

SHAW IS UNDECIDED

Takes Under Advice of the President of Treasury Portfolio.

WILL RENDER HIS DECISION SPEEDILY

Closed with Allies as to Advisability of Entering Cabinet.

CHIEF CONCERN IS DANGER TO

Does Not Wish to Jeopardize Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON LOOKS FOR ACCEPTANCE

Nothing Unusual for One State to Have Two Cabinet Members—McKinley and Cleveland Establish Such a Precedent.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram)—Governor Shaw arrived here at 10:30 tonight over the Great Western, fresh from a long conference with Senator Allison in regard to the treasury portfolio. He said:

"The position of secretary of the treasury has not been formally tendered me, but I have been asked to consider the matter and state whether or not I would accept if the place is offered me by President Roosevelt. I have taken the matter under advisement and will render a decision without unnecessary delay."

It is understood the governor has come home to consult with his family and immediate business associates in regard to acceptance of the position. His first intimation of the place came when H. H. Kohlman of Chicago called him up by long-distance telephone yesterday and told him that the tender was to be made to him and urged him to accept. He was then called to Dubuque where Senator Allison was clothed with authority to offer him the position informally.

The chief concern of both Shaw and Allison was in regard to the danger to Secretary Wilson if Shaw should go into the cabinet at this time. They and others do not wish to do anything which will endanger Wilson's place in the cabinet.

Governor Shaw on his return home went direct to his rooms in the Victoria and said he would make no further statement. His friends will urge upon him to accept at once.

Appointment Delays in Iowa.

The news of the appointment of Governor Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa to be successor to Secretary Gage in the cabinet of President Roosevelt, was received today with pleasure by his Iowa friends and republicans generally. When the first rumors to that effect came on Monday evening the people generally regarded the news as a joke because of the fact that such rumors had been current many times before. Then there was incredulity because of a general belief that Iowa was not a big enough state for two cabinet positions at once. But today, when the definite news came, there was great rejoicing.

When Governor Shaw left for Dubuque late last night to consult with Senator Allison he insisted that he knew nothing whatever of the matter and had no knowledge beyond what he got from the newspapers. He admitted, however, that he was aware that large banking interests in New York were working to have him in the cabinet. Neither his friends in Iowa nor any of the leading politicians in the state had been consulted in regard to the matter. It came as a complete surprise to all of them.

Plans Previously Made.

The governor had been planning either to return to the little city of Denison and engage in his business there, or to form some connection with business affairs here. He is largely interested in a comparatively young insurance company doing a business on the assessment plan, which company has been remarkably successful of late, and it was understood he had contemplated becoming one of the general officers and remaining here in Des Moines. He made investments two years ago in rice land in Texas, which has since become valuable as oil land, and he has thus largely increased his wealth. It was understood he was desirous of retiring to the place where he had his business and had been looking forward to retirement for some time with pleasure. Governor Shaw is just closing four years in the governor's office. He first became known as a student of national affairs in Iowa when he made speeches for the gold standard which attracted some attention. It was in the next year, when he was nominated for governor by reason of a peculiar combination of circumstances which made all other unavailable, that he first attained prominence. His name had not been mentioned for the place until about two months before the convention, when he was brought out as a "dark horse" candidate, and by reason of his geographical location, rather than because of his wide acquaintance with the people, he was nominated and elected governor.

Abundantly Qualified.

Since he has been governor Governor Shaw has made a study of national affairs and has become widely known as one of the ablest speakers in the country on the financial question. He has spoken before commercial bodies all over the country and greatly pleased his hearers. When he was in Washington at the time of McKinley's second inauguration he was waited upon by Secretary Gage and others and his advice was sought in regard to weighty financial matters. It is agreed that he is abundantly qualified for the position and will make a great secretary of the treasury.

With Governor Shaw in the Treasury department, Iowa will have two cabinet members. James Wilson of the Agricultural department is a great favorite in Iowa and it is not believed he will be asked to step out of the cabinet. Iowa, with a congressional delegation recognized as unusually strong, will have not only two cabinet officers, the director of the mint and the solicitor of the treasury, but the speaker of the house and the virtual leader of the senate. There are also a large number of Iowans in minor positions at Washington.

His Antecedents.

Leslie Mortier Shaw was born in Morrisstown, N. J., November 2, 1848. He is the son of Boardman Orlan Shaw, whose father, Ebenezer Shaw, was one of the earliest settlers and first selectmen of Morrisstown. His mother was a daughter of Jason Spaulding, a teacher of some reputation in the eastern part of New York state.

