

BIG GAIN IN WINTER WHEAT

Nebraska Farmers Show Less Confidence in Spring Cereals.

CHANGE ESTIMATED AT 600,000 ACRES

Department of Agriculture Furnishes Figures on Corn, Oats, Hay, Potatoes and Other Crops for the Season Just Past.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The statistician of the Department of Agriculture estimates the United States wheat crop of 1900 at 623,225,000 bushels, the area actually harvested being 42,496,385 acres and the average acre 12.29 bushels. The production of winter wheat was estimated at 350,925,000 bushels, and that of spring wheat at 172,299,996 bushels, of the area actually harvested being 26,235,857 acres in the former case and 16,259,488 acres in the latter. The winter wheat acreage, totally abandoned in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, is finally placed at 3,522,787 acres, and the spring wheat acreage, totally abandoned in North Dakota and South Dakota, at 1,793,467 acres. The extraordinary rapid rate at which the winter wheat acreage in Nebraska is gaining upon the spring wheat acreage of that state has necessitated a special investigation of the relative extent to which the two varieties were grown during the last year. The result of the investigation is that while no change is called for in the total wheat figures of the state, 600,576 acres have been added to the winter wheat column at the expense of the spring variety.

Newly-Seedbed Area of Winter Wheat.

The newly-seedbed area of winter wheat is estimated at 20,252,664 acres. While this acreage is slightly greater than that sown in the fall of 1899, as estimated at the time, it is 600,454 acres less than the area that was actually sown, the discrepancy being due to that remarkably rapid development of winter wheat growing in Nebraska with which, as stated, the department reports had failed to keep pace. A comparison of the newly-seedbed acreage with that of the fall of 1899 shows that of the eleven states and territories that sowed 1,000,000 acres or upward of winter wheat one year ago are Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas, California and Oklahoma report an increase amounting to 971,704 acres and Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Texas and Tennessee a decrease of 1,790,191 acres. The average condition of the growing crop on December 15 was 57.1 per cent of the normal. There are many complaints of the Hesian fly. The lowest condition figures reported are from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee—56, 50 and 57 respectively. The condition in Kansas, Oklahoma and many other states is above normal.

Estimated Production of Corn.

The production of corn in 1900 is estimated at 2,105,102,516 bushels; oats, 800,125,989 bushels; barley, 58,925,833 bushels; rye, 23,995,927 bushels; buckwheat, 9,566,996 bushels; potatoes, 210,928,897 bushels, and hay, 50,110,896 tons. The area from which these crops were gathered was as follows in acres: Corn, 83,320,872; oats, 27,364,705; barley, 2,194,282; rye, 1,191,326; buckwheat, 637,930; potatoes, 2,611,054, and hay, 39,132,890. The corn crop of 1900 was one of the four largest ever gathered, while the oat crop has been exceeded only once. On the other hand, the barley and rye crops are the smallest, with one exception, in acres since 1887. The buckwheat crop is the smallest since 1858, and the hay crop is the smallest, with one exception, since 1888.

HEREDITARY OFFICE IN CUBA

War Department Holds Against Claims for Certain Emoluments Connected with Meat Business.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The secretary of war has sustained the military authorities in Cuba in what is familiarly called the "slaughter house" case, without prejudice, however, to the full legal rights of the claimants, which are left to the future determination of the courts of Cuba. This case involves many important legal questions and bids fair to be a subject of litigation for years to come.

This claim had its inception in a grant by the Spanish crown in 1783 to Don Castro Pueria of the privilege of holding in his family the office of sheriff of Havana. The male portion of the family having become extinct, the office, by permission of the Spanish crown, passed to Count O'Reilly, then husband of the daughter of the recently deceased sheriff. The last incumbent is the present Countess O'Reilly and Buena Vista, who is joined in the issue by Dr. Don Gustavo Gallet Dupless of Havana, who purchased an interest in the emoluments of the office in Havana in 1895. The principal emolument was a right to receive about \$1 in gold for each head of large cattle killed in Havana slaughter houses. The military government of Havana vacated this order in May 20, 1899, and this was affirmed, on appeal, by General Brooke in August. The case came up on appeal to the secretary of war and after several months consideration has just been decided against the claimants, so far as the United States is concerned.

