## CHINA ACCEPTS NOTE

Unexpected Compliance with L 4- is of the Allied Powers.

FOREIGN ENVOYS OFFICIALLY NOTIFI

Emperor Instructs His Plenipotentiaries to Get the Best Terms Possible.

LIMITATION OF LEGATION GUARDS ASKED

Disarmament of Forts Instead of Their Destruction is to Be Demanded.

**COURT TO RETURN TO PEKIN IN FEBRUARY** 

doyen of the diplomatic corps, the Spanish minister, Senor de Cologan, and requested him to notify the other envoys that instructions had been received from the emperor to sign the note.

#### Emperor Yearns for Pekin.

PARIS, Dec. 30 .- Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, according to another dispatch to the Havas agency, say that Emperor Kwang Su has expressed a desire that the court should return to Pekin at the end of

The Havas agency has received the following dispatch from Pekin:

"Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang have communicated to the foreign envoys an imperial edict in which the emperor declares that China accents the foint note and authorizes Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang to negotiate and ask for a suspension of

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The report that the Chinese plenipotentiaries had been disatisfaction to officials here as indicating a disposition on the part of the Chinese government to heed the desire of the powers that negotiations shall be entered on at once and the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs terminated. The emperor, it was expected, would instruct his agents to obtain the best terms possible. One of the principal objections said to have been made by tthe Chinese to the location of any great number of legations guards in Pekin is that these guards would be a menace to the existing Chinese government.

### Only Dismantle the Forts.

As has already been stated in these dispatches, the United States government fraying their own military expenses and to was seen moving toward the camp where does not desire the absolute demolition of form an excuse for continued occupation. the Taku forts, but simply their dismantlement, so that ready access to the Chinese a breach of faith on the ground that he capital of a foreign force would not be gave Li Hung Chang a map defining the after a severe fight, the Boers were defeated. prevented. The demand of the powers in area of the occupation in the province of the joint note, however, was for the de- Chi Li and indicating the district beyond struction of the forts. Inquiries said to which the allies would not operate, and have been made by the Chinese government yet allowed the German troops to inflict of the envoys, of which inquiries, however, severe punishment upon the Chinese at no official intimation has been received Tsang Chau and Yung Ching, both of which from Mr. Conger, have been regarded by are outside the area. Repeating his statethe officials of this government as reason- ment that the Germans are preparing for able and because of this more delay than an expedition to Sian Fu in the spring has occurred was expected in the court's and also fomenting trouble in the Yang Tse direction for the signature of the note. Nothing has come from Mr. Conger regarding the status of the note since a cablegram from him some days ago announcing British troops from Count von Waldersee's that it had been presented to the Chinese.

Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, is somewhat puzzled as to just what construction to place or the Pekin dispatch All along has regarded the demands conveyed in the joint note as harsh and severe and the statement that it has been signed causes him surprice. He is inclined to believe that in all probability what the emperor has directed is that the Chinese plenipotentiaries proceed to discuss in a friendly manner with the envoys the terms of the agreement with a view, as stated in the possible along certain specified lines and also in others not contained in the cable-

## STAND IN FEAR OF GERMANY

Chinese Auxious Lest a Decisive Engagement Be Forced t pon the Imperial Troops.

PEKIN, Saturday. Dec. 29.-The Germans killed forty Chinese troops near Man Cheng. northwest of Pao Ting Fu. They had no own country in a lifetime. casualties. Among the natives a feeling of great mistrust is being caused, apparently, by the high-handed action of the Germans, as the Chinese suspect them of an intention to force a serious engagement with the Chinese troops.

## NEW TRIAL FOR STERNBERG

Berlin Banker Convicted of an Offense Against Morality Makes Successful Appeal.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.-The Lokal Anzeiger announces that the appeal in the case of the banker, Sternberg, convicted of an offense against morality, will result in a new trial, today from Colon, Colombia, reports conowing to a legal flaw.