In early childhood his father moved to a farm in Stowe, Vt., where Governor Shaw spent his minority. He received his early

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FRANCE WILL NOT BE LENIENT

Republic Promises to Be Rigid in Terms with Venezuela.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Venezuela, having failed last year in her attempt to renew diplomatic relations with France, even after the good offices of the United States had been invoked to assist in the negotiations, has at last got the Spanish government to instruct the Spanish ambassador in Paris to plead her cause. The ambassador, Marquis Leon Y. Castillo, has laid the proposals of Venezuela before the French government and they will shortly be taken into consideration. The basis of the proposals is as follows:

1. Cancellation of the French claims arising out of the years of 1852, 1853, 1859, 1860 and 1861 within a period which shall not exceed one year. Venezuela demands that in the future that France, like Italy, shall recognize the Venezuelan courts as having jurisdiction to decide French claims and that the duties imposed on Venezuelan coffee imported into France shall be removed.

2. The French government intends, if its conditions are not accepted soon, to impose prohibitive import duties on Venezuelan cacao, 74 per cent of the crop of which is consumed by this country. If this measure were to be put into effect it would ruin Venezuela, who would not know where to place her cacao.

The Caracas Chamber of Commerce, realizing the danger, has written to the Chamber of Commerce of Havre, Bordeaux and Marseilles to the effect that it is endeavoring to induce the government of Venezuela to listen to reason, in order that an understanding may be arrived at.

It is said that Cecilio Castro, who has been already charged with a diplomatic and financial mission in France, which was far from successful, will leave Caracas December 28, in order to submit the memorandum revised by President Castro.

The correspondent learns on good authority that the French government is determined not to be lenient, having, five years ago, accepted a protocol signed by General Pietri, the authorized representative of Venezuela, which was afterward refused by the government of Venezuela. It is considered at the French Foreign office that Senator Castro's frank will be useless unless he takes with him a document, signed by President Castro, which would become a protocol and would have to be accepted by the Venezuelan Congress before the French government ratified it.

DEPLORE EXISTENCE OF WAR

English Papers Comment on Disturbances Extending Over Three Christmases.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—"Christmas for the third year in succession finds the country engaged in war," is the burden of the editorials in the London papers this morning, and regrets are expressed that the casualty lists issued today totals forty-nine men killed and seventy-one wounded. Saturday, however, it is found in the fact that the process of attrition brings the end of the struggle perceptibly nearer. Compensation is likewise found in the undiminished loyalty displayed by the colonists.

The Argentine government has telegraphed yesterday at the annual distribution of gifts, joints of beef, etc., to the tenants at Sandringham, on behalf of the absent king.

LOOK FOR A CONCILIATION

Powers Expect Chile and Argentine to Soon Come to Terms.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 24.—(Via Galveston.)—The Argentine government has telegraphed to Florencio L. Dominguez, the minister of Argentine to Great Britain, in which he informs the latter of the renewal of conciliatory negotiations between Argentina and Chile. This step was taken in order that Senator Dominguez may officially inform the arbitration committee and other persons interested of the new developments in the situation.

Documents putting an end to the present state of affairs probably will be signed by both Argentina and Chile at Santiago tonight. The Argentine government has telegraphed to Senator Portella, minister of that country to Chile, to reenter into negotiations with Senor Yanez, the Chilean minister of foreign affairs, and they have authorized their representative to sign the documents terminating the present situation.

TO EMPLOY AMERICAN ADVISER

Chinese Court Decides to Go to Its Friends for Advice in Foreign Affairs.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—The steamer Braemar, which arrived last night from the Orient, brings news that the Chinese court has decided to engage an American adviser. The name of the official is not given by the oriental papers, but the Chinese press states that the salary is to be \$15,000 a year.

The Japan Mail, commenting on this, says it is a wise step for China to take, for, although its statements need no counsel in their domestic policy, they are unlearned in regard to dealings with foreign countries.

CECIL RHODES' NEW HOME

South African Director Buys Famous Dalham-Hall Estate in England.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Cecil Rhodes, managing director of the British South Africa company, has just purchased the Dalham-Hall estate, near Newmarket, which comprises an imposing Georgian residence built in 1704 by Bishop Ely, and 3,475 acres of freehold land, valued at \$1,000,000. The Dalham estate has been in the possession of the Affleck family for two centuries and is now the residence of Sir Robert Affleck.