Secretary May Recover.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary Hay has recovered from his indisposition and was again at his desk at the State department today. This being diplomatic day he had many callers, the Chinese minister being the first. Neither the secretary nor the minister had any late advices from Peking. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts called to present Mr. Meyer, new ambassador to Italy. Lord Pauncefote arrived shortly after Mr. Lodge's departure and had a brief conference with Mr. Hay. The ambassador has heard nothing whatever concerning the course of the British government on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, nor is there likely to be any development at London before the papers have reached there some time next week.

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TO PAY THE JAPS AND CHINKS

Dole to Recommend Settlement of Claims for Property in Hawaii Destroyed During Plague.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—It is expected that Governor Dole of Hawaii will make a recommendation to the Hawaiian legislature, which meets in February, for the settlement of claims of Chinese and Japanese, growing out of the destruction of their property at Honolulu at the time of the bubonic plague outbreak. It appears that the Chinese claims are less than was at first estimated, and that the total of Japanese and Chinese claims is approximately \$1,800,000. The Chinese government has the bulk of the claims. The late pressure in behalf of the claims of its citizens, but the Japanese authorities have been actively looking out for the losses sustained by their countrymen, and now seem to be in a fair way of securing payment of entire remuneration. Governor Dole suggested a short time ago that the matter be referred to the Hawaiian legislature, and this was approved by the officials here as the best means of adjustment. It is probable, however, that Governor Dole's recommendation will be considerably below the face value of the claims. There appears to be little doubt that the legislature will authorize a settlement.

NO INVITATION TO BE SENT

Report That President is to Invite Kaiser and Prince of Wales to Yacht Races Denied.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Nothing is known at the White House concerning the story cabled from London to the effect that the New York Yacht club would invite Emperor William of Germany and the prince of Wales to witness the yacht races for the America's cup next summer and that President McKinley would write concurrently to the Kaiser and the prince inviting them to visit the United States. At the White House it is stated that nothing of the sort is in contemplation. The prince of Wales was a guest at the executive mansion during President Buchanan's administration.

Experts on Transportation to Testify.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The industrial commission is arranging for a list of witnesses who will testify from January 4 to 19 on the subject of transportation. The testimony will be on the relations of employer and employee and between the railroad companies and the public. Henry C. Adams, statistician of the interstate commerce commission, is expected to talk on taxation for transportation companies. Frank Parsons of Boston will speak of monopolies of transportation. There will be representatives of street railway commissions, of the Longshoremen's union, of the Lake Seaman's union. There also will be representatives of the operators in the anthracite coal regions, who probably will speak concerning the recent strike among the miners.

Hall Hopeful About Army Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Representative Hall, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, apparently does not share the fear expressed in some quarters that the army reorganization will fail at this session of congress and a makeshift temporarily continuing the present provisional army will have to be resorted to. He is at the White House today in conference with the president and Senator Allison regarding some Iowa appointments and stated his perfect confidence in the speedy enactment of the army bill. "I have canvassed the situation in the senate," said he, "and I believe that the differences between the two houses upon the measure will be adjusted within a week after the bill goes to conference."

Tariff Struggle in Germany.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The vast industrial forces of Germany are organizing for a tremendous struggle with the agrarian and commercial interests, according to a report to the State department from United States Consul Schumann at Mainz. He says that the manufacturing interests of Germany surely will demand the passage of a protective tariff during the present session of the Reichstag. Three of the strongest industrial societies of Germany recently convened to organize a national industrial council. The imperial government apparently was in sympathy with the movement and while the efforts so far have failed they are not to be abandoned.

Winnipeg Entertaining Soldiers.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Dec. 27.—Thousands of citizens stood in the chilly blasts two hours today awaiting the arrival of soldiers from South Africa. The welcome at the railroad station was most enthusiastic. An immense procession was formed to Holy Trinity church, where Archbishop MacRay conducted brief services. Luncheon followed at the drill hall, during which the mayor, Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. Hugh John McDonald, Chief Justice Killam and others delivered addresses. Tonight a grand ball and concert will be held.

