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OMAHA, MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 26, 1904.

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Head-End Cellisian on Southern Railway Near Maud's Station, Ill.

PASSENGER TRAINS COME TOGETHER Seven Persons Killed Outright and Ten

Seriously Injured.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 25.-The pa senger train which left St. Louis at 9 o'clock last night on the Southern railway collided head-on with the passenger train leaving Louisville about the same hour when near Maud's Station, Ill., today. One passenger and six employes were killed and two passengers and eight employes injured.

The dead: CHARLES SCHMIDT, Centralia, III.
ENGINEER BOWEN, Princeton, Ind.
FIREMAN CHARLES HUTT, Princeton.
MAIL CLERK H. D. HOGAN, Georgetown, Ind.
SECTION FOREMAN UNDERWOOD,
Princeton, Ind.

Princeton, Ind. EMPLOYE HENRY OSKEN, Tenneson, EMPLOYE JOHN HUDSON, -

Albert McNelly, Princeton, Ind. Express Messenger C. D. Minter, broken Employe Eugene Carlton, Dale, Ind., in-ternal. Conductor W. H. Beatty, Louisville, shoulder dislocated. Mail Clerk M. G. Mitchell, St. Louis, hip Employe Cyrus Hutchinson, Tenneson,

Ind., siight.
Express Messenger J. A. McWilliams, St.
Louis, slight.
Flagman Joseph Lowe.
Section Foreman Henry Austin. The St. Louis-Louisville and the Louis-Knoxville sleepers were drawn by both trains, but none of the passengers in these cars was injured. Both engines were badly damaged and four coaches de

stroyed. The collision occured between Mt. Carmel, Ill., and Princeton, Ind., and, according to the Southern railway officials, was caused by the failure of the operator at Browns, Ill., to deliver to the eastbound train an order naming a meeting point for the

All of the employes, with the exception of the trainmen, were in the combination baggage and smoking car.

Killed by Fast Mail Train. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.-The dead body of of civilization. at Tuke which was due to pass the station at the time registered on his watch, which had

Collision at Charleston, Ill. CHARLESTON, Ill., Dec. 25.-In a heador collision between two freight trains on the Clover Leaf railway twenty miles west here this afternoon. Walter Lee of Charleston, conductor on the eastbound train, and Brakeman Hobbles were killed. One of the engineers was slightly injured.

AIRSHIP'S SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT

Baldwin's Arrow Travels Eight Miles in Face of Twelve-Mile Gale, Under Perfect Control.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.-Captain Baldwin's airship, California Arrow, driven by Roy Knabenshue, who made several suc- pated the coming of yuletide. cessful flights in the same machine from the World's fair grounds at St. Louis, was was successful with the single exception morning. of its failure to land at the starting point. A landing was effected half a mile away without damage to the machine, and it was safely towed back to the anchorage. The Arrow started from Chutes Park base ball grounds, in the southeastern part northeastward for a distance of between eight and ten miles, thence eastward for two miles and returned in the face of the starting place, but, owing to the supply of gasoline running short, was unable to effect a landing at exactly the desired spot. From the time the airship arose from the base ball grounds until it was safely anchored at Pico and Stanford streets, it chases. was in flight an hour and thirteen minutes, and in that time sailed a distance of probably twenty miles. When flying with complete triumph of Japan. the wind the Arrow traveled at a speed of twenty miles on hour, and in returning directly in the face of the strong southlastern gale was able to make a rate of speed reckoned at between six and eight

The airship was maneuvered by Knaber shue in every direction, responding readily to its rudder, circling and turning in any direction, sailing directly in the face of the wind or at any angle, and rising and dipping as the operator directed. The Arrow rose at times to a height of probably 3,000 feet or more, with Knabenshue regulating the height by shifting his weight and raising or lowering the bow of the craft as he is one of the newest presents for boys. desired to ascend of descend.

UNION STATION FOR CHICAGO

Pennsylvania Company is Preparing to Spend Thirty Million Dollars for New Terminals.

CHICAGO, Dec. S .- The Record-Herald says: The Pennsylvania Railroad company is prepared to spend \$30,000,000 in the construction of a new railroad station in Chicago, \$20,000,000 of this sum to be spent acquiring land adjoining the present Union depot and \$10,000,000 to be spent it buildings. Plans and specifications for a most elaborate group of structures devoted to raffway purposes have already been completed. The site of the new terminal as planned by the architects and engineers of the Pennsylvania company will occupy seven square blocks of territory. In thi territory it is the intention of the company to erect a group of supply and storage warehouses, a huge freight warehouse and a passenger depot which will be more than adequate to meet the demands of the rate way lines now entering the Union denot. delays may be avoided.