Queen Still Improves.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The health of Queen Alexandra still improves, but it will be impossible for her majesty to leave London this week. The prince and princess of Wales will spend Christmas day at York cottage with their children.

WESTERN OFFICE IN OMAHA

Corporation with Ten Million Dollars Capital is Organized.

DEVELOPS GYPSUM IN MAKING PLASTER

S. T. Mevery of Fort Dodge, Iowa, One of Incorporators—Other Officers in Chicago, St. Louis and Buffalo.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The consolidation of twenty-five companies controlling the principal gypsum fields of the United States was effected today under the name of the United States Gypsum company. The company has a paid-up capital of \$10,000,000. It will have no bond issue and its stock will not be offered for sale, as it has been underwritten by the parties entering into the combine.

The company's avowed purpose is to develop the use of gypsum in the manufacture of plaster. The company is headed by George D. Emery of Boston, S. T. Mevery of Fort Dodge, Ia.; W. A. Avery of Detroit, Hewitt Boice of Kingston, N. Y., compose the advisory committee of the new company. Although incorporated in New Jersey the principal offices of the company will be at Chicago, with distributing branches at Omaha, St. Louis and Buffalo.

TARGETS FOR THE WARRIORS

Party of American Scientists Has Thrilling Times in South America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—J. B. Fairbank of Provo City, Utah, arrived here tonight on the Atlas liner Andes from South American ports. He was a member of a party of nine which set out from Provo City to obtain specimens, alive or dead, of the fauna and flora of Central and South America.

Others of the party fell sick and some of them were targets for rebel bullets in the southern portion of Colombia when they attempted to reach the coast in order to seek their way home. The party left Provo City, Utah, with a party of nine to collect animals, birds, plants and fossils for the Brigham Young academy. After exciting adventures they left Mexico and proceeded to the interior of the country. In Guatemala four of the adventurers were sick, and down with fever and taken to Port Limon, Panama, where they remained for the party pressed on and quantities of valuable specimens were shipped to the school. Again the band split up and two sought to go down the west coast, intending to reach Valparaiso, and were targets for rebel sharpshooters, after they had been warned by rebel officers. Finally all but Fairbank succeeded in reaching the coast and there found an avenue of escape.

All suffered from disease contracted under the intense heat of the tropical sun. Fairbank proceeded up the Magdalena river about 400 miles and found a planter until a chance offered itself a month later to get to Santa Marta, where he took the Andes for New York. Fairbank says that, although he has traveled thousands of miles and endured almost untold hardships, the trip was a success from a scientific standpoint.

SELLS HIS HERITAGE TO SISTER

Thomas Wallace Takes Five Hundred Dollars for His Share of Fortune.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Thomas Wallace, the only brother of Edna Wallace Hopper, the actress, and joint heir to a fortune of over \$200,000, today relinquished his claim to an estate for \$500 cash and a promise of \$100 a month during his life. The negotiations were carried on secretly at the Auditorium annex, and as soon as the agreement was signed, Miss Hopper, with her attorney, went to New York, just twenty-four hours after they arrived in Chicago.

Thomas Wallace has lived in Chicago for years and is engaged in the saloon business. Mrs. Wallace, the mother, after being a wealthy Californian, married A. L. Dunsuir, a wealthy California, who is now taking place after Edna Wallace was divorced from De Wolf Hopper. A few weeks after the marriage Mr. Dunsuir died, leaving his widow the entire estate.

Soon after Edna Wallace Hopper announced that she would never marry again as long as her mother was living, and while she was preparing for a visit with her mother, she received word of her mother's death. When the will was probated it was found that Mrs. Dunsuir had left the bulk of her fortune to be paid to her \$50,000 to her son to be paid to him when he reached the age of 45 years. Since the death of his mother Thomas Wallace has frequently appealed to his sister for assistance.

Feeling that some kind of an agreement should be made with her brother, Miss Hopper came to Chicago, accompanied by her attorney, a member of the legal firm of Howe & Hummel, and her maid. The party arrived last night at the Auditorium annex. Thomas Wallace met them at the hotel and at the end of a long conference a stenographer was called and an agreement dictated by which he relinquished his claim to his sister for the consideration named.

