Copenhagen. The cruiser Admiral Aube has been ordered to prepare for a voyage to the Baltic.

BALTIC RAILROAD MEN STRIKE

Riga Newspapers Protest Against Exaggerated Reports.

RIGA, Dec. 25.—Via Edytkuhnen, Dec. 25.—The railroad employes throughout the Baltic provinces went out on strike last night. The newspapers protest against the false reports published abroad to the effect that Riga was bombarded and was burning and that revolutionists blew up a train carrying 300 Cossacks, and the Associated Press is able to deny these rumors. The town is perfectly quiet, the inhabitants go about unmolested, street traffic is carried on in good order, and there are opera performances daily, though attended by small audiences. Soldiers and police are patroling the streets day and night. Three cruisers are anchored in the harbor at the disposal of Governor General Lollohub, who has not yet arrived. Foreigners are in perfect safety at present, but they are of the opinion that it would be a wise precaution if each of the principal powers had warships cruising in the Baltic in readiness for emergencies, as passenger steamers would be unable to embark refugees in case of armed opposition.

The revolutionaries continue a program of agitation, hold daily meetings and they posted an order to partisans to disarm soldiers. At Libau the cruiser Okean and the torpedo boat Protchny have arrived. The town is in full control of the troops and the agitators are quiet and holding few meetings.

At a meeting of the foreign consuls it was decided to fly the national colors over the consulates. While the town is regarded as sufficiently protected by Russian warships, foreigners in case of necessity could find refuge on the foreigner merchant ships in the harbor, although it is uncertain if the revolutionists would respect foreign flags. Dohlen is in the hands of the revolutionists, who have established a provisional government.

The public affairs of Goldingen for nine days have been in the hands of an administrative committee. An autonomists' committee has organized a police service, the policemen wearing red ribbons on their sleeves. The regular police laid down their arms and took off their uniforms after one of their number was executed. The revolutionist administration has declared paper money valueless and gold is scarce. The committee meets daily at the university, where 2,178 students are registered for the academic period of six months. All lectures, however, have been suspended.

Tukum and Talsem have been in mourning since the fighting began. There are daily funeral processions and the towns are almost deserted.

DESPAIRING CRY FROM RUSSIA

Jews Write to American Friends Imploring Aid to Leave Country.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—"Do not ask any questions, do not wait to write, but if you want to see us alive, send steamer tickets," is the despairing cry which the Russian Jews of this city are daily hearing from relatives living in the empire of the czar.

Horrible descriptions of slaughter and rapine are contained in many of the letters. A letter from Koloras, Russia, gives a lurid description of the massacres which occurred there and in Uman, following the issuance of the czar's recent manifesto.

According to the account crowds of brigands followed the parade which was held in celebration of the issuance of the manifesto, gathered in a mob and placing at their head a picture of the czar and a cross, emblem of state and church, made their way to the Jewish quarter where they at once began their work of murder and robbery.

Driving a number of Jewish children into the street they poured kerosene on them and set fire to them while the mothers were obliged to stand by and helplessly listen to the agonized screams of their little ones as they perished in the flames.

After making way with the children the murderers turned their attention to the parents and slaughtered them without mercy. Three hundred Jews perished at that time in Koloras, while in Uman 1,000 were killed. The most horrible cruelties were practiced by those who participated in the massacres.

Not only did the police refuse to protect or aid the Jews in any way during the massacres, but many of them even assisted the assassins in their bloody work. The students and members of the educated classes, however, came to the assistance of the Jews and many of them fought valiantly in their defense.

BLAME IS ALL LAID ON THE JEWS

German Who Comes from Odessa Says They Attacked Troops.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—According to Andreas Stockberger, an immigrant who arrived here on the steamer Carthagenian, the recent bloodshed in Odessa was largely due to Jews attacking the soldiers. Stockberger is a German and comes from a German settlement at Gildendorff, near Odessa. In an interview today he said:

"In Odessa I saw the troops march down the main street with loaded guns. Before them was the howling mob, armed with all sorts of weapons and whenever a chance appeared they would sweep down on the soldiers and tear them to pieces. From housetops and windows stood men and women, and even children, and as the soldiers marched by, bombs were hurled at them, killing scores and wounding hundreds at a time.

"The soldiers would charge on their attackers, piercing them with bayonets and shooting them with ball. Wherever the soldiers went they were attacked. The mob, made up entirely of Jews, was almost beside itself with excitement and its only purpose was to kill the soldiers."