DISCUSSES GERMAN POLICY PEABODY MAY BE RESEATED

Viennese Press Refers to Anti-British Feeling and Deplores Its

VIENNA, Dec. 25 - (Special Cablegram to The Bee.)-The breaking off of the negotiations for a commercial treaty between

Austria and Germany and the departure of Count Posadowsky seems to have made a deep impression in Berlin. It appears from the reports hicherto received from Berlin that the agents had calculated that an understanding between Austria and Hungary respecting the concessions to be yleided to and those to be obtained from Iso endanger the triple alliance.

oked some interesting comment here. Zeit, an independent journal, well disposed toward Germany and not exceedingly Angiophil, recognizes with gladness the "wise and quiet language of the German statesman and his zeal to work in conciliatory and peaceful fashion." But it adds:

"It is true he remains strictly within the bounds of German imperial policy, and while censuring bitterly the excesses of English Germanphobes, leaves totally untouched the not less reprehensible follies of the German Angiophobes. Yet the latter point needed discussion if the relationship between England and Germany is to be satisfactorily cleared up and all disturbing prejudices removed."

After expressing its view of the causes of British distrust of Germany the Zeit adds that Germany ought to have been wise enough not to have aggravated economic wounds by political mistakes. The German governing classes are thoroughly averse from Pritish democratic institutions, and as Bismarck one said: "The English regulate, with its hereditary president, carnot be made to fit into the German definition of a monarchy." Count von Buelow, continues the Zeit,

tries in vain to whitewash Bismarck and to acquit him of Anglophobia. Bismarck hated the British system and believed that the Cobden club had organized an international conspiracy to thwart his plans by the foulest means. He also attempted to counteract the influence of the Empress Frederick, whom he disliked, by dubbing her Die Englanderin, but Bismarck would never have allowed the savage Anglophobia to grow up under the influence of Pan-German agitation, as it grew up during the Boer war. He would probably have stopped the Kruger telegram, which was a turning point in Anglo-German relations. Nevertheless, concludes the Zeit, Count von Buelow has done well to stretch out a friendly hand to England. England's part in the efforts that will be made prestige is growing again, and the two nations need to co-operate for the welfare

J. D. Williams, sor of Captain Sam Wil- The Fremlenblatt also discusses Count liams, a well known newspaper man, was von Bulow's professions of friendship and closures of fraud shown in contempt profound beside the Missouri Pacific tracks attributes the growth of Anglophobia in at Tuxedo station, a suburb, today. It is Germany to Pan-German influence. "A say that the bunches of spurious ballots. supposed he was killed by the fast mail, Pan-German," it writes, "is a German whose program it is to make for Germany as many enemies as possible. The more enemies the Germans have, so much the more honor for the speaker or the writer who has made them." The Fremlenblatt concludes by pleading for a better understanding between England and Ger-

HOLIDAYS IN MERRY ENGLAND

Proposal to Lengthen Time of Rest Meets with Favor of Many.

LONDON, Dec. 25 .- (Special Cablegram to The Bee.)-At Covent Garden the talk is all of Christmas trees and red berried holly, and there is not a shop in all the gaily decked West End that has not autici-

of shops, have declared their intention of given its first trial in California today and closing from Saturday night till Wednesday In Oxford street, Regent street and Bond

Hundreds of firms, representing thousands

street this will be the rule, but in the industrial districts the period of Christmas varies.

In many parts of South London and probably in Westham the provision shops of the city, at 3:17, sailed with the wind will open on Tuesday, in some cases only for a few hours, and in others all day. "Past experience proves that no inconvenience need be caused to the public by twolve-mile gale to a point directly above the extended holiday. The Shop Assistants' union go a step further, and advocate that Christmas holidays should be made statu-

> A bewildering choice of Christmas novelties confronts those bent on Christmas pur-One thing is clear, and that is that the

tory.