It also asserted that proceedings have been begun against Dr. Selle, the leading counsel for Sternberg, and his junior coun- and business is at a standstill in every secsel, for collusion to secure the acquittal of

Yanger Wants to Fight McGovern CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Benny Yanger, the "Tioton Slasher," through his manager to-night deposited a forfeit of 1,000 with George Siler and issued a challenge to fight Terry McGovern at 122 pounds, ringside, before the club offering the best inducements. As these are the terms asked by McGovern's manager it is almost a certainty the match will be made. If the men meet it will be for the featherweight champlonship of the world.

Pay Probable Fine.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 30 .- Mrs. Carrie Nation, the Woman's Christian Temperance union "joint" wrecker, has refused bail secured by her co-workers. She now says under no circumstances will she step of jail until cleared of the charge ast her, and the Woman's Christian Temperance union committee which had

taken up the matter has practically abandoned its efforts to secure her release. The county attorney, it is said, is se riously considering a suggestion made by the saloon men to withdraw the charge of received the following dispatch from Lord malicious destruction of property and pre- Kitchener: ferring one of insanity against her. There is doubt in their minds that they can hold Lytleton reports that our post at Helvetia her upon the present charge, and they are bound to punish the woman in some form | Boers. About fifty were killed and wounded

for the mischief she has done. When spoken to on this matter, Mrs.

When spoken to on this matter, Mrs. Nation laughed and said:

I expect they will resort to this as a last means to make me abandon my crusade in the compelled to Give Way.

PEKIN, Dec. 30.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note and have notified the foreign envoys to that effect. The Chinese themselves were greatly astenished at receiving the imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under ten days.

The emperor's instructions are to agree fully to the note, but to endeavor to get the best terms possible, particularly in the matter of limiting the number of the legation guards and also as to the places where these are to be located. The plenipotentiaries are instructed to endeavor to limit the number of army posts along the line of railway to as few as possible and finally to require the powers not to destroy the forts, but to merley disarm them.

Li Hung Chang's health is bad and it is doubtful whether he will be able to do more than affix his signature to an instrument delegating his powers to Prince Ching until another plenipotentiary has been appointed. He was dreased this morning and carried in a chair to the residence of Prince Ching, with whom is held a long consultation. Prince Ching then called upon the doyen of the diplomatic corps, the Spanish minister, Senor de Cologan, and requested Nation laughed and said:

A movement has been started by the local Woman's Christian Temperance union to impanel a special grand jury to investigate the conduct of the city and county officials in permitting the sale of liquors in Wichita. | 130 men. To day the county jail was placarded with a quarantine sign and no visitors were allowed to enter. It is said that this was a ruse of the jail officials to keep out Mrs. Nation's friends, who have daily visited her in great numbers.

## HE OBJECTS TO WALDERSEE

British Correspondent Excited Over the Way the Germans Are Conducting Things in China.

LONDON, Dec. 31-Wiring to the Times from Pekin yesterday, Dr. Morrison says The Chinese have accepted all the conditions of the joint note. They are sendand ask that negotiations shall commence forthwith and that military operations

Li Hung Chang is much better, although greatly shaken. Five expeditions are now operating. Every report tells of increasing unrest. The policy of depriving the Chinese of all power to exercise authority is spreading disorder broadcast and forcing peaceful Chinese into opposition.

In a dispatch dated December 28 Dr Morrison sends a long protest against Gerinstead of checking disorder. He accuses the Germans of harrying the country and punishing the innocent and the guilty in-

valley, Dr. Morrison says: "The question arises whether the oc casion should not be seized to separate the command.

#### PESSIMISTIC TAKES

Archdencon Fordice Fring of West minster Abbey Sees Trouble Ahend for England.

LONDON, Dec. 31 .- All the religious denominations arranged for "end of the century services," some of which were held yesterday and some will be held today. At Pekin dispatch, to obtain the best terms Westminster abbey Archdeacon Fordice Friar, preaching yesterday, took a gloomy view of the future. He said he thought it by no means improbable that early in the oming century England would have to meet a combination of European powers. Referring to the "serious trade competition of Germany and the United States," he appealed to England to rouse herself. Alluding to the national curse of intemperance, he said that Rev. Charles Sheldon of Topeka, Kan., said he had seen more drunkenness in England in a year than in his

#### REBELLION IN COLOMBIA

Conflicting Reports Concerning the Status in South American Repub-He Come to Hand.