Colombia's Civil War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—United States Charge Beaure, at Bogota, has cabled to the State department that he has been informed by the Colombian government that the invading troops were overtaken by the government forces at Rosario and also that their leader General Uribe was defeated at Corozel in the province of Bolivar. He was retreating with a few remaining followers toward the Venezuelan line. The war is said to be progressing favorably for the Colombian government.

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BILLY PATTERSON IS STRUCK

Superintendent Receives First Blow That Falls in Scranton Street Car Strike.

IMPORTED MEN PERSUADED NOT TO WORK

Local Dealers Refuse to Sell Provisions to Men Who Have Taken Strikers' Places, While Letter Carriers Hire Buses.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 27.—The first blow struck in the street car strike was received this evening by William Patterson, the superintendent of the Scranton Railway company. Teamsters blocked the car he was running and breaker boys and street urchins pelted it with potatoes. When the trolley car reached strike headquarters the strikers boarded it and attempted to take off the crew. Some one pulled Superintendent Patterson from the car and he was struck on the head with a flat or club that knocked off his hat and caused him to reel.

Two strikers, Edward and Joseph Penley, rushed the superintendent into a saloon, protecting him from the crowd with great difficulty. The other strikers helped three police officers to disperse the crowd and also assisted the company officials to take the stalled car to the barn. Eleven cars were moved today, but not more than six at one time. As yet no known not a single passenger was carried.

Twenty-three of the fifty-three men who came from New York last night returned today. Only eleven reached the company's office. The others are scattered about the city. Provisions for the imported men arrived today from Philadelphia. The local business men refused to sell the company any supplies. The letter carriers have hired buses at their own expense and will not ride in the cars if the strike is not settled.

Two men from Williamsport, one from Sunbury, and one from Binghamton were turned back by the strikers today.

The company secured six men last night from St. Louis, who refused to listen to the strikers' entreaties.

SENSATIONAL ARMY REFORM

British War Office Begins by Demanding Resignation of Major General Colville.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The War office has begun the promised reform of the army in a sensational manner. It has demanded the resignation of Major General Sir Henry Colville, commanding an infantry brigade at Gibraltar, and recently commanding the Ninth division of the South Africa field force. General Colville refuses to resign and is now on his way to England. The news all the more startling as a question of General Colville's responsibility for the yearlong disaster at Lindlay last May was fully investigated by the authorities when General Colville returned from South Africa last summer. After the inquiry General Colville was reinstated in his command at Gibraltar in September last. The attitude of the War office indicates that a new regime in Pall Mall will reverse the decisions of Lord Lansdowne and Lord Wolseley in regard to some of the recent commands of the South African army. It is a well known author, and on the occasion of his marriage created a stir by going on his honeymoon in a balloon.

The Times, dealing editorially with the announcement that the War office has called for the resignation of Sir Henry Colville, says: "It is regrettable that Mr. Broderick has felt constrained to reverse the judgment of Lord Lansdowne. He may have unanswerable reasons for his course, but it is to be fully proved in order to justify his refusal to be bound by the action of his predecessor." The Daily Chronicle comments less severely, but in a similar tone. It is understood that General Colville will demand a trial by court-martial.

COMPROMISE IS HINTED AT

New Panama Canal Company of Paris Would Like to Arrange with United States.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The new Panama canal company, at its meeting today adopted the report of the directors, during the course of which, referring to the United States commission report, it says: "We think that a reasonable agreement wherein the United States and Colombian governments and our company should unite, is reasonable and might finally determine the preference of the United States in favor of Panama. The president of the company is now pursuing negotiations at Washington to that end. Should it be found impossible to arrive within a reasonable period at a satisfactory understanding with the United States, we shall have to seek and submit to you the means to carry on actively our work. It is neither possible nor permissible to say any more on the subject today."