1904 Christmas nursery will witness the At one toy store it was stated this week that out of 19,000 Japanese soldiers there

was not one left in stock." The Japanese doll carries all before it. Slant-eyed "Pooh-Bahs" and "Lum-Lums." to say nothing of gelsha dollies by the thousand, wearing crepe kimonas, will repose in the arms of English foster mothers on Christmas morning. For 15 pence it is even possible to buy a whole Japanese family-father, mother and five baby Japsall smartly dressed in the latest Japanese

A wonderful Japanese submarine, which skims along under the water in fine style, Quite new, too, is the refreshment trolly, a clever model of those in use at the large

raflway stations. The toy world is nothing if not up-todate. A swimming bath with real water. ticket office and bathing boxes, where families of dolls may take their morning dip, is another surprise for the nursery. The motor car enters into many of the new toys. A miniature motor carriage is an ingenious novelty, and a motor set, com-

prising most businesslike goggies, gloves and horn, is certain to bring foy to the hearts of nursery chauffeurs. The pigeon postman is a pretty little toy in which the pigeon flaps its wings by clockwork, and a lady cyclist, who bleycles on a piece of string, is also quite new. Pit, the new American card game, promises to be the rage during the Christmas

season, but the big children's game

1904 is the pneumatic motor race. Besten to Death with "Black Jacks." TAMAQUA. Pa., Dec. 25.-Shortly after midnight last night Stephen Pushart, John Brunkush and Martin Poblish were held up on the outskirts of Lansford and beaten by four men who were armed with "black Jacks." Pushart was killed and Brunkush. includes the construct! a tinucl or it is believed, has been seriously injured subway beneath the river by which bridge Poblish notified the police. There is no it is believed, has been seriously injured. clue to the identity of the murderers.

Republican Managers Plan to Throw Out Irregular Precincts in Denver.

LEGISLATURE WILL CANVASS THE VOTE

Special Contest Committee to Be Appointed to Consider Evidence of Frand-Democrats to Make Vigorous Protest.

DENVER, Dec. 25.-If the fifteenth gen-Germany would not be arrived at, and that eral assembly of Colorado, which is to in this way Germany's position would meet on Wednesday, January 4, shall efhave been more advantageous. This diplo- fectuate the plans formulated by the manmatic speculation on the traditional dis- agers of the republican post-election camunion between the two halves of the dual paign, Governor James H. Peabody may monarchy has this time failed, and in serve as chief executive of this state for Berlin it is beginning to be realized that two years more despite the fact that Alva a more yielding spirit must be shown, lest Adams still has nearly 10,000 plurality since a tariff war should ensue, which might the votes of the five Denver precincts were thrown out bodily by order of the supreme Count von Buelow's playful contribution court in consequence of the frauds exposed the Nineteenth Century and After has in contempt proceedings against election

officials. There will be a republican majority of thirty or more in the general assembly which will canvass the vote for state offices. It is proposed to have the general assembly appoint a special contest committee of nine to twelve members to which will be submitted the evidence of wholesale election frauds in Denver and possibly some other counties, which evidence the republican committees have been collecting ever since the election.

To Throw Out Irregular Precincts. The republican managers maintain that with the fraudulent vote of Denver eliminated Governor Peabody will have at least 7,000 plurality in this county and 2,000 in the state. These politicians do not intend that the legal votes shall be sifted from the illegal and then counted, or that the legislature shall reject the entire vote of Denver county, because to do this would not accomplish their purpose to reseat Governor Peabody, but they purpose that about 1,800 democratic precincts shall be thrown out on the ground of alleged frauds and that the vote of the republican precincts shall be counted. They assert that the supreme court has established a precedent for a procedure.

This radical program is opposed by some conservative republican leaders, including Judge N. Walter Dixon of Pueble and Dr. John R. Grass of Trinidad, and until the legislature meets and takes action it cannot be known certainly whether Peabody or Adams will be governor for the next two years.

Democrats Will Protest. The democratic leaders are preparing to contest vigorously the attempt to reseat Non-partisan mass meetings are to be held in Denver, Pueblo and other cities to protest against the line of action mapped out for the legislature by the republican leaders. The Liberty league, a political organization of union workingmen is also preparing to take an active defeat the attempt to continue Peabody in

The democratic managers declare there is a monstrous conspiracy behind the disall in one handwriting, found in the boxes from different precincts could not have been placed in the boxes on election day watchers, and charge that the boxes have been tampered with since election, legal votes being abstracted and spurious ballots substituted therefor. No proof in support of these assertions has been presented, but it is pointed out that the boxes were left unwatched for two days after being delivered to the election commission. and that for another day they were in charge of only two republican watchers

OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICANS Great Chance to Sell Western produc in the Domain of the Sultan

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.-James W. S. Langerman, formerly United States vice consul general at Tangler, Morocco, is in New York on his way to report to the Sultan of Morocco, whose personal representative he was at the St. Louis expo sition. Speaking tonight of Morocco, Mr.