Baron Under Arrest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Baron Frederick Seefeld, whose residence is at present in Philadelphia, was arrested here last night charged with securing money under false pretenses. The police say that Countess Ika K. Palmay, who is living at a New York hotel, charges that several weeks ago she loaned the baron a large sum of money, taking an automobile as a security, and that afterward she learned that the vehicle did not belong to him.

POLES ARE FOR FREEDOM

Boston Branch of National Alliance Adopts Resolutions Regarding Russia.

SYMPATHY FOR THE REVOLUTIONISTS

Deplore Action of Bureaucracy in Assaulting and Murdering Defenseless People Who Desire Only Rights of Men.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—The Russian bureaucracy is condemned in resolutions passed last night at meetings of the local branch of the Polish National alliance. The object of the gathering was to show sympathy with the demand now being made in Russia for constitutional government and to raise funds "for the assistance of our Polish fellow countrymen battling for freedom, poor and suffering hunger and other privations at the hands of a relentlessly oppressive government."

Jan Romaszkiewicz, vice chancellor of the Polish National alliance, presided, and several others made speeches in Polish.

Text of Resolutions.

The resolutions say in part:

To the people of the Russian empire who, because of misfortunes their country have lately suffered, in the agony of despair, are attempting to break the bonds of political slavery and are seeking in a constitution as a defense against the autocracy and bureaucracy, the cause of these misfortunes, we extend our sympathy and pray that success may crown their efforts.

We condemn the murders and bloody assaults of a defenseless people, committed at the instigation of the minions of the czar's bureaucracy.

Support is Pledged.

Actuated by a feeling of righteous indignation at the commission of such cruelties unheard of in the history of the world, and realizing the gravity of the present situation in Russian Poland, we appeal to a free people of America, who at all times have expressed sympathy and given assistance to those oppressed and struggling for freedom, that they will not forget our beloved which sent forth to the assistance of the struggling new American republic hundreds of volunteers in the ranks of the army that struggled for the freedom of the colored man; Poland, whose sons in hundreds enlisted under the American flag in its latest war for the independence of Cuba.

Approve Plans for Freedom.

In the face of the news sent to us from our native land, where the Polish people are massing themselves in support of their natural rights to a political existence as a nation; where our people are falling as martyrs to a cause; where the prisons are being filled with innocent people, we, Poles now living in America, do not only sympathize with our countrymen in Poland and do not only unanimously approve the demands made by them of the Russian government, but we obligate ourselves to support, according to our means, the cause of our countrymen in Poland.

DAY LIKE ONE IN SPRING

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knives. The most serious crime which might be directly attributed to the season was the shooting of a bartender on North Ninth street last night by a stranger in town for the holidays, while there have been a few cutting affairs, none of which, however, will prove serious. New Year's day still remains, but the worst of the holiday season for the police is over. The men in blue will not breathe freely until the second day of 1906.

ORPHEUM PEOPLE ENTERTAINED

Pleasant Little Affair After the Evening Performance.

Manager Carl Reiter of the Orpheum presided last evening at a neat little function on the stage of the Orpheum after the performance. The occasion consisted of a luncheon, good cheer and a budget of amusing stories. The guest list consisted of Francisca Redding, Frederick von Tillish, Mr. Damon, Estelle Wardette, Jules Russell, Charles L. Fletcher, Alfred Doria, Miss Edythe Merrilees and S. B. Gilletti, these being on this week's bill. In addition to the vaudeville artists the stage hands and some of the musicians joined the merry company.

Manager Reiter makes the Christmas after-performance luncheon an annual event.

During the festivities last evening a toast was offered to Mr. Reiter's son, who had his first Christmas yesterday.

SLASHES WIFE WITH KNIFE

Resents Having Ring Presented by Another Woman Thrown Into the Fire.

W. R. Garvin, 806 South Eighteenth street, was looked up at the city jail last night charged with having struck at and cut his wife with a knife. Acording to the story of Mrs. Garvin, her husband returned home at 6:30 o'clock in an intoxicated condition and exhibited to her an expensive ring which he exultantly told her had been given him by a woman of low character. Mrs. Garvin said she grabbed the ring and threw it into the fire, whereupon he handled her roughly, threw her to the floor, and drew a pocket knife, with which he cut her across the chin. Police Surgeon Cox dressed the wound and Garvin was placed under arrest.