Russian Consul at Bombay.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—To occupy the post of first Russian consul at Bombay the government has appointed M. Kiemi, who for many years in the Foreign office served in Central Asia and latterly secretary of the Russian political agent at Bokhara.

Russia secured the right of consular representation at Bombay after long and difficult negotiations. The British government being slow to admit that the commercial interests of Russia justified the departure. The real objection, naturally, was fear that the consulate would serve for political instead of commercial purposes.

Turk Makes No Payment.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Wednesday, Dec. 28.—It is the general belief that the Crampe contract for the construction of a cruiser for Turkey was signed without the first payment being made. This view is supported by the fact that the porte has formally promised to pay nothing to the Americans before paying the Krupp and the Germans have not yet received anything.

Increased Immigration to America.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 27.—More than 6,000 persons, four-fifths of whom went to the United States, emigrated from Christiania during the last twelve months, as against 3,300 in 1899.

Russian Church for New York.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—The Holy synod has ordered that all the churches in its jurisdiction take up collections to build an orthodox Russian church in New York City.

Boer Force Repulsed.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 27.—A small party of Boers attacked Burgersdorp on December 24. They were repulsed after heavy fighting. The Boers are active and skirmishes in several places have been reported.

Southern Educational Association.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 27.—The delegates to the Southern Educational association, which held its opening session here today, were slow in assembling. When the association was called to order there were about 600 delegates present, representing every part of the south. After prayer by

EMPEROR HAS OBJECTIONS

Chinese Court Takes Exception to Two of New's Stipulations.

WANTS FORTS LEFT AND GUARDS OUSTED

Disapproves Reducing Defences and Allowing Many of Legations' Protectors to Remain—Ching Learns Ruler's Views.

PEKIN, Dec. 27.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese peace commissioners, have heard from the emperor, Kwang Lu. Prince Ching called on the former for consultation, remaining over an hour. The court objects strenuously to reducing the forts and also to allowing permanent legation guards, which it seems to think, could be made sufficiently large at any time it was desired to menace the court itself.

After the conference it was decided to hold further communication with the court before seeing the ministers. The British have increased their garrison at Yang Tsun by 100 men, with horses and three guns. A flying column of 1,600 cavalry will scour the country between Tien Tain and Yang Tsun in obedience to Field Marshal von Waldersee's orders to be on the alert, in view of the fact that the emperor has engaged with 1,500 Chinese troops.

Colonel Tullock's regiment will remain to destroy the towers he recently held. This action is taken, owing to the fact that it has been discovered that a number of Boxers unquestionably made them their headquarters. The British authorities say they do not expect serious trouble from the Boxers, mainly because they lack arms. Fortunately, the Chinese government feared to trust them with arms, lest a rebellion should be undertaken. Otherwise, the danger might have been serious. British soldiers have been found dead outside the Temple of Heaven, with bullets in their heads. The murders are believed to have been done by Chinese.

A detachment of the Sixth United States cavalry, Ninth infantry and Fifth artillery will leave tomorrow to investigate the reported burning of native Christians by Boxers, as reported by Rev. Mr. Kelly, the Presbyterian missionary. The expedition will be commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Wint of the Sixth cavalry.

FRENCH ARE EQUALLY GUILTY

Charge of Cruelty in China is Made by Radical Deputy and Practically Admitted.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—In the Chamber of Deputies today M. Marcel Sembat, radical socialist, representing one of the districts of the Seine called attention to the reports of cruelties on the part of the European troops in China. He said the French soldiers were no freer from reproach than the Germans and Russians. They had committed similar atrocities. He also protested against pillage, which he asserted, had been carried on systematically, and he accused the missionaries of participating therein.

The minister of marine, M. de Lesnau, replied that the government had ordered an inquiry and would punish all the guilty persons, but as a consolation he was able to say that the French soldiers had been much less barbarous than those of other nations. The government, the minister continued, had ordered all the articles sent to General Frey, to be returned to China and restored to the Chinese government.