Langerman said:

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Never before was such an opportunity presented to our industries to secure a footing in Morocco. It seems strange, but is it a fact, that in this country, where about 16,00,000 people live, there is but one big American industry doing business and that is the Standard Oil company.

The sultan and, in fact, all his subjects, want to trade with Americans.

They realize that the American people in business will treat them fairly and will not try to seize the country. I know personally that the sultan is one of the most ardent admirers of President Roosevelt.

It is impossible for the French troops to make any progress in Morocco, especially at this time of the year. They have a difficult task before them. It is now the rainy season. It is impossible for them to transport troops, as there are no highways. Ferrying is their most modern method of crossing rivers. Theer is not a telegraph or telephone line or railway in the country.

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Mr. Langerman recently discussed the Morocco situation with President Roose velt, but he refused to say whether he visited the president on any public mission.

LOCOMOTIVE RUNS AMUCK Wild Engine at Johnstown, Pa. Jumps Trac kand Strikes Ore Train.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 25.-As a result of the wild trip of a locomotive of the Cambria Steel company and its collision with an ore-handling crane today, both the engine and the crane are almost total wrecks and a property loss of about \$90,000 was caused. No one was injured. The locomotive was shifting cars in the yards Believing the engine was about to collide with some cars, the crew jumped, but neglected to close the throttle of the engine. The locomotive missed the cars and, under a full head of steam, dashed down the tracks toward the ore dumps. When it reached the treatle it jumped the rails and plowed into the supports of the huge crane, which was brought to the ground the entire upper structure piling on top of the locomotive.

BY DETECTIVES Man Charged with an Old Crime in Ohlo Foreibly Taken from

California.

SAN FRANCISCO. Dec. M.-George E. Letcher of San Jose, who is wanted by the Ohio authorities on the charge of arson committed in that state twenty-five years ago and who has been resisting by legal expedients extradition, has been kidnapen detectives and taken in a launch to

GOOD DEEDS THAT COUNT

OMAHA, Dec. 24, 1904.—To the Editor of The Bee; I write to thank you for making a little note of the eight homeless, motherless and dependent children of one family received into the institute the other day who are wholly dependent upon charity. Your article was read and before night of the day it was printed one good citizen of Omaha sent a check for \$50 to as-

for adoption can be secured. Again thanking you for this un-solicited notice in relation to our work, I beg to remain, A. W. CLARK.

sist in the care of these dependent

little ones until permanent homes

CHAMBERLAIN TO STUDENTS

British Statesman Praises Liberality of Americans to Schools for Higher Schools.

LONDON, Dec. 25 .- (Special Cablegram to erick Treves were the guests of the Birmingham university medical students this week. Alluding to some remarks of Sir that scientific examination would prove that it was almost a miracle that any of three things in particular-ices, drinking and smoking.

For at least fifty years he had eaten ces whenever he could get them-the penny variety always barred; he had smoked whenever he had nothing else to do, and very often when he had something to do; he had consumed in moderation such alcoholic fluids as were before him, and had found them to be beverages which, in his case, cheered but did not inebriate.

Now, as an example of that experience, he was happy to be able to assure them that his digestion was as good as ever it was and quite sufficient for his purpose.

In more serious vein, Mr. Chamberlain said that three classes of persons were essential to the success of a modern university. Students and teachers were the first Lastly, there was a third classand the third class was at least as important as the other two-that was the class that was known as the "bighest benefactor." That was a species which undoubtedly much too scarce in these days. He had been hunting him for the last three or four years, and when he found him he was a person whose health he wished to drink and for whose prosperity his warmest aspirations would go upward to the sky. Unfortunately, we had fewer pious benefactors in this country than they had in the United States of America, where, through magnificent donations to counted by millions, they had covered the land with a network of universities which had brought higher education within the reach of almost every citizen. Here they were still too rare.

FIELDING DENIES REPORTS Canadian Minister of Finance Says Allegations of Corruption in Recent Election Are Palse.

NAPLES, Dec. 25 .- W. S. Fielding, finance minister in the Canadian cabinet, arrived here on board the steamship Cretic at o'clock this evening.