FIVE FIREMEN ARE INJURED

Six-Story Building in New York Containing a Number of Factories Destroyed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Five alarms summoning thirty-two fire companies and the reserves from nine police precincts were sent out tonight for a blaze which completely gutted the six-story factory building, 102, 104 and 106 Wooster street, entailing damage estimated at $300,000. Five firemen sustained slight injuries. No one was in the building when the fire started and its origin is unknown. The occupants of the building were: Ri Damsky, paper boxes; Cohen & Muhlendorf, shirt waists; Goldschmidt & Knapt, cloaks; L. Mendelsohn & Co., silk belts; Joseph Brandt & Bro., braids, and J. Jentes, furs.

Negro Murderer Shot While in Jail.

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 25.—An unidentified negro this afternoon fatally cut Captain J. J. Mitchell, a special police officer, while resisting arrest at St. Petersburg this afternoon. Captain Mitchell died soon after. The negro was placed in jail, but in thirty minutes a crowd of enraged citizens gathered and, going to the jail, a son of the officer who was killed, it is alleged, shot and killed the negro through the jail window.

Two Girl Skaters Drown.

PARNASSUS, Pa., Dec. 25.—May Freund and Cecilia Koeffler were drowned while skating on Puckety creek near this place today. Their companions, Edward Southworth and William Coughey, were rescued in an exhausted condition, but both will recover.

DIAMONDS. Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

SPORTS OF A DAY.

EVENTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS

Lubin Wins the Christmas Handicap at Ingleside Park.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—The Christmas handicap was won by Lubin, the St. Louis horse, which has shown some speed from the odds-on favorite, Proper. When classed with other horses like Proper, Callaghan and Dr. Leggo, Lubin was considered an outsider. Callaghan got away from the barrier first and led at every pole until the stretch, when Dr. Leggo, Proper and Lubin pulled up abreast. For only a moment Lubin remained with them. Gathering speed at every jump, he was soon showing his heels. Callaghan stopped. Proper, still game, but heavily weighted, tried to keep the pace, but failed and Dr. Leggo dragged along behind. Weather clear, track fast. Results:

First race, six furlongs, selling: Forerunner won, Procrastinate second, Olympian third. Time: 1:15¼.

Second race, futurity course: Dr. Gardner won, Nagazam second, I'm Joe third. Time: 1:12.

Third race, five and a half furlongs: Andrew B. Cook won, Princess Wheeler second, Romaine third. Time: 1:08¾.

Fourth race, Christmas handicap, one and a quarter miles: Lubin won, Proper second, Dr. Leggo third. Time: 2:06.

Fifth race, mile and 100 yards, selling: Christine A. won, Hugh McGowan second, Warte Nicht third. Time: 1:47¾.

Sixth race, six furlongs: Ruby won, Blue Eyes second, Delagoa third. Time: 1:14¼.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—Results at Ascot:

First race, one mile: Dixelle won, Rubiana second, Chickadee third. Time: 1:42.

Second race, five furlongs: Hester W. won, Neatness second, Lotta Gladstone third. Time, 1:00¾.

Third race, five and a half furlongs: Cello won, Macumber second, Bantam third. Time: 1:05½.

Fourth race, Hollywood handicap, $1,500 added, one and a sixteenth miles: Eugenia Burch won, Retropaw second, Varities third. Time: 1:46¾.

Fifth race, handicap, seven furlongs: Henry Wagner won, Toupee second, Druid third. Time: 1:27½.

Sixth race, one mile—Del Coronado won, Golden Light second, The Huguenot third. Time: 1:41¾.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25. — Results at Crescent City park:

First race, five and a half furlongs: Investor won, Gallant second, Simplicity third. Time: 1:09¾.

Second race, five and a half furlongs: Formaster won, Paul Clifford second, Turnover third. Time: 1:09¾.

Third race, five furlongs: Cousin Kate won, Marcel P. second, Deux Temps third. Time: 1:03¼.

Fourth race, Christmas handicap, one and a sixteenth miles—Ben Hodder won, Phil Finch second, Tartan third. Time: 1:50.

Fifth race, one mile: Captain Bob won, Ruth W. second, Lady Ellison third. Time: 1:46¾.

Sixth race, one and an eighth miles: Nones won, Los Angeleno second, Edward Hale third. Time: 1:58¾.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—Results at City park:

First race, mile and three-sixteenths: Nameoki won, Evaskill second, Glisten third. Time: 2:13¾.