CARACAS, Venezuela. Dec. 30.-General Tribe, the chief of the Colombian revolution, who was recently defeated at Corazel in the province of Bolivar, has arrived at Maracaibo. This is regarded as a deathblow to the revolutionary movement.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 30 .- The British steeamer Orinoco, which arrived here siderable rebel activity in nearly all the provinces. The Colombia railway and the Magdalena river service are disorganized

tion except Colon. The Colombian government, according to the same advices, has been making unsuccessful attempts to corner the rebel bands.

Two Killed by Elevators. CLEVELAND. O. Dec. 30.—Two fright-ful elevator accidents occurred here today within five minutes in buildings only a short distance from each other. Sydney Hamm of Lendon, Ontario, stepped into an open shaft and fell six stories and Raioh Spellman, sged 19 fell nine stories. Both were instantly killed.

Lord Kitchener Reports Fritish Loss as Tomperature of Owners Nantagan Fifty Killed and Wounded.

LIST OF CAPTURED WILL REACH 200

Boers Evacuate Helvetia After Capturing It and Are Now Being Followed by a Strong Detachment.

LONDON, Dec. 31.-The War office has "Pretoria. Dec. 30, 7:50 a. m .- General

was captured yesterday morning by the and 200 taken prisoners. General Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy, Helvetia being reoccupied by Reeves, who has been reinforced from Belfast. Helvetia was a very strong position on the Machadorp-Lydenburg railway and

was held by a detachment of the Liverpool

regiment. Am asking for further informa-

While Lord Kitchener sends had news for England on the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a surprisingly hopeful view of a grave situation and of revelations of an enormously wide field of Boer activity. General Dewet is still at large. Kimberley is isolated. The Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position at Helvetia, in the Leydenburg district, while, judging from Lord Kitchener's very recent advices no progress is being made against the Boer invaders in Cape Colony.

According to further telegrams received yesterday Zeerust is practically besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months. The garrison at Ottoshoop has been withdrawn to Lichtenburg.

A dispatch from Carnarvon dated yester day reports that the Boers, who have been threatening that point, have been driven off and are being pursued.

"It is evident," says a belated message from Krugersdorp, dated December 23, "that the Boer commissariat in the direction of Magaliesburg is well supplied and that until the country between here and the Magallesburg is properly cleared of Boers they will continue to concentrate there, the ground being particularly adapted to their methods of warfare."

## Boers Admit Heavy Loss

The Boers admit that in their fight with General Clements at Nooitgedacht they lost

"It is understood that Lord Kitchener for immediate enlistment in the irregular | bond in the sum of \$80,000. corps, which is proceeding to Johannesburg for five months' service."

To emphasize Lord Kitchener's covert Saturday, reports as follows:

Knappdaar and the arrival of another is self, and lost every time. momentarily expected in the Steynsburg "I could not win even at poker," he addistrict. The Boers are said to have two or mitted, "and the more chances I took the three horses each, though in bad condition. further I went toward ruin." They have no guns or transports, but are well supplied with Lee-Metford rifles and ammunition. Captured Boers say that the intention of these commandoes is to roam short in 1897, the shortage amounting to about and wait until General Dewet appears upon the scene."

## Cape Colony Dutch Are Quiet.

All dispatches arriving in London agree that the Cape Dutch show no inclination to him as yet. rise, but on the contrary, appear to be man harshness, which he says is creating tired of the war and desirous of peace Many refuse to supply the Boers with food. Details of the Greylingstad affair show that while Colville's column was pursuing discriminately in order to levy fines for de- the Boers a second force of 400 of the enemy the British transport was enspanned. The He also charges Count von Waldersee with British force made a plucky stand until reinforcements arrived with artillery and. The British losses altogether were nine killed and sixty-three wounded and missing. The Boers are said to have thirty-one killed. Lord Kitchener, wiring from Pretoria on

Saturday, December 29, says: There is not much change in the situation in Cape Colony. The eastern force of the enemy appears to have broken up in small parties at Utrecht and to be moving about rapidly in the same district, evidently waiting for support from the north.