EXPELLED MEMBERS APPEAL

Brokers Barred from Chicago Pit Are Still Fighting in Court.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The expulsion of Arthur R. Jones and Michael J. Ryan, president and secretary respectively of A. R. Jones & Co., brokers on the Board of Trade, was pronounced effective and valid by Judge Haney today when he dissolved the temporary injunction obtained before Judge Tuley December 20, to restrain the board from enforcing the act of expulsion and depriving the traders of their privileges in the grain pit.

The expelled members will appeal their case.

REMEMBERS THE LITTLE ONES

President Roosevelt Sends Money to Buy Christmas Presents for Pupils.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Miss Sarah Provo, teacher at the small district school at Cove Neck, L. I., near Oyster Bay, President Roosevelt's home, received a check from the president today. The check is to be used for the purchase of Christmas presents for her pupils. Mr. Roosevelt's children formerly attended the Cove Neck school and before he became governor it was his custom every year to distribute Santa Claus and present gifts to all the pupils in person.

CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE

Big Turkey Distribution to Servants—Roosevelt Family Following Customary Celebration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Eighty-seven big turkeys were distributed to the White House policemen, messengers, servants, gardeners and stablemen today with the compliments of the president. Each turkey had on it a card bearing the season's compliments. The distribution was the largest ever made at the White House. President McKinley always gave turkeys to White House employees, but the list of recipients was never so large as that of today.

Express wagons, mail carriers and messengers bore numerous packages to the White House today—presents to the Roosevelt family from friends and admirers throughout the country. Many of the packages were for the children, who will not be allowed to have them until tomorrow. The program at the White House tomorrow will follow the program of the family in former years. There will be no Christmas tree, as a tree has never been part of the celebration of Christmas in the Roosevelt family. The children, however, all hang up their stockings and they will arise early tomorrow to visit them and ascertain what Santa Claus has left for them. Later in the morning the children will assemble in the dining room to receive gifts from their father and mother. In the afternoon the Roosevelt juveniles will go to the home of their uncle and aunt, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, to see a pretty Christmas tree and receive other presents. The Christmas dinner will be served at 7:30 and only the family will be present. In the afternoon, if the weather permits, it is probable that the Roosevelt family, including the president, will go down the Potomac river on a cruise. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is going on a hunting trip with Dr. Rixey and is very anxious that his father should accompany him. The president is inclined to do so if public business will permit. Even if the president cannot go, it is the present intention of Mrs. Roosevelt and some of the other children to accompany Dr. Rixey and Theodore, Jr.

NEW BUILDING AND FACTORY

Big Structure to Be Added to Bemis Bag Company Plant.

TO BE LARGEST BAG FACTORY IN WORLD

Company Will Begin Manufacture of Horse Blankets, an Industry New to Omaha, and Employ Many Additional Operatives.

A new building and a new factory are among the things which are placed in Omaha's Christmas stockings this morning and the donor is the Bemis Bag company. The plans for the new building were approved and received in Omaha yesterday. This building will be erected at the northwest corner of Eleventh and Jackson streets and will be known as building "D," the "L" of which connects buildings "A" and "C." This building now consists of a basement and one story. Two stories will be added to this, making the entire space occupied by the plant equal to six floors 158 feet square, or 1,138 square feet of floor space. Part of this space is occupied by King & Smead, but the major part is devoted to the work of the bag company.

Work on the new building will be started as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring and it will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible, it being hoped that it can be occupied by next fall. As soon as the building is completed the company will begin the manufacture of horse blankets, a line not made in Omaha at this time. This new feature will require the employment of fifty additional operatives at first, and as the condition of trade in the business will be increased to about 100 and 200 operatives in its different branches of work.

ENGINEERS CHANGE PLACES

High Officials Will Be Given New Positions First of Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Orders issued today make several important changes in the stations and duties of high officers in the corps of engineers.

Colonel J. L. Ledyard, at present at Detroit, is ordered to Cincinnati. He will relieve Lieutenant Colonel Thomas H. Handbury of his duties as division engineer of the central division, and Major W. H. Dixy of the work in his charge, reporting to the secretary of the treasury for duty as engineer of the fourteenth lighthouse district.

Lieutenant Handbury will take station at San Francisco, Cal., relieving Lieutenant Colonel C. E. L. Davis of the fortification and river and harbor and of other duties, including that of engineer of the Twelfth lighthouse district. Lieutenant Colonel Davis will proceed to Manila for duty as engineer officer on the staff of the commanding general and for senior member of the board of officers appointed last September to report on the subject of the defense of the important harbors of the Philippine Islands and relieve Major Clinton B. Sears of those duties. Major Sears has been assigned to command the second battalion of engineers, now serving in the Philippines.