Second race: five and one-half furlongs: Royal Legend won, Precious Stone second, The Laurel third. Time: 1:12.

Third race, mile and an eighth: Christmas handicap, Foreigner won, Ivanhoe second, Thistledo third. Time: 2:01¾.

Fourth race, five furlongs: Ezra won, Red Ruby second, Margaret Angela third. Time: 1:06¼.

Fifth race, mile and a sixteenth: Attila won, Adesso second, Glen Cairn third. Time: 1:56.

Sixth race, five furlongs: Knickerbocker won, Welsh second, Balshot third. Time: 1:05¾.

HARDY BREAKS A RIFLE RECORD

Hits Over Five Thousand Balls in Succession.

LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Lincoln sportsmen say that Captain A. H. Hardy, formerly of Hyannis, has broken all previous rifle records by hitting 5,152 two and one-half-inch wooden balls, thrown into the air at a distance of twenty-five feet, without a miss. The shoot took place Sunday at the state fair grounds. An ordinary 22-caliber rifle was used, and the loading was done by Hardy.

The rifle used was not cleaned throughout the performance. The shooting was done in Mercantile hall until 5,000 shots had been fired, when it became so dark that shooting was almost impossible, and was continued in the open air. The five thousand one hundred and fifty-third ball was missed by what is termed by shooters as a "fudge." The balls were thrown by "Bud" Bowers of Hyannis, Neb. For the last week Hardy has been fitting himself for this trial, shooting from 1,000 to 2,000 balls each day. Bowers, his famous ball thrower from Hyannis, did the throwing, and his work was like that of a machine. The performance was a great test of endurance on both shooter and thrower. The judges were J. Haynes, J. F. Simpson, E. J. Siebert, C. F. Siebert, P. J. Heidmarsh, all old shooters. The shooting began Saturday at 1 p. m. and was continued until too dark for the rifleman to see. It was resumed again yesterday morning. Hardy has made a number of extraordinary records with the rifle. The former world's record was made at the St. Louis fair last year by Topperwine of Texas, who broke 3,507 clay disks at a distance of twenty-five feet.

RACQUET MATCH IN NEW YORK

Standing and Rogers Defeat Latham and Gardner in Doubles.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—An international professional racquet match, in which George Standing, the American champion, and Edward Rogers defeated Peter Latham, the English champion, and David Gardner, attracted a large gathering of players to the New York Racquet and Tennis club today. The four-handed contest consisted of six games, four of which were won by Standing and his partner, Latham and Gardner winning the second and third.

This was the preliminary to a series in which Latham, who arrived here a week ago, is to appear against the best professionals in this country during the next six weeks. Gardner and Rogers are Standing's assistants in the local club, and the bulk of heavy play was made by them today, the two experts letting the younger men extend themselves at every stage.

Standing and Latham will meet in the same court on January 6 for the racquet championship of the United States and a purse of $2,000.

Following is the summary by games of today's match:

Standing and Rogers.....15, 9, 10, 17, 15, 15
Latham and Gardner.....11, 15, 15, 14, 10, 2

NEW FOOT BALL RULES TRIED

Wichita Clubs Test Ten-Yard Proposal and Neither Side Scores.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 25.—Changes in foot ball rules to require ten yards gain on three downs and permit the forward pass were tried in a game between Washburn and Fairmont clubs in this city today. Neither side was able to score. Washburn made the ten yards gain only four times and Fairmount but three. Both sides punted constantly and the forward pass caused more trick plays and end runs. Only four times were attempts made to break through the opposing line and these when there were but two or three yards to gain.

John Outland of the Pennsylvania team of 1899 says that under the ten-yard rule no team can score unless twenty-four points superior to its opponents, under the old rules. Heavy penalties against rough play caused a clean game, and not a player was injured so as to leave the game. It is the general opinion of foot ball men who saw the game that, had four downs been allowed to make the ten yards, the game would have been as open and would have permitted the ball to be advanced with possibilities of a touchdown.

Pitt Defeats Davidson.

In a mile roller skating race full of interest from start to finish, J. S. Pitt of Chicago defeated Harley Davidson, world's champion, at the Auditorium Monday night. The Auditorium was well filled when the two racers appeared. Pitt, long and lanky, looking every inch a racer, and Davidson, stouter and built closer to the ground. Opinion was about evenly divided as to the outcome and each had a large number of backers. The benches had been removed from the side of the rink to give the racers more room, which made greater speed possible, as it gave more room on the turns.

