

BIG COLISEUM FIRE

Chicago's Mammoth Convention Hall is a Total Loss.
FLAMES SPREAD WITH GREAT RAPIDITY
Building in Which Bryan Was Nominated Completely Wrecked.
NUMBER OF LIVES BELIEVED TO BE LOST
Manufacturers' Exhibition Occupied the Structure.
FIRE IS CAUSED BY THE ELECTRIC WIRES

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 last year. The fire was one of the quickest ever seen in Chicago.

TWO WOMEN, dancers in the Midway exhibit, seen entering the building just before it collapsed.
TWO MEN, seen in the center of the building during the fire by firemen.
SOME OF THE WOUNDED.
The injured are:
Peter Foots, watchman, burned about the face and hands.
Harry Parker, New York City, slightly burned.
G. A. Lyons, New York City, slightly burned.
Mrs. G. A. Lyons, severely burned.
M. J. Morley, lacerated by explosion of Crookes tubes and burned about the head.
William Robertson, face and hands burned.
James Maser, fireman, burned while cutting a live wire with a pair of shears.
Robert Harley, fireman, severely bruised by debris during the collapse of a wall of the building.

Explosion at Acetylene Works.
Two Men Instantly Killed and Four Others Injured.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A succession of explosions at the United States Acetylene Liquefying company, in Jersey City, today caused the loss of two lives and \$20,000 damages to the works.

MISSION OF GENERAL BOOTH

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.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)—General Booth is profoundly distressed by the news of the grave illness of Mrs. Ballington Booth. I journeyed today to Basel, where the general is staying at the house of his son and also sir, Bramwell Booth, but the venerable leader of the Salvation Army was unable to see any one. The special cable dispatch received from the United States was taken in mind, pointing out that the associates of Mrs. Ballington Booth ascribed her illness to the harsh treatment she had received at the hands of the Salvation Army leaders.

POPE ISSUES HIS ENCYCLICAL
Urges Catholics in Manchuria to Claim All Their Rights.
ROME, Dec. 24.—The pope's encyclical on the Manchuria school question is published here this evening. After reciting the religious history of Canada and eulogizing its scholastic institutions his holiness expresses regret at the decision taken seven years ago in Manitoba relative to the Catholic school and points out the rights of Catholics according to the federal agreement.

Spare for Political Purposes.
HARRIS, Dec. 24.—During the progress today of the trial of deputies and former deputies accused of complicity in the Panama canal scandal, Andrioux, a former prefect of police, declared that his culprits were being spared for political reasons.

WILL KEEP ITS HANDS OFF

United States Declines Not to Meddle 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 the disintegration of the empire 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. While no formal action was taken in the absence of specific information as to the intention of the powers of Europe, it was determined, as a member of the cabinet expressed it, "To keep a watchful eye upon the situation as it develops, but to see that full protection will be given to the interests of the United States in China, as guaranteed by our treaties with that country."

RUSSIA ON THE ALERT.
LONDON, Dec. 25.—Russia, according to a special dispatch from Shanghai, is preparing temporary headquarters for 10,000 troops at Port Arthur. It has obtained a half promise from the grand council at Peking to disburse Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese imperial maritime customs, and other high customs officials, in addition to the British railway officers and the German officers and instructors.

Protecting Fishing Waters.
PARIS, Dec. 24.—Today Senator Peytral, M. Roteau and M. Delanney, members of the Chamber of Deputies, and Major Blondel visited on M. Hanotaux, minister of foreign affairs, to advocate an international conference for the neutralization of the Newfoundland during the fishing season. M. Hanotaux promised to give all the assistance in his power. It is reported that the steamers of the Compagnie Generale Atlantique undertake, under the new mail contract, to steer clear of the banks during the fishing season.

THE BEE BULLETIN.

Weather Forecast for Nebraska—Generally Fair, Variable Winds.
1. Chicago's Big Coliseum Burns.
2. Need of Work for the Exposition.
3. That Private Check of Doctor Fall's.
4. Editorial and Comment.
5. Christmas Carols at the Churches.
6. Council Bluffs Local Matters.
7. General News of the Farther West.
8. California and Nebraska Join Hands.
9. In the Field of Electricity.
10. Bits of Feminine Gospel.
11. Commercial and Financial News.
12. "See You" by Bret Harte.

Table with columns: Temperature at Omaha, Date, Time, Degree. Shows temperatures for 5 a.m. to 12 m.

KILLED BY A TRAIN

Unfortunate Accident Occurs on the 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. 21.—(Special.)—Sheriff Holloway and County Coroner John A. Clemens of Elmwood were summoned to Louisville at noon today to look after two men who were struck and one instantly killed by the locomotive on passenger train 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, and had just rounded a curve about a mile and a half west of and were taking things easy when No. 10, making up time, made the curve no more than 100 yards away. The men stepped their car and endeavored to remove it from the track, instead of looking after themselves, and before they had made any 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 hopes are entertained for his recovery.

WRECK ON PORT ARTHUR ROUTE.
Three Men Are Hurt, One of Whom 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, except the passenger train, and 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 burst and is expected to die. Two other employes whose names have not been learned were dangerously injured. The passenger here at 4 o'clock was delayed three hours.

Fatal Accident Occurs at Missouri Valley.
MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—About 6 o'clock last evening Mrs. C. E. Moore, 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 every article of his clothing burned from his body. Aid was immediately summoned, but within an hour the child died. The body was burned early to a crisp. It is supposed that while playing around the stove the child pulled a cord from the front grate, which ignited his dress.