Major Dixy, on being relieved of his present duties at Cincinnati, will take station at Detroit, Mich., assuming charge of the work now under the direction of Colonel Ledyard. Captain William L. Sibert has relieved Major Charles F. Powell of his duties at Pittsburg. Major Powell has been transferred to New London, Conn.

ARCHIE ROOSEVELT WHALED

President's Son Castigated for Persistence in Examining Christmas Packages.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Like many another young American, Archibald Roosevelt got a whaling today as an appetizer for his Christmas. Scores of mysterious bundles have been arriving at the White House today and each was immediately consigned to the custody of "Mame," as the children affectionately term Mrs. Mary Ledwith, their nurse.

Soon after Archibald was persistent in his efforts to examine one package of mystery which attracted his attention. When caution was of no avail he promptly received a good, old-fashioned spanking from his nurse, who is not used to nonsense from him.

This youngster is the one who has availed himself of his mother's busy life to alight his dog down the banners and to walk on his stilt through the deep mold in the flower beds.

WISHES A MERRY CHRISTMAS

President Roosevelt Gives Greetings to His Associates at White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—While the cabinet was in session today President Roosevelt was called into the anteroom to see Chief Justice Fuller. When the chief justice, the president followed him to the door and the steps were into the anteroom and he pleasantly wished those assembled there a merry Christmas. He then crossed over to the room in which the clerical force of the White House was at work and extended his greetings to the clerks. "I wish you all very merry Christmas," said he, "a very merry Christmas and very many of them."

WANTS NO COURT OF INQUIRY

General Miles Says Rumor of His Intentions is Without Authority.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles returned to the city today from his brief visit to New York. The general declined to discuss the question of reprimand given him by the secretary of war for his published observations on the report of the Schley case and in reply to inquiries as to his future course in the matter said he had no statement to make. He did say, however, that the report that he would apply for a court of inquiry was entirely unauthorized.

GENERAL SEAMANS IMPROVES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The condition of Adjutant General Seaman's of California, who was seriously ill here, is reported as considerably improved tonight. His pulse is stronger, the respiration deeper and the patient was able to take some nourishment during the day.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; Variable Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg.

6 a. m. 35 1 p. m. 38

7 a. m. 34 2 p. m. 37

8 a. m. 35 3 p. m. 38

9 a. m. 35 4 p. m. 38

10 a. m. 35 5 p. m. 37

11 a. m. 37 6 p. m. 37

LAUNCHING OF MISSOURI

Ceremonies Will Be Attended by Prominent Delegation from the State.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—The excursion to Newport News to participate in the launching and christening of the new battleship Missouri will leave St. Louis Thursday at noon.

The Louisiana Purchase company will be represented by Corwin H. Spencer, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Spencer. The state of Missouri will be represented by Lieutenant Governor John A. Lee, at the request of Governor Dockery. The lieutenant governor will be accompanied by Mrs. Lee and daughter, Virginia, who has been designated by Miss Marion Cockrell, who christens the ship, as one of her party.

Colonel Barford and a number of others will be of the party. Thursday, Missouri will be launched on Saturday, December 28, at Newport News, Va. Senator Cockrell will make the address at the launching and Vice President Spencer of the Louisiana Purchase company and Lieutenant Governor Lee will speak at the banquet Saturday evening.

BRINGS BODY FROM ISLANDS

Party Reaches Indiana with Remains of Major Belknap of Philippines.

MARION, Ind., Dec. 24.—Congressman Steele arrived in Marion this afternoon from San Francisco, accompanied by his children, Mrs. Meta Belknap, widow of Major Hugh R. Belknap, who died over a month ago in the Philippines, and Cadet George W. Steele, Jr., of the Asiatic Squadron. They brought the body of Major Belknap home.

They were met at the station by Mrs. Steele and relatives and friends, and a squad from the National Soldiers' Home. The body was taken to the Steele home, where, unless plans are changed, it will lie in state until tomorrow afternoon, when the Steele family leaves for Washington, where the funeral will take place and where burial will follow in Arlington cemetery.

