present except Secretary Alger, who is ill at his home sence of specific information as to the intention of the powers of Europe, it was determined, as a member of the cabinet exthe situation as it developed, in order that full protection may be given to the interests

by our treaties with that country." No disposition was manifested to participate to an extension of territory at the expence of China. Such a disposition would be contrary to the hitherto expressed and well understood policy of this government and is not contemplated by the administracarefully all interests and privileges which the United States now colovs in Chica.

of the United States in China, as guaranteed

The cabinet understanding as to the attitude of the United States in the Chinese question cromises to have a material influence on the development of the castern situation. The diplomate stationed there have eagerly awaited some intimation as to the purposes of this government and the and of the Dneiper river, which flows into foreign papers, notably at London, Berlin and the Black sea and at the mouth of which Vienna, have re-echoed the sentiments at Cherson is located. It is asserted by the those courts that if the United States entered the field, either singly or in coalition with miles of excavation must be made. The Great Britain and Japan, it would prove a naterial factor in the Chinese question.

The general understanding reached today doubtless will be made known to such foreign representatives as desire to sound this government, and the information in turn will reach the foreign offices at London, Berlin, St. Petersburg and elsewhere. It will be a disappointment to some extent to China, which has looked to the United States, as the nation occupying a disinterested position permitting it to exert a strong influence in staying the dismemberment of the empire China has made no advances to this government, however, but has occupied a passive attitude.

The views expressed at the cabinet meeting put an end to any possibility of an Anglo-American-Japanese alliance, such as the foreign cables have suggested. RUSSIA ON THE ALERT.

LONDON, Dec. 25 .- Russia, according to a flicers and the German officers and instructors. Fifty of the latter, the dispatch says, received notice today (Friday) that they would be paid off at the termination of their contracts. Contrary to general report the Russianization of Corea and Northern China. The Daily Mail publishes a dispatch this morning (25th) from Toklo, which it claims England and Japan, without entering upon an actual alliance, have arrived at a complete understanding, which will probably re sult in a joint naval demonstration at the en trance of the gulf of Pe-Chee-Lee. In diplomatic circles at Tokio the probability of a

conflict is regarded as extremely distant." RUMOR DENIED. BERLIN, Doc. 24.-The Weekly Journal Zukunft combats the statement that Prince Birmarck has suddenly become an enchusiastic supporter of the Chinese expedition and that during his recent visit to Fredrichsruhe Emperor William communicated to the prince his most secret plans. It says: Emperor William and Prince Bismarck did not exchange a syllable as to politics, and the plan is solely the emperor's. It is the interest of both men that this fact should not be obscured, and those zealous persons who are always trying to represent Prince Bismarck as a secret collaborator in the changing experiments of a new course will essuredly get no thanks either from Pots-

dam or Friedrichs:uhe." The Neuste Nachrichten says that sinc the occupation of Kiao Chau bay the Chinese government has engaged military instructors and is now arranging for fliting receptions to Prince Henry of Prussia at the dif-

ferent Chinese ports he will visit. The Post reiterates its statement that the Unked States has no interest in the present territorial changes in China, and adds that England displays "surprising naivete" in soliciting American sympathy.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.-The Novo Vremya advises England to come to an arrangement with Russia, France and Germany, but says it does not expect Lord Salisbury to accept the advice, "because under such an agreement England would not get the lion's share of China."

VIENNA, Dec. 24.-The Viennese papers comment with apparent joy on the Berlin rumors that England's inquiries at Weshington regarding common action in China have failed of the desired result.

RUSSIA PREPARES FOR TROUBLE. NEW YORK, Dec. 24 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says: The Russian government will begin next spring a stupendous piece of work, which, like the transsiberian rallroad, will be of great strategic and commercial value when completed. The project contemplates the con struction of a canal connecting the Baltic and Black seas, which canal can be traversed by battleships of the heaviest tonnage at six knots per hour. By means of this canal Russia will be able to mobilize a huge fleet in the Baltic in sixty-seven hours by bringing to that sea the Black sea squadron, or can collect in the Black sea in the same time the Baltic and Black sea fleets. In case of a general European war over the division of China at the time of the completion of the canal it would not be a difficult matter for Russia to send its fleet here through the Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmora and the Dardanelles into the Mediterranean, down the Suez canal, across the Indian ocean to ger makers and dippers an increase of 12% China, while it could utilize the trans- per cent in their wages when they go to siberian railroad to transport troops. The canal will remove the necessity of sending a fleet across the North sea and down the Atlantic in order to reach the Mediterranean New York, and through that sea reach Suez canal and At New York-Arrived-Palatia, from Chins, and it was pointed out that in case | Hamburg.