PEACE TERMS ARE NOT LIKED

Chinese Newspapers Point Out Features Which Are to Them Particularly Objectionable.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.—The Chinese newspapers here object to the proposed peace terms. The Universal Gazette considers that the princes and officials who are to be punished should be named. It is questionable whether General Tung Pu Hsiang is included among those punishable, and so far as Prince Tuan is concerned it is well known that the Chinese peace commissioners have been instructed not to consent to any larger or smaller bodies of Chinese soldiers being withdrawn from the royal blood exceeding imprisonment of the presence of permanent legation guards will render the emperor's return impossible because these would be a menace to the court.

BRITISH GO AFTER BOXERS

Detachment with Three Guns, Including a Maxim, Leave Tien Tain for Yang Tsun.

TIENTSIN, Dec. 27.—A force of 1,100 British troops, with two guns and a Maxim has gone to Yang Tsun to attack the Boxers and take vicinity and to protect the railroad. The Germans and Japanese are clearing the river of pirates from Taku to Tien Tain.

Russians Take the Railroad.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—The Novoe Vremya's Vladivostok correspondent states by the story that the Russian government is about to take over the Manchurian railroad. The Chinese government has left Vladivostok to formally deliver the road to the government's representatives. The correspondent also says the Chinese caused losses amounting to only 4,000,000 roubles.

Chinese Prepare to Block Channel.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.—Many Chinese war junks, laden with stone, have been anchored off Wu Sung, presumably to block the channel in case of an emergency.

Strike at Warehouses.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Soon after the legislative session in January a bill will be introduced to amend the public warehouse act by repealing the amendment adopted in 1897. It is expected that the elevators will fight hard to retain their present privilege. It is expected that the elevators will not deal in it themselves, the grain will continue to come to Chicago under such conditions, but they assert, with some reason, that the grain will be sold to the public at a profit. The Chicago grain elevators are now in a state of excitement, and it is expected that they will have to be closed.

Iowa City Man Honored.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—At the meeting of the Geological society of America today President Dawson announced the following board of directors for the following year: President, Charles D. Walcott; Secretary, D. C. Hoar; Vice President, N. H. Winchell; Minnesota, second vice president, H. F. Emmons; Washington, secretary, Prof. H. L. Fairchild; Rochester university, treasurer, Dr. J. C. White; Morristown, N. Y., editor, J. C. Brown; Washington, D. C., librarian, J. C. Brown; Albany, N. Y., secretary, Samuel Calvin; Iowa City, and A. P. Coleman, Toronto, Canada.

Kansas and Hares on Exhibition.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—The thoroughbred poultry and Belgian hare show opened here today with about 1,300 specimens on exhibition. The poultry judges are: Theo-

CAPITAL CRIME IN MISSOURI

Legislature of Missouri to Be Asked to Attach Death Penalty to Kidnaping.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—At a meeting of the prosecuting officers of the state of Missouri, held here today, a resolution was adopted to recommend to the state legislature the passage of a law making kidnaping a capital crime. It is also recommended that the stripping of women on the streets be made a felony. These suggestions, with several others, will be taken to the next general assembly by the legislative committee, consisting of thirty prosecuting attorneys from different parts of the state.

The kidnaping law was brought forcibly to the mind of the attorneys by the recent abduction of young Cudahy at Omaha. The recent St. Louis street railway strike afforded the suggestion for the recommendation concerning the stripping of women. Nine women were attacked on the streets and six of them were almost denuded.

The attorneys also prepared a resolution recommending the enactment of a law providing for compulsory arbitration of all differences between corporations and employees, with penalties for non-compliance. Lower street railway strike also brought about the resolution. During the trouble sixteen persons lost their lives and thousands of dollars' worth of property was destroyed.

COLONEL PIQUART OBJECTS

Leading Actor in Dreyfus Drama Does Not Care to Be Included in General Amnesty.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Colonel Piquart has written to M. Waldeck-Rousseau warmly protesting against the inclusion of himself in the amnesty bill. He says he does not wish to owe his rehabilitation to such a measure and indignantly repudiated the suggestion that compensation will be offered to him now that he has been amnestied. He declares that in order to demonstrate the falseness of such stories he renounces his appeal to the state council against the decree placing him on the retired list, and, in lieu of the amount that he is seeking advancement or decoration.