Interviewed by the Associated Press concerning the petitions filed in the supreme court against himself, Sir Frederick W. Borden, minister of militia and defense, and eight other leading liberal members of Parliament from Nova Scotia, asking that their seats in Parliament be declared vacant on the ground of alleged bribery committed by agents on their behalf in the general election of November 3, Mr. Fielding said the reports of corruption in he election were absolutely without foundation and that everything was perfectly regular in connection with the elections, which occurred three days prior to his departure. There slways were some persons among the opposition, Mr. Fielding said, who spread reports of corruption and other similar reports, but notwithstanding all the efforts by the opposition the government was returned by a largely increased majority and the opposition was hopelessly beaten. Mr. Fielding outlined the main ssues on which the election hinged as first, the proposition to build a new transcontinental line, and, second, the fiscal

question. Sir Wilfred Laurier's fiscal policy, he said, was supported by the people and of free trade, while the policy of the opposition favored a higher protective tariff. Mr. Fielding said that he would not be able to be present at the opening of the will then go to Vienna, whence, he said, he would return to Canada by way of London.

FOUR MEN ARE SUFFOCATED Series of Disasters at Philadelphia Growing Out of Small Fires-Eight Are Rescued.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.-Four men were suffocated and eight other persons were rescued from fire in three different parts of the city early today. At a boarding house at 1545 Wood street Charles Mc-Cusker, aged 44 years; James Merry, 48 years, and Joseph McGill, 24 years, died n a trap made by themselves. Against the wishes and knowledge of their boarding house keeper, the three men took a quan tity of whisky to their room. They placed one of the two beds in the apartment against the door to prevent interference by the boarding house keeper. After the men had retired a lighted candle fell from mantel on the greasy working clothes of one of the boarders. The clothing was ignited and the room was soon filled with a thick smoke. McGill was awakened by he smoke, but was unable to move the bed from the door and fell to the floor unconscious. The boarding house keeper discovered the smoke and when the room was broken into McCusker and Merry were found dead. McGill died soon after being removed to a hospital.

At 1136 Fairmount avenue Edward Rathline, aged about 25 years and believed to be a resident of New Jersey, was suffocated. It is believed he set the bod clothes on fire with a lighted cigar, and in trying to leave the room crawled into a closet by mistake, where he was found

lead. His face was slightly burned. The occupants of the house at 42% Germantown avenue were more fortunate. The property loss by the fire at this place was greater than at the other two houses, but paper corps. Mrs. David Dean and the other members of her family were either rescued by firemen or saved themselves by jumping from Martinez, where the eastern overland train windows. They suffered much from exwas tourded. Letcher is now out of the powere, as a driving snowstorm was pre-jurisdiction of the courts of this state. valling at the time.

Senator Elkins Introduces a Bill Creating an Interstate Commerce Court.

DISCUSSION ATTRACTING WIDE INTEREST

Members of Congress Being Deluged with Letters and Petitions Urging Action in Interest of Shippers.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 .- (Special.)-The members of congress are being deluged with letters and petitions from constituents urging congress to enact legislation giving the Interstate Commerce commission larger powers to deal with the subject of freight rates. There is seemingly also a tendency among the larger railroad officials to fall in with President Roosevelt's suggestion of governmental arbitration of freight rates. It is said there is a growing change of sentiment among the railroad men that something should be done to bring about a The Bee.)-Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Fred- measure of stability which does not now

It will be remembered that at the outset there was strong opposition from certain Frederick Treves, Mr. Chamberlain said railway and corporation quarters to any legislation that might have a tendency to disturb existing conditions. But the more them were alive. They were warned against | the representatives of the great trunk lines of the country have discussed with their fellows the president's recommendation in his message to congress they have come to the conclusion that the president has no desire to unsettle existing conditions. but hopes that the congress will treat the subject in a broad and conservative spirit, recognizing that any radical action cannot help but unsettle present values.

These rallway men, it is said, while not agreeing with the president in the form of his suggestion, are inclined to favor the spirit of it. In other words, while they would not invest the Interstate Commerce ommission with the powers recommended by the president they do believe that the time is coming when some character of governmental regulation of rates and classifications must be provided. These representatives of the railway interests of the United States, it is pointed out, think that the question of classification is really as important, if not more so, than the arbitration and regulation of rates. One of these railway officials, in a letter to a prominent senator, cited an instance of the unjust discrimination made by classification. A shipper of grain complained that one of his business rivals was getting a better rate over another road than he could obtain. It was found that the road in ques tion had given this rival shipper a specia classification, filing a copy with the Inter state Commerce commission, but withhold ing the same classification from other shippers along the road.