The last report states that the western force is moving to Carnaryon. De Liele

The last report states that the western force is moving to Carnarvon. De Lisle and Thornycroft are in close pursuit. French has occupied Ventersdorp, Clements reports that he is opposed on the road to Rustenburg. The eastern line was blown up near Pan and a train was held up on the Staaderton line near the Vaal. White's column has arrived at Senekal. Knox's column and Boxe's brigade are Knox's column and Boye's brigade are olding Dewet from breaking south.

"A warrant has been issued against Dr. Rewater, a member of the late Schreiner cabinet, who is under arrest on a charge of delivering a seditious speech at Granf Reinet, inciting to rebellion in connection with the recent Boer invasion of the colony, and this," says the Capetown correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, "is the commencement of a series of arrests, heralding a wide extension of martial law." LONDON, Dec. 31.-The Daily Mail calls on the government to send out at least 50,-000 more mounted men.

## MAORIS ARE NOT WANTED

Chamberlain Credited with Declining Services of Brown-Skinned Warriors of New Zealand.

LONDON, Dec. 31 .- Mr. Chamberlain, according to a dispatch from Wellington, New Zealand, has declined the services of Maoris for South Africa.

# CABINET CRISIS AT MADRID

Senor Sagasta, Former Premier, Declares That a Change of Ministry is Inevitable.

MADRID, Dec. 30 .- Rumors of a cabinet crisis increase. Senor Sagasta, former pre mier, has broken silence and declares that a change of ministry is inevitable on account of the difference in the cabinet itself. as well as in the ranks of its supporters. Many ministerialists assert that the Azcarraga government will continue. Should it fall its only possible successor would be a Silvela ministry.

# MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS KILLED

German Tourists Attempt to Ascend Mount Schwarzenbergen Without Guides and Fall Into Abyan.

LONDON, Dec. 31 .- Two German tourists, Loiner and Kindlinger, ascended Mount Schwarzenbergen without guides, according to a dispatch to the Daily Express from Vienna, and fell into an abyss and were election of William P. Snyder of Chester killed.

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### WANTS EPIDEMIC OF LIBERTY

Chicago Preacher Counsels the United States to Let the Philippines Go Their Own Way.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 .- Prof. M. M. Mangasarian, a well known Chicago Congregational clergyman, delivered a lecture on The Close of the Century" at the Grand opera house tonight. He said in part: "Let the American people celebrate the birth of the twentieth century by a memorable act-give liberty to the Filipinos. Victor Hugo used to say that no festival or celebration was complete which did not bring amnesty or pardon to some people. Let us pardon the Filipinos for rebelling against our sovereignty, if that is the crime with which we charge them. Let us confer upon them liberty. Let America establish this precedent-that of giving freely and without price to a people who prefer liberty to life. Liberty has hitherto been wrested from rulers at the point of a bayonet. Let us have liberty in the twentieth century without the bayonet. Our example, I am hopeful, will become a noble epidemic. Russia, Turkey and Great Britain will go and do likewise, and Poland, Armenia and South Africa will once more know the sweets of liberty. Such an act on our part will deal the deathblow to war, which a great American has called 'hell,' and will usher in the thousand years of peace.

"Let us baptize the twentieth century in the name of peace, liberty and progress, Let us christen her the people's century. Let us ask of the new century a religion without superstition, politics without war, art and the sciences without materialism and wealth without misery or wrong."

#### TAX RECEIVER IN TROUBLE James H. McCullough of Altoons, Pa.,

Leaves Town After Confessing to Shortage of \$20,000.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 30.-James H. Mc-Cullough, former receiver of state and county taxes for Altoona, has disappeared and is said to be over \$20,000 short in his cannot ask the colonies officially to send accounts. McCullough had held the office troops," says a Durban dispatch dated De- of receiver since 1894, but the county comcember 29, but he desires it to be known in missioners did not reappoint him last spring Australia and Canada that Australians and because he had not squared his duplicates Canadians arriving in Natal will be eligible for the past several years. He was under