At the pistol shot Pitt jumped to the front and set the pace for three laps, when Davidson passed him on the east turn. Davidson made the running for the next three laps, when Pitt came up with a rush and again took the lead, which he held to the finish. On the last lap, just as the racers were making the east turn, Davidson attempted to pass Pitt, when his skate got locked in Pitt's and both fell. Pitt recovering first and winning the race.

The second race will be for tonight and will be for two miles, and the third race will be run Wednesday night and will be three miles.

LEES FOR REVISION OF RULES

Nebraska Representative Goes to New York Conference.

LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Dr. J. T. Lees of the State university, who has been selected by the university board to represent the institution at the New York foot ball conference, has left to be on hand for the meeting, which begins December 28. At a recent meeting the board of regents of the university instructed the athletic board to use all its influence, both at home and in any councils or conferences where the board is represented, to secure the adoption of more rigid rules as to umpiring, refereeing and the adoption of measures to prevent the introduction of professionalism and to reduce unfair or dangerous playing. The instructions of the regent constitute Dr. Lees' platform in the conference, and he is expected to take part in the conference with the object of securing such changes. He will be gone about a week.

RECORD RUN IN FOOT BALL GAME

California Player Carries Ball Hundred and Seven Yards.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—Two serious casualties and a run of 107 yards, said to be the longest in the history of foot ball, were the features of the last gridiron game of the season in southern California today between the Sherman Indians and St. Vincent's college, which was won by the former by the score of 30 to 0.

H. Wilhoot of St. Vincent's, sustained a broken collar bone, and L. Lugo of the Indians had two ribs smashed.

Iowa Basket Ball Schedule.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Manager Reddy Hamilton of the State Iowa school has announced the following schedule for the basket ball team for the winter term:

January 5—Waterloo Y. M. C. A., at Cedar Falls.
January 15—State University, at Iowa City.
January 18—Western college, at Toledo.
January 19—Marshalltown Y. M. C. A., at Marshalltown.
January 24—Western college, at Cedar Falls.
January 31—Marshalltown Y. M. C. A.
February 2—Waterloo, at Cedar Falls.
February 16—Iowa City, at Cedar Falls.
February 23—Waterloo, at Cedar Falls.
Thirty men are trying for the team.

Old Foot Ball Debts Paid.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The past foot ball season at the State university has been financially successful enough to pay up $1,600 of old debts, as well as leave a large enough balance in the bank to carry the base ball and track teams through the winter campaign. While Manager Jones will make no statement until the entire year has been completed, it is believed that the remainder of the old debt, now abounting to $1,000, will be paid by the end of another year.

Taylor Wins from Finucane.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 25.—Kid Taylor won a decision over Billy Finucane here tonight in a ten-round bout, after a hard fight. Taylor had all the better of the fight from start to finish and in only one round did Finucane show class.

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Mary E. Morton.

Mrs. Mary E. Morton, widow of the late James Morton, a prominent Omaha citizen, died at the residence of her son, C. W. Morton, 1027 Park avenue, Saturday night at the age of 77 years. Mrs. Morton was well known in Omaha, of which place she had long been a resident and her three sons are prominent in business affairs. These sons are C. W. Morton, president, and J. H. Morton, secretary of the James Morton Sons company, and George Morton, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington. The deceased was a member of the First Congregational church, of which her husband was for a long time a deacon. Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning from the residence of C. W. Morton by the Rev. H. C. Herring and the Rev. T. J. Mackay. The pall bearers will be J. E. House, William Fleming, G. W. Loomis, H. A. Snow, Ed Chapman and H. W. Pitt.

Raymond Prefontaine.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Raymond Prefontaine, the Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, died suddenly tonight.

Joseph Raymond Fournier Prefontaine was born at Longueil, province of Quebec, in September, 1850. His ancestors settled in what was New France in 1660. He was educated at McGill university, Montreal, and was called to the bar in 1873. He held several political offices, was for many years a member of the Dominion House of Commons in the liberal interests, and had been minister of marine and fisheries since 1902.

J. D. Flynn.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 25.—J. D. Flynn, well known in telegraphic circles over the country, owing to his connection with the Baltimore & Ohio and the Western Union Telegraph companies, died at his home of pneumonia after three days' illness.