Interstate Commerce Court. Early in the session it was thought it would be impossible to enact any legislation that would correct known evils in the classification of freight rates. But Senator Elkins of West Virginia has started the agitation anew by introducing a bill in congress providing for the creation of an interstate commerce court, with larger powers than now possessed by the Interstate Commerce commission. Senator Elkins is taking a very great interest in this question, being interested in a number of railroads himself as a director. And as he is chairman of the committee which will have charge of the bill enlarging the powers of the Interstate Commerce commission or creating a court which will have power to arbitrate rates, it is readily seen why the West Virginia senator is taking so deep an interest in the question, politics.

which extends far beyond the domain of The subject is certain to be gone into very thoroughly by senators and representatives during the coming recess in order that something definite may eventuate in the sixty working days that will be before congress on its reassembling on January Even if a congressional inquiry is not authorized, although one is considered very likely, leading members of the senate and house committees say that if no action is taken during the short session they will look into the subject during the summer and be ready to report some measure upon which all interests can agree early next December. For the present the question of railway rates and their regulation by the government has put even tariff revision in the background.

News Gathers as Officials. The appointment a day or two ago of meant moderate progress in the direction James Rankin Young of Philadelphia to be chief of the dead letter office adds an other name to the list of men of the newspaper fraternity who have in recent years been called to fill important places under Canadian Parliament on January II. He the government. Upon the death of Postwill remain for some days in Italy and master General Payne, President Roosevelt invited Robert J. Wynne into his cabinet. Mr. Wynne had for twenty years been a member of the corps of newspaper correspondents and it was because of his grasp of public affairs and because of his fearless writing that he was first asked to sac rifice his personal financial interests and to accept the appointment of first assistant postmaster general. It was due to Mr Wynne more than to any other man that the thieving employes and officials of the department were unearthed. It was Mr. Wynne's newspaper training and his keen nose for news that led up to the disclosure of corruption in the department which he made public.

orrespondent for many years before President McKinley gave him an important place in the consular service. Mr. Loomis made such a record for himself in looking after America's commercial interests abroad that his promotion to the position of assistant secretary of state was but a old home just tribute. And Mr. Loomis has filled his present post as well as though he had been born to the diplomatic corps. Frank W. Palmer, public printer, was a

newspaper man in Chicago for many years and has a newspaper record in New York state as well.

The Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia consists of two civilians and an army officer. The president of the board, Henry B. F. McFarland, republican, served for more than twenty years as the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Record and the Boston Herald. His father before him was a newspaper man. Henry L. West, democrat, an Englishman by birth, was a reporter and editorial writer on the Post of this city for many years before he was elected as district commissioner. And the people who have business with the district government are unanimous in the opinion that never since the inception of the present form of government for Washington has there been a more competent Board of Commis sioners than that furnished by the news-

New Indian Commissioner. Francis E. Leupp, who will begin his labors as commissioner of Indian affairs January 4. is one of the clearest and most

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REGULATING FREIGHT RATES NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST JAPS MAKE BIG GAINS

Snow and Colder, with a Cold Wave Monday: Tuesday, Fair.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Bour, Deg. Hour. 5 s. m..... 28 1 p. 6 s. m..... 29 2 p. 1 p. m..... 32 2 p. m..... 32 3 p. m..... 32 4 p. m..... 32 8 a. m..... 20 5 p. m..... 32 6 p. m..... 32 6 p. m. . . . 32 7 p. m. . . . 31 8 p. m. . . . 31 9 p. m. . . . 31 10 a. m..... 30 12 m 31

COLD VAVE IS PREDICTED

Zero Weather Arrives Out in State. but Omaha Escapes Severe Temperature During the Night.

The cold wave flag went up over the federal building yesterday before noon and the prediction was made for a radical decline in the temperature for Omaha and Nebraska. The coldest weather reported last night at 10 o'clock was in the northwestern part of the state, where zero atmosphere was prevailing and the mercury still going down. In this section, as throughout the entire northwest, snow was falling, flurries in Nebraska and heavier in Wyoming.

Early last night the weather in Omaha was warm enough to admit of a few drops of rain. This turned into sleet and later into a light snow and the weather bureau gave out the statement that while a heavy snow was tooked for a moderate fall should not be surprising. For a time last night the sleet made the pavements difficult for pedestrians. At 7 o'clock last night the local registration was 31 above zero, and at the same hour at North Platte it was 26, and the mercury there was falling rapidly, as it also was in other parts of the state. especially in the northwest.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 25.-(Special Telegram.)-The cold wave promised by the weather bureau reached here tonight after the most pleasant Christmas day in years The thermometer now registers zero and is steadily growing colder. Reports from the northwest promise a severe cold snap.

CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE afterwards advanced again and occupied President and Family Pass the Day Quietly-Family Party at Fair-

banks Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 .- Christmas day passed uneventfully in Washington. The weather was cloudy and raw. Most people remained indoors during the day, but in the morning large numbers attended the The permanent and temporary barracks churches, where especially prepared prothe morning large numbers attended the grams of Christmas music were rendered. At the White House the day was celetree. In place of this the family enjoyed clific squadron's attempt to seize a base, the delights of a Christmas tree at the The pert of Kelung, in Formosa, has been velt's sister, the festivities taking place

At the home of Vice President-elect and Mrs. Fairbanks three of their four sons joined the family party for the Christmastide, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fairbanks of Chicago being detained in that city.

All the cabinet officers, with the exception of Secretary Metcalf of the Depart ment of Commerce and Labor, are passing the holiday season at their Washington homes. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf are at Annapolis with their son, Midshipman Victor N. Metcalf.

AND LAMB IN CAGE Bostock Brings About Condition Which is Believed to Be Almost Impossible.

of the flercest lions in Bostock's hippodrome on the Place Clichy.

Mr. Bostock tells how it took nine months to bring about the friendly relationship. "I has been done by Mr. Jerome in providlost a whole cartload of lambs," he said. before succeeding-lambs of the kind wholly acquiesced in by Dodge. children play with.

"I placed in the cage all sorts of toys of rabbits-in fact, a regular Noah's ark. a long time for the lion to find out that

they were not good to eat. "Finally a live lamb was introduced. At first the lion looked surprised, and then lay down and gently pawed the stranger. The lamb did not like this, and, drawing back a pace or two, butted the lion in the mane. This appeared to greatly amuse the lion. who playfully rolled over on his back, while the lamb butted again. Now," sald Mr. Bostock, "they are fast friends and an insurance company would be justified in taking the lamb as a first class risk."

DEATH RECORD.

Robert Mogay.

STURGIS, S. D., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Robert Moggy, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Meade county, died Wednesday night at the Fort Meade hospital of cancer of the threat, after a long iliness. The remains were shipped Thursday to Canada, his former home, funeral services being held at the Episcopal church in this city under the direction of the Masonic order, of which he was an old member. Two brothers were present and accompanied the casket back to the

George Ellison. WYMORE, Neb., Dec. 25 .- (Special.)-George Ellison, a well known and prosperous farmer, died at his home, four miles southwest of this city, Friday afternoon. after a long sickness, due to heart disease. He was aged 68 years, 11 months and 27 days. He leaves five married children. The funeral will be held Monday.

Hugh H. Price. DENVER. Dec. 35 .- Hugh H. Price of Black River Falls, Wis., a congressman from Wisconsin in 1887 and 1888, died in this city today, aged 45. He was a son of W. T. Price, for many years congressman from the Eighth Wisconsin district. and succeeded his father in congress.

Crabtree-Wright. TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 25 .- (Special.)-Mr. Elmer Crabtree and Miss Edna Wright, both of Vesta precinct, this county, were married here Saturday.

Hundred and Four Years Old.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. M.-Mrs. Mary Shepard of this city celebrated her forth birthday today, having been born in Ireland, December 25, 1800. Mrs. Bhepard sat up all last night in order to be in time for the 5 o'clock mass at St. Peter's church this morning. She walked several blocks to the church.

Important Positions in Front of Port Arthur Captured Saturday Afternoon.

RIGHT WING ADVANCES UPON CITY

Russians Dislodged from All Villages Along the Entire Front.

Thousands of Reservists and Recruits Are

TOKIO AGAIN- A GREAT MILITARY CAMP

Drilling for the Spring Campaign.

SKIRMISHING IN VICINITY OF MUKDEN

General Kouropatkin Reports the Repulse of Japanese Attack Upon Outposts at Tapinlan-Nipponese Loss Heavy.

TOKIO, Dec. 25.-3:30 p. m .- The Port Arthur besiegers occupied Talichulalun on Saturday. It is announced officially that the whole of the Russian advanced positions in front of the Japanese right has fallen.

The following report was received from the besiegers at Port Arthur this morning:

A body of our right wing surprised the enemy at Housanytantun (Housanytantan) and Siacfantun (the latter about six and a half miles northwest of Port Arthur) at 80 o'clock Saturday night and eccupied the villages, and, subsequently dislodging the enemy, occupied the whole of Talluchiatun (about five miles northwest of Port Arthur), at 2:35 o'clock this morning.