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of war Great Britain or Germany would take not pass through their waters without a

hard struggle. UTILIZING RIVERS. Riga on the Baltic and Cherson on the Black sea. Advantage will be taken of the Dwina river at the mouth of which Riga is located engineer that to reach this route twelve length of the canal will be 1,000 miles. It will have an average depth of 28.4 feet. The cost of the work will be \$97,000,000 and it

noust be completed by 1902. It is frankly admitted by the Russian authorities that the canal is being built for hopes are entertained for dis recovery. military purposes, just as the transsiberian route is being constructed, but they say the waterway will be of benefit commercially. The wheat raised in the southern part of Russia near the Black sea and the coal and 10 failed to see the men until too late. petroleum obtained from that section can be WRECK ON PORT ARTHUR ROUTE. transported more cheaply than by railroads or steamers going through the Bosphorus Three Men Are Hurt. One of Whom into the Mediteranean. Sixteen cities are situated along the route of the proposed canal and they will be benefited by its construction.

"Russia maintains a formidable fleet of battleships and cruisers in the Black sea," said a well known naval commainder, "such action being in violation of the provisions of the Berlin treaty. The construction of special dispatch from Shanghal, is preparing the canal will mean that this fleet can be temporary headquarters for 10,000 troops at reinforced within seven days at the utmost Port Arthur. It has obtained a half promise by an equally formidable fleet from the Bal-from the grand council at Pekin to dismiss the and in case of the dismemberment of Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese imperial Turkey, or a necessity for a large force of maritime customs, and other high customs naval vessels in Asiatic waters, Russia 4 o'clock was delayed three hours. officials, in addition to the British railway would be able to gets its reinforcements to that section. The government would not be compelled to use the Atlantic ocean and the Mediterranean. So far as Germany and China are concerned, the completion of the pean governments "

DIVISION IN ARKANSAS DIOCESE.

Bishop Coadintor. tion of a hishop ecadiutor. Archdean Brown of the diocece of Ohio was elected and ac- while playing around the stove the child cepted the office. It now seems that the pulled fire from the front grate, which igleading churches of Arkansas have split into nited its dress. two parties rad one of them is attempting to prevent the consecration of the bishop coadjutor. He cannot be consecrated without the consent of a majority of the bishops and diocecan communities of the country and one faction has sont a notice that a protest against the consecration is being prepared, charging that the election is illegal because of unfair methods and manipulation practiced by the party that succeeded. No charge is made regarding Archdeacon Brown, as he did not seek the honor that has been

DARING ATTEMPT AT A ROBBERY. Mr. Jacob's team so badly injured that they Villains Start a Fire in a Crowded Department Store.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-Two men made a bold attempt shortly after noon today to fire the large department store of A. M. Rothschild & Co. while the place was crowded with Christmas shopers, their object evidently being to make a raid during the excitement on the deposit bank conducted by the firm for its employes and others, in which there was about \$20,000. One of the men touched a match to a parcel saturated with kerosene and threw it in a telephone booth a few yards from the entrance to the bank. His companion stood near the door of the bank, but was unable to make an entrance because the cashier carefully locked the door behind her when she joined other employes of the store in extinguishing the fire, which did very little damage. The culprits quickly mingled with the crowd after the fire was out and have not been caught.

PROPOSES A SICK BENEFIT FUND.

at present, is a circular issued today by the Bourno mills to the operatives relating es- siderable prominence, are telling against pecially to the profit-sharing system inaugurated there eight and a half years ago, addition to the announcement of the payment. of the semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent or the six months from June 14 to December 11 inclusive. The circular deals at length with the conditions affecting the industry at the present time, and closes with a novel plan proposed by the trasurer, George A. Chace for the formation of a sick and benefit fund for the operatives, as a foundation for which he donates the sum of \$500.

Increase Employes' Pay. TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 24.-After a tw days conference which was concluded to night between the joint committee of oper atives and managing potters of the east, the latter agreed to give the kiln men, sag-

work on Monday. At Hamburg-Arrived-Phoenicia, from

KILLED BY A TRAIN

Burlington Near Louisville. MAN INSTANTLY HURLED INTO ETERNITY

Another So Badly Injured that He Will

Probably Die. BURLINGTON TRAIN STRIKES A HANDCAR

Men Propelling It Have No Time to Save Themselves.