The county commissioners had a secret examination made of the accounts and a shortage of \$10,000 was quickly discovered. admission that no progress is being made County Commissioner Hughes went to Mcagainst the invasion of Cape Colony, a Cullough for an explanation. McCullough correspondent at Burghersdorp, wiring on confessed he was over \$20,000 short. He said that he began buying stocks in New on deck. "Two fresh commandoes are entering the York three years ago, and when his first colony. One has already crossed near venture failed he doubled to retrieve him-

McCullough's home is mortgaged, but he deeded it to his bondsmen, and on Thursday night he left the city. McCullough was some \$20,000. It is said he used the collections of 1898 and 1899, to square this amount. McCullough is about 50 years old and was looked upon as a solid business man. There has been no effort to arrest

## TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN MAN

Hall Caine Says High Position of Woman in This Country is Partly Due to Other Sex.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Dec. 30 .- Hall Caine, writing to the Sorosis, a local woman's expecting that the steamer would founder club, under date of Greeba Castle, Isle of at any moment. Man, December 8, says: When one considers what the position of

HALL CAINE.

## STATEHOOD FOR ARIZONA some time this week.

Governor Murphy on His Way to Washington to Continue His Efforts in Territory's Behalf.

Murphy of Arizona is at the Holland are endeavoring to locate him. house and will go to Washington Tuesday to continue his efforts to have that territory admitted as a state.

said today, "but we purpose keeping it up tomorrow. until success crowns our efforts. Our people want self-government and the advan- SCRANTON STRIKE SETTLED declaring that he would shoot anyone who tages of statehood. Freedom is the underlying sentiment which urges us on. We believe it entirely wrong for a people to be taxed directly or indirectly without representation. We are tired of territorial vas-

"Arizona has a population of more that in the last decade. We have more people off. states had when they were admitted."

#### **OUAY WILL CONTROL SENATE** Populist Senator Washburn Announces That He Will Hereafter

Act with the Republicans. HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 30 .- State Sena. tor Washburn of Crawford county, who was elected two years ago as a populist with democratic and prohibition endorsement, issued a formal statement tonight announcing that he had allied himself with the republican party and will participate

in its councils and organization, Mr. Wash-

burn voted with the democrats at the last session for George A. Jenks for United High Official of Denmark Declares States senator and took part in their councils and voted for all party measures. Mr. Washburn's declaration created much surprise, as he was counted on by the democrats to vote with them on the organization of the senate and for the party nomince for United States senator. His descr. tion gives the friends of Mr. Quay control of the senate and practically insures the

as president pro tem.

## Here is the Text of the Misspelled Note Sent by Mail to the Cudahy Household.

**EXACT COPY OF SECOND LETTER** 

Following is the exact text of the second threatening letter sent to E. A. Cudahy:

Cudhy: If you value the boy's life at the price of a bulet you will withdraw the reward at once and let well anough alone. If you don't do this we will finish the job with a bulet.

If any man whether gilty or inocent is ever arested a bulet will close the boy's mouth. You will think of this warning when it is to late.

## PEOPLE HOWL WITH DESPAIR TO WORTHY POOR OF ASHLAND

sympathy.

Passengers on Board Steamer Lake Megantic Believe They Are Surely Lost.

STEERING APPARATUS GOES DURING STORM

After Battling with the Elements for Over Two Days the Vessel Manages to Make Queenstown, Her Last Port of Sailing.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 31.-The British teamer Lake Megantic, Captain Taylor, rom Liverpool on December 25, and Queenstown on December 26, for St. John, returned to Queenstown harbor yesterday (Sunday) morning, after a terrible experience in the gale. The vessel left Queens own on Wednesday, carrying the Canadian mails, forty-five saloen and fifty cabin passengers and about 500 steerage passengers, principally foreigners, with many Jews among them. It had reached a point about 400 miles west on Thursday night, when it encountered a merciless gale. Behaving splendidly, the steamer would have got through had not the steering gear become damaged badly, placing it in a dangerous position. The crew worked bravely and rigged handgear and the vessel was again brought under control.