Our repeated attacks during the last few days were uniformly successful, and now the whole of the enemy's advanced positions fronting our right wing is in our hands.

Skirmish Near Tapinlan. the besiegers at Port Arthur this morning:

Skirmish Near Tapinlan. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.-General Kouropatkin reports skirmishing December 24 near Tapinian. The Russian advance posts were driven in by the Japanese, but their former position. The Russian losses were trifling, while those of the Japanese

were heavy. Tokio a Great Camp. Toklo is again a great military camp, and the scenes of last spring, when the first armies were mobilized and dispatched, are being duplicated. Thousands of recruits and reservists are assembled, drilling and equipping preparatory to taking the field. soldiers brought to the city. Oyama field is the center of sctivity, where infantry, brated as a family holiday. The president cavalry and artillery are constantly remained indoors during most of the day. drilling. The batteries fire blank charges in the afternoon, in company with the two for the purpose of breaking in the new older boys and a friend, he went out for horses. The general military preparations walk. The dinner tonight was limited to are enormous. It is planned to give Field the members of the family and Mr. R. H. Marchal Oyama a rough total of half a M. Ferguson, an intimate friend from New million men, with a heavily increased York, who is a guest at the White House, artillery arm, beside providing a defence The members of the president's family ex- for Formosa and the southern islands in changed gifts, but there was no Christmas anticipation of the Russian second Pahouse of Mrs. W. S. Cowles, Mrs. Roose-velt's sister, the festivities taking place sitions in Formosa and the Pescadores are progressing. Winter is not interfering the Japanese transport service. The raffway between Dalny and Yental is working

and Liao Yang is six days. DODGE IS UNDER GUARD

well, and the running time between Tokio

ensational Charges Against Attorney Connected with the Case Are Partially Denied.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.-Charles F. Dodge, who was brought back to this city from Texas on Friday to stand trial on a charge of perjury in connection with the Morse-Dodge divorce tangle and who was released on his own recognizance yesterday at the request of District Attorney Jerome, was guarded today by several members of PARIS. Dec. 25.-(Special Cablegram to the detective staff attached to the office The Bee.)-A lamb is the playmate of one of the district attorney. He received no

visitors and did not leave his hotel. His attorney, Former Assistant Attorney James W. Osborne, said that whatever ing suitable guards for Dodge has been

'I shall do nothing further in the case until Mr. Jerome takes up the matter, the animal variety-cotton sheep, horses probably on Wednesday," said Mr. Osborne. "I have not seen Dodge since yes-"Then I specialized on sheep, but it took terday. I do not think he objects at all to the guard placed over him. In fact, I know Mr. Jerome was aware before the detectives were detailed to keep Dodg. in sight that Dodge acquiesced in the mat-

> It is said there will be no movement made in the case until Dodge goes before the grand jury, probably on Wednesday, and that he will remain under guard until the district attorney no longer needs him as a witness.

District Attorney Jerome today said he had not called on the Bar association to take action against certain lawyers in connection with the Dodge-Morse case. "I wish to deny the statement credited to me," he said, "that I have asked the Bar association to take cognizance of the manner in which certain lawyers, interested in the case, have been conducting themselves. I put that denial bluntly,'

Mr. Osborne, speaking of the probable action of the Bar association, said: It is almost certain that the Bar asse-It is almost certain that the Bar asso-ciation will take some steps in the mat-ter, but not until Mr. Jerome has com-pleted his investigation. I do not think it likely that the Bar association will make any move until Mr. Jerome is all through with the case; if there has been anything dope amiss by any counsel in the case, the Bar association can feel that it has the right to act it the district attorney desired.

SUPPRESS STRIKE IN TURKEY Official Decides First Demonstration of Workingmen is a Revolu-

tionary Measure. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 25 .- (Special Cablegram to The Bee.)-For the first time in the history of Turkey a strike has taken

The workmen at the factory of the tobacco regie, dissatisfied with the introduction of machinery for making packages attacked their superiors, wounding one of them severely. They also demanded increased wages, threatening in the event of

a refusal to leave work. The ministry of police, on being informed of these events, decided that, a strike being equivalent to a revolutionary movement, all the instigators should be arrested. The result is that 220 workmen

are now in prison. Constable Kills Farmer. ROMANCE, Mo., Dec. 25.—Everett Gilland, a farmer, while realsting arrest today shot at Joda Wijson, a constable. The shot fatally wounded Robert Lantz, a by-stander, and then Wilson drew his yolver and instantly killed Gilland.