DEATH RECORD.

Three Deaths at Blair.

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—A. M. Boyce, an old resident of this county, and for the last two years of Blair, died at his home here on Tuesday evening. Mr. Boyce had suffered for several years with a cancer on his face, which had lately grown much worse after several operations, and finally resulted in his death.

Mr. Joseph Davis died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. W. H. Palmer, yesterday morning. Mrs. Davis fell downstairs some two weeks ago, sustaining severe injuries, from which she died without regaining consciousness. She had made her home in this city for many years.

Willie, the 12-year-old son of Attorney I. C. Eller, died last night of appendicitis. He had been sick only a short time. Doctors from Omaha were called here on last Saturday, but it was thought too late to operate upon him.

Wyoming Oil Magnate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Thomas B. Williams, an oil magnate, died at his home in the Stock exchange, born at Pine Ridge, Miss., is dead. Mr. Williams was interested in the Interstate Oil company, which is said to control 50,000 acres of oil properties in Wyoming. He came to New York in 1857 and joined the Stock exchange in 1876. He was for several years a governor of the exchange. He was a director in the Kansas City & Omaha railway, the New York Quotation company and the Bigley Sawing and Drilling company.

Joseph Rickards.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The body of Joseph Rickards arrived here today from Des Moines. He was the oldest son of Hon. J. N. Rickards of this city and only recently went to Denver with the hope of recuperating his shattered health. His death occurred at the home of his wife, Mrs. Rickards, in Des Moines. His death was unexpected and has completely prostrated his father. The funeral took place today.

Lieutenant Walter Slack.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A cablegram from General MacArthur at Manila, announced the death of First Lieutenant Walter Slack, forty-seven years of age, volunteer in the 10th Cavalry, on Christmas day. Lieutenant Slack was born July 10, 1875, at Grayson, Carter county, Kentucky.

S. P. Bryant of Sioux Falls.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Seth Pratt Bryant, aged 74 years, died at the residence of his son-in-law, George L. Ries, in this city. The funeral was held this morning from the residence. Mr. Bryant came to Sioux Falls in 1856. He was married with the family of his daughter from Norfolk, Neb.

Lord William Armstrong.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Lord William Armstrong, inventor of the Armstrong gun, and a writer upon electrical and scientific topics, died this morning at his home at Cragside.

Over a Century Old.

MONTROSE, Pa., Dec. 27.—Michael Maloney, a farmer of Lenox township, is dead at his home at the age of 107 years. Mr. Maloney was a native of Ireland.

Edmond Morison Wimpey.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Edmond Morison Wimpey, vice president of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colors, is dead.

Miss Marriott.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Miss Marriott (Mrs. Alice Edgar), the actress, is dead. She made an American tour about 1870.

Savings Banks Meet All Demands.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—The effect of the embarrassment of the Old Town bank, for which a receiver was appointed yesterday, is that the city today. Throngs of depositors were seen in the city today. The demands in all cases were promptly complied with. By noon the crowds that had gathered at the bank were dispersed. The morning hours had been accommodated and the city was quiet. The bank was not a parently their everyday business appearance.

Fleet Going on Winter Cruise.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The United States torpedo boat, Ericsson sailed from Hampton Roads today. It will be one of the torpedo boats of the fleet on the winter cruise in the tropics. The flagship Kearsarge and the Massachusetts sailed from Hampton Roads Saturday for Pensacola and the rendezvous will be made somewhere in the Gulf.

Arrested for Alleged Kidnaping.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Charles H. Beach, formerly of this city and now of Chicago, is in jail here charged with trying to kidnap the young son of the late John D. Rockefeller. Beach made the attempt yesterday and the arrest was made until today. He was placed under a \$500 bond to await trial. It is said the boy was taken to a house in New York city, since which time Beach has lived in Chicago.

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