Unfortunately the handgear also became damaged. The gale lasted twenty hours and an immense sea broke over the vessel, smashing the booby hatch and flooding It between decks, where the steerage passengers were located. It also washed away a greater portion of the fittings and did considerable deck damage. Three lifeboats were smashed. Some of the crew were seriously injured and one seaman was killed

When the storm moderated, Captain Tayfor decided to return to Queenstown. It was difficult work to steer the big ship, but it managed to anchor here without assistance. Its officers and men were ex

hausted. To everybody's surprise the Beaver company directed Captain Taylor to take the Lake Megantic to Liverpool and it proceeded there with all its passengers and mails, to be transferred to the Lake Superior, which will leave the Mersey on Tuesday.

The company ordered a tug to accompany the vessel, but none was available here Tugs will be sent from Liverpool to meet There will be considerable anxiety as to the vessel's safety in its present disabled condition, especially as the weather has again broken in a high northwest gale. It was impossible to interview any of the Lake Megantic's crew and the agents are reticent, but it is understood there were indescribable scenes among the passengers, who were said to have howled in despair,

MYSTERY AS DEEP AS EVER

When one considers what the position of woman was, even in the most civilized countries, as recently as loo years ago, and how high a place she has now won for herself, not only in the statute books of nations, but in the republic of art, one cannot but feel that the change is even more remarkable than some of the great material developments which have distinguished the century.

Speaking as one who has seen the conditions in many countries, I feel that it is within the truth to say that the position of woman is higher in America than in any other part of the world. For this result American women have, no doubt, to thank their own natural gifts and great independence of mind, but they have also, I think, to be grateful to the splendid chivalry in the other sex, which is nowhere more conspicuous than in the best type of American gentlemen.

HALL CAINE. probably would be able to get hold of the domestic servant of the Richardson home

She is visiting in northern Missouri somewhere, but the officers have been unable to locate her since the night of the tragedy. A traveling man, whose name has been incidentally mentioned in connection with NEW YORK, Dec. 30.-Governor Nathan the case, has disappeared and detectives

Mrs. Richardson is still confined to bed with nervous prostration and the attending physicians tonight did not think "We have a hard fight on our hands," he she would be able to go to the courtroom

Men and Company Agree to a Compromise Which Ends Trouble Begun One Week Ago.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 30.-At 12:45 m., the street car strike, which 122,000, having increased over 100 per cent was begun a week ago, was called President Clark, General Manaand more money than twenty-three of the ger Silliman and Directors John and Timothy Burke of the street car company came to the strikers' hall after the vote to compromise was carried and were received with tumultuous cheers. The men demanded what was an equivalent to an advance of 3 cents an hour. They were allowed 2 cents. The old rates of wages were 125 cents for the first six months, 131/2 cents for the second six months, 14 cents for the second year, 15 cents for the third year and 15 57-100 for the fourth year. The new rates are 14, 15, 16, 171/2 and 19 cents. The men are also allowed a ten-hour day. Three hundred and twenty-five men were affected.

#### SALE OF DANISH ANTILLES tee, who passed through Kansas City en-

That Germany is Not Negotiating for Purchase of Islands

COPENHAGAN, Dec. 30 .- In Danish official circles the report that Germany is negotiating to purchase the Danish Antilles "If the islands are to be sold," said a

be sold or none."

Mr. E. Rosewater Contributes the Fund Which the People of that

ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 30 .- (Special.) - W. N. Becker, jr., editor of the Ashland Gazette, has received back from E. Rosewater the check for \$21.50, which was forwarded to him as a contribution from the people of Ashland and vicinity towards the payment of the fine imposed upon him by the supreme court. Mr. Rosewater made the with a bulet. check payable to Rev. C. P. Hackney, who was authorized to distribute the proceeds as a holiday gift to the worthy poor of Ashland. In his letter to Mr. Becker Mr. Rosewater expresses to the subscribers of the fund his heartfelt appreciation of their

Vicinity Raise.