TELEPHONES FROM THE WATER

Diver Who Explored the Maine Breaks a World's Record.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Captain Louis Sarcho tonight broke the world's record for remaining under water in a diving suit. In a big tank at the Coliseum he lay immersed under ten feet of water for nine hours.

The best previous achievement of the kind was eight hours and thirty minutes. Sarcho made tonight's performance novel by attaching a specially constructed telephone apparatus down with him and talking at will from under the water with friends throughout the city after securing connection with the regular telephone exchanges.

Sarcho is the diver whose exploits in exploring the wreck of the battleship Maine attracted attention in the harbor of Havana.

RAISE EMPLOYEES' WAGES

Trade Union Will Pay More Money to Motormen and Conductors.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The Union Traction company, which controls every street car line in this city and employs upward of 5,000 motormen and conductors, will increase these men's wages from 18 to 19 cents an hour on January 1. This is the result of much agitation among the employees for some time. A meeting of the men was held several days ago and a vote taken on the question of declaring a strike. Those opposed to striking won.

RECEIVES MEDAL FROM KING

Arthur Egan, the Lake Michigan Hero, is Decorated by Edward VII.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Arthur Egan, the 17-year-old hero of 120 live-saving exploits in Lake Michigan, has been decorated by Edward VII, king of England, for his heroic rescue of a young girl who was notified that a gold medal of the Royal Humane Society, bestowed by King Edward in recognition of the daring of a British subject, awaited him. Egan is the first resident of the United States to receive such honor. He is a British subject by reason of his birth in Canada.

MAKES ATTACK ON OFFICER

Colored Prisoner is Fatally Shot While Attempting to Escape.

LEAVENWORTH, Dec. 25.—Chase Broadus, colored, of St. Joseph, Mo., while under arrest attempted to escape this morning by knocking down Officer Baskin, who was taking him to the station. The officer fired, striking the man in the back of the head, inflicting a fatal wound. It is alleged that Broadus was assaulting a child, whose mother's screams brought the officer on the scene.

ARCHITECT KILLS CARPENTER

Trouble Arises Over Settlement of Work Between the Men.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Dec. 24.—W. F. Steinman, architect and builder, shot and killed J. A. Kinney, a carpenter, who had been in the employ of the Steinman firm. The shooting occurred when the stores and sidewalks were thronged with people. The trouble between the men grew out of a settlement for work done by Kinney.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS, Dec. 24.

At Naples—Arrived: Calabria, from New York; Cherbourg—Arrived: Pennsylvania, from New York; via Plymouth, from Hamburg.

At Auckland—Arrived: Sierra, from San Francisco; via Honolulu, for Sydney, N. S. W.

At Pe Nang—Sailed: De Noyune (from Seattle, etc.), for England.

At Plymouth—Sailed: Graf Waldsee, from Hamburg, for New York.

At Queenstown—Arrived: Nordland, from Philadelphia; for Liverpool, and proceeded.

BOSTON STORE BLAZE

Decorated Christmas Tree in Show Window Suddenly Flamed Up.

FIRE CONFINED TO FRONT WINDOWS

Decorative Display and Plate Glass Partly Destroyed by Fire.

SOME DAMAGE BY SMOKE AND WATER

Goods on Main Floor Suffer Somewhat as Result of Blaze.

LOSS HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED YET

Proprietors Unwilling to Hazard an Estimate, as No Examination Has Been Made of the Stock in Store.

Fire at 4-15 last night did damage to an undetermined extent at the Boston store. The flames were confined to the show windows on the sixteenth street side of the building, but smoke and water did considerable damage to the stock of goods in the front part of the store on the main floor, and smoke, which permeated the building, may have had a damaging effect elsewhere. No attempt was made to save the stock last night, the insurance men and proprietors agreeing to let the matter go over until today.

The blaze started in the show window just north of the elevator, where the decorated Christmas tree was displayed. Several hundred feet of stock were piled up in illuminating the tree, and it is thought the connection on one of these was defective in some way, so that the tree and its trimmings became ignited. It was at an hour when traffic in the store was at a low ebb, hardly half the usual number of customers being present, and one-half the force of employees being out at supper. This fact obviated any approach to a panic.

Emergency Fire Service.

When the alarm was given Mr. Emil Brandeis had the hose of the store's emergency fire department laid down, but it lacked a few feet of reaching to the window where the tree was blazing. It succeeded in keeping the flames from entering the windows, however, and when the firemen got there the matter of extinguishing the flames was easy.