ENGINE RUNS THEM DOWN IN A MOMENT

Accident Occurs on a Curve in the Dense Woods Full Details of the Distressing Occurrence.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 24.-(Special.) -Sheriff Holloway and County Corener John A. Clements of Eimwood were summoned to Louisville at noon today to look after two men who were struck end one instantly killed by the locomotive on passenger truin tion. It was determined, however, to protect measures to see that the Russian fleet did No. 10 on the Burlington cut-off. Section Foreman James English of South Bend and one section hand, whose name is not known, were nearing Louisville on their hand car It is officially stated here that the canal and had just rounded a curve about a mile when completed will connect the city of and a half west acid were taking things easy. when No. 10, making up time, made the curve not more than 100 yards away. The men stopped their car and codeavored to remove it from the track, instead of looking after themselves, and before they had made acy progress whatever they were struck by the engine and hurled from the track. Foreman English was instantly killed and the unknown man is in a dying condition. He was brought at once to this city and placed in care of Dr. T. P. Livingston, superintendent of the B. & M. medical department. No

The accident occurred in the dense woods through which the B. & M. passes just west of Louisville, and it was due to this fact, as well us the curve, that the engineer on No.

Will Die. MILAN, Mo., Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)-A disastrous wreck occurred on the Port Arthur Route, fifteen miles west of this city, last night. Freight train No. 7 had orders from the dispatcher at Quincy over all other trains, forgetting that the steel gang was at work near Humphreys. The freight train struck the caboose of the steel gang. Roadmaster John Rinard of Trenton had three ribs broken loose from his spinal column and his left kidney bursted and is expected to die. Two other employes whose names have not been learned were dangerously injured. The passenger due here at

LITTLE CHILD BURNS TO D

Fatal Accident Occurs at Missouri MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 24.-(Spe-Russian canal will place the czar in a posi- cial.)-About 6 o'clock last evening Mrs. C. dispatch asserts that there is good reason to tion which will be envied by all the Euro- E. Poore, living in Willow Park addition to this city, left her 3-year-old child playing in the house while she went to the barn to attend to the milking. Upon returning to the house she found the child lying on the floor a few feet from the kitchen stove, with CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 24 .- A factional every particle of its clothing burned from its fight has broken out in the Protestant Epinco- body. Aid was immediately summoned, but pal diocese of Arkansas over the recent elec- within an hour the child died. The body was burned acarly to a crim. It is supposed that

> Narrow Escape. ST. PAUL, Neb., Dec. 24 .- (Special.)-Last night shortly after dark Harry B. Jacob with a load of hay coming from the south and Michael Rock, accompanied by Mr. Koufman, met at the center of the Union Pacific railroad bridge across the South Loup river. and before they could back down and get off the bridge the train going south ran right into the party. The three men saved themselves by quick jumping, one of them landing on the ice in the river, but without serious injury. Mr. Rock's horses were killed and

were annihilated. Collision Near Granger. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 24 .- (Special Telegram.)-Union Pacific eastbound passenger train No. 4, collided with a helper engine at Granger station this morning. The passenger train was running slowly at the time and but little damage resulted, none of the passengers on the train being injured. Engineer Peterson of the helper engine was slightly injured. Travel was delayed four hours by the accident.

will probably have to be killed. The load of

hay landed in the river, and both wagons

MONTGOMERY IS LAID TO REST. Last Kind Offices for the Victim of Joyce's Gun.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)-The funeral of R. C. Montgomery, who was killed last Tuesday by John J. Joyce, was held at his residence today and was conducted by Rev. S. P. Cresao, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church south The remains lay in state from 10 a. m. to 1 p m. Xew Feature in the Cotton Workers and were viewed by a large crowd. There has been an unquestionable change of sectiment FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 24.—A new in Maryville since the day of the killing, feature in the mill situation in this city, the effect of which cannot be exactly determined ice of his action and the influence of Montgomery's friends, many of whom are of con-

> SNOW ALMOST STOPS TRAFFIC. Two Engines Required to Pull Three

Cars in New York. CORRY, Pa., Dec. 24.-The snow is drifting at a terrific rate. At Sherman, N. Y., and vicinity reports say that it is over four feet and still drifting. It takes two engines to pull three cars on the Western New York & Pittsburg, which goes through this section Trains on the Pennsylvania are also delayed.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 24,-As a Christnas gift Governor Pingree today pardoned Henry Howard, who, under the name of Harry Dale, was convicted last May of criminally assaulting Maggle Leonard in this city and sentenced to Jackson for life. action was recommended pardon board yesterday, Howard had all along stoutly maintained his innocence and the governor says he is himself convinced of it. The liberated man was formerly traveling man for James H. Walker of Chlcago, His w'fe resides in Topeks, Kan,