#### BLIZZARD IS NOT SERIOUS Sweeps Down Upon Omnin from the Northwest, but Snowfall

in Light. A blizzard swept down upon Omaha yesterday from the northwest, but the storm was not general in nature. Advices show that the storm is slight and that the fall of snow has not been great outside of Coloamount decreased for points further east. with success they have gloated over the precipitation whatever. The temperature west was falling rapidly. At Cheyenne it was six below zero at 7 o'clock last evening and the temperature was still falling. At the local weather station the statement was made last night that the storm was comparatively light over the limited

area it covered and that there was no reason to expect any great fall of snow. Snow Storm at St. Joseph. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 30 .- A severe snowstorm set in late this afternoon graphic reports from all sections of K-nsas, Nebraska, Iowa and northern Missouri show the fall to be heavy. Winter wheat in many sections of these states, as well as throughout the west generally, has been greatly in need of a heavy blanket of snow. which will afford ample moisture as well

#### as protection to the grain from severe freezing.

Cold in Colorado. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 30 .- A blizzard visited Colorado last night and has continued with varied strength throughout the state today. The temperature is falling tonight in most sections and at several places the fall of snow has been quite heavy. Railroad traffic, though not seriously affected, has been interrupted and trains are all arriving late. No great damage to live stock

has been reported. Six Below Zero in Trenton. TRENTON, Neb., Dec. 30 .- (Special Telegram.)-At an early hour this morning it commenced snowing and has continued throughout the day, accompanied by a light wind. Temperature, 6 degrees below zero. This is the first moisture for several weeks.

Storm Strikes Southwest. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30 .- A snow storm, driven by a strong north wind, prevailed here tonight. The storm is general conjure up of the unspeakable fate which in the southwest. No reports of damage or

#### delay of trains have been received. CARD GAME ENDS IN MURDER

Three Men Dead at Abbeville, N. C. as the Result of a Refusal to Play for One Man's Stake.

ABBEVILLE, S. C., Dec. 30 .- Sheriff

Kennedy of this county, William Kyle of Massachusetts, who has been superintending the building of a cotton mill here, and John Dansby, a United States marshal, are dead as the result of a shooting at a card game and an attempt to arrest the men who did the shooting. Several persons were playing cards last night, when Dansby threw \$2 on the table and said: "Play for The men at the table refused and an altercation ensued. Dansby suddenly drew a pictol and shot Kyle in the abattempted to stop him. He was followed by two policemen, but he held them at bay until Sheriff Kennedy and a number of citizens arrived. The sheriff called to Dansby to come out of the house of his father, whither he had fled, and surrender. Dansby came out and, with the remark. Well, we'll all go to hell together," be- romp in the fields and parks and come and gan firing. Dansby was shot twice in the go with that carcless independence which leg and one in the chest and the sheriff is the very soul of a happy, buoyant childwas struck near the heart and fell. Dansby hood. To them the woods are peopled with walked fifty steps and was reloading his dreaded foes; behind every tree is a banpistol when he was shot again by the dying dit and every shadow harbors a terror in sheriff. The sheriff and Dansby died within human shape. I tell you that until the a few mirutes of each other. Kyle lingered until 2 o'clock today.

### . G. Johnson Declares That National Democratic Committee Will Not

Re Changed. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.-Judge J. G. ohnson, chairman of the executive committee of the national democratic commit-

route from Chicago to his home in Kansas,

organization perfected during the last cam- not at all likely to fathom the mystery of paign, but I will say that there will be no her identity. She also gives reasons for will remain practically as it is until that is the quotation that she uses to explain high official today, "the purchaser will be the time. I believe that the present precinct United States and no other power. All will organization can be maintained and made time. I believe that the present precinct her position. entirely self supporting."

They Grow More Brutal and Reckless Toward the Cudaby Family.

SECOND LETTER STIRS ALL OMAHA

Other Parents Feel Keenly the New Danger That Seems Imminent.

SOCIETY WOMAN EXPRESSES ANGUISH

She Herself is a Mother and Appreciates the Grave Situation.

EUGENE FIELD'S VERSE IS APPLIED

Chief of Police and His Men Are Silent Regarding the Latest Phase of the Insolent Bandits'

Outrage.

E. A. Cudaby, the millionaire packer, having thought better of his resolution of Sunday that he would not reveal to the public the contents of the second letter he received from the bandits The Bee is now permitted to publish a verbatim copy of that communication. Here is the letter:

'Cudhy: If you value the boy's life at the price of a bulet you will withdraw the reward at once and let well amough alone. If you don't do this we will finish the job

"If any man whether gilty or inocent is ever arested a bulet will close the boy's mouth. You will think of this warning when it is to late."

This letter, which was unsigned, was sent through the mails, and was addressed as "E. D. Cudhy, 518 South 37th street,

It was postmarked "Omaha, Dec. 22, 8 a. m.," and was delivered at the Cudahy home at 11 a. m. by a postman. The paper used was ordinary white note

paper, and the matter was printed in capital letters with black ink. The second letter received by Mr. Cudaby from the kidnapers, published exclusively in The Sunday Bee, renewed interest in the case and was the principal topic rado. At Pueblo 3.6 inches of snow were of conversation yesterday on street cars, reported and other points in the state had in shops and wherever people congregated. a lighter fall. Dodge City, Kan., reported An impression generally expressed was that one-half-inch of precipitation, and the the bandits have become foolhardy. Flushed South and east of Omaha the storm was ease with which they evade arrest and very light and many points reported no could no longer restrain the impulse to taunt the police and further impress Mt. Cudahy with a sense of his helplessness in

their hands. Others held directly the opposite-that the kidnapers were so close pressed by the detectives that they were fearful of being caught and that the second letter comes as a cry of distress. They want the reward withdrawn in order that man-hunting

may be less profitable and zealous. Brutality is Cold Blooded

There is no means of learning how the a constantly lowering temperature. Tele- chief of police construes this letter, as he refuses to discuss it. All agree, however, that the outlaws manifest a cold-blooded brutality, which is most revolting, and many a mother with children of tender years has shuddered as she thought of her own dear ones in the hands of these thugs. Mrs. Cudahy has the sympathy of every mother who has heard of the cruel threats

to take away her little girls. "There is excellent matter in this for sermon on the theme of 'Contentment,' said a well known society woman, herself a mother of three children. "I dare say there are many families in moderate circumstances who are better satisfied with their lot in life now than they were before this affair came up. It serves to drive home

the lesson that money can't buy happiness. "Did you ever try to put yourself in the place of that poor mother in the Cudahy mansion? With all her wealth she is among the most wretched of mortals. I can picture her, with over-wrought nerves, startled at every sound, seeing cause for alarm in every shadow and in every strange footfall a menace. When those ruffans threaten to steal away one of her little girls they struck at the very cidadel of her affections. Picture the helplessness of that little one in the hands of the outlaws and the thoughts that mother's brain would

## might befall it!

Mother in Constant Fear. "Every moment of the day the fear of kidnapers must be uppermost in her mind, She doesn't dare trust those two little girls to the care of a governoss, lest the governess by some chance be in league with the outlaw gang. She can scarcely trust herself. I can see her now, frozen with horror, as she sees one of them alone in the yard, and gasps the question: 'Where is your sister?' "As I thought of this case, the lines of that poem by Eugene Field have been run-

ning through my mind: "All day long they come and go-Pittypat and Tippytoe: Footprints up and down the hall,

Playthings scattered on the flor Pingermarks along the wall. Telitale streaks upon the door— By these presents you shall know Pittypat and Tippytoe. But when comes this thought to me,

Some there are that childless be, Stealing to their little beds, With a love I cannot speak, Tenderly I stroke their heads, Fondly kiss each velvet cheek, God help those who do not know A Pittypat or Tippytoe!

"And the children themselves are to be pitied. They certainly can't have the freedom that other children enjoy. They can't younger members of that household grow up its peace of mind is blighted."

## NO REORGANIZATION LIKELY SAYS SHE ISN'T LIZZIE BURNS

Woman Who Signed "Elois T" Writes Again and as if She Knew the Inside of the Kidnaping Case.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 30.-The Enquirer has received the second strangely significent letter from "Elois T.," who now signs herself "Eloise V. Tarrell." In this letter the writer says that conjectures as to her identity on the part of the Omaha corre-"I am not in a position to say what will spondent are wrong-that she is not Lizzie be done toward maintaining the democratic Burns, and that the correspondents are reorganization of the national committee. her offer to clear up the Cudahy mystery. The committee is organized until 1904 and "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

> The last letter is dated December 29. And again the woman-if the writer be a