Mr. Flynn was born in Cleveland on December 25, 1846. For twelve years he was superintendent of the Western Union in this district, but for the past two years had been president of the Pittsburg Stock Quotation company.

Mrs. Mary F. Atkin.

Mrs. Mary F. Atkin, 4002 Izard street, died at her home at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at the advanced age of 87 years. Death came as the result of a fall suffered by Mrs. Atkin eight weeks ago, in which she received injuries from which she was unable to rally. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Charles Balliet. The funeral will be held from the residence at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, interment being at Prospect Hill.

Mrs. Almira Pierce Johnson.

MILFORD, Mass., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Almira Pierce Johnson, one of the oldest members of the Woman's Relief corps in the country and of the Daughters of the American Revolution, died here today at the age of 101 years and 6 months. Mrs. Johnson's father, Levi Pierce of Worcester, served in the war of the revolution.

FOBS. Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

Ex-Senator Bard Recovering.

OXNARD, Cal., Dec. 25.—Although not completely out of danger, former Senator Bard, who suffered a fractured hip in a carriage accident, is improving and the physicians feel confident he will recover. He will be confined to his bed several months.

STRANGER QUICK WITH GUN

Shoots James Reynolds, Bartender in a Ninth Street Saloon.

POLICE FIRE AT HIM BUT FAIL TO LAND

Victim Shot Through Throat and in a Dangerous Condition—Assailant, Who is Unidentified, Makes Escape.

After entering the saloon of William Sutherland, 107 North Ninth street, at 8 o'clock last night and being refused a glass of beer a strange man demanded of the bartender, James Reynolds, "Why did you hit my pal?" and then, drawing a revolver from his pocket, deliberately shot and seriously wounded him. The stranger then ran through the front door into the street where he fired another shot at pedestrians and then, closely pursued by Detectives Ferris and Dunn and Patrolman Shields, succeeded in losing himself in the darkness and maze of freight cars and tracks of the bottoms.

As soon as the man emerged from the saloon, revolver in hand, and started to run on Ninth street, the officers, who were standing on the opposite sidewalk, drew their revolvers and called to the fleeing man to halt, firing after him as they went in pursuit. The two detectives each fired three shots, while Shields fired four, a total of ten shots, but so far as is known none of them took effect, although Shields is under the impression that one of his bullets went true. The man had but a short distance to run before reaching the protection of the cars and was soon lost to view.

Reynolds was immediately attended by Dr. Frederick Rustin and taken to the Central hospital, where it was found that the bullet had entered the right side of the throat and passed completely through the aesophagus. The wounded man was reported to be in a serious condition last night, but under proper conditions he will recover. He is about 22 years of age.

No trace of the assailant had been found up to an early hour this morning. He had been in the saloon a few moments previous to the shooting in company with two other men, all from out of the city. They had been noisy in the saloon and had been requested to leave by Reynolds. They complied under protest but the one who did the shooting soon returned. Reynolds declined to serve him any drinks and was about to turn to the cash register when the man shot.

DAY AT WHITE HOUSE

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human derelicts were fed and as many more were entertained at the city lodging houses. Five thousand newsboys feasted at the expense of Randolph Guggenheimer at the Newsboys' club house, in East street, and the usual dinner for the little fellows was served at the Newsboys' lodging house.

Congressman Timothy D. Sullivan dispensed Christmas cheer and presents of pipes and tobacco to nearly 5,000 men at his headquarters in the Bowery.

A tragic interruption of the Christmas festivities occurred at the home of Mrs. Paul Raymond, when her stepbrother, John Muscow, and his friend, Andrew Casmun, who had been invited to join a family reunion, were found dead in bed this morning. The men, who had recently arrived from Russia, were unacquainted with the use of illuminating gas and blew it out when they retired last night.

In accordance with the naval custom of observing Christmas day as a holiday all work beyond what was absolutely necessary was dispensed with today aboard the battleships Alabama, Massachusetts, Iowa and Maine at the Brooklyn navy yard and the cruisers Brooklyn and Galveston at Tompkinsville, and about 2,000 bluejackets and marines received shore leave for the day.

MENACE TO NATIONAL LIFE

Race Suicide Threatens Serious Condition in England Thirty Years Hence.

An American consular report says: England's birth rate is declining. It touched its highest point since registration began in 1838, in 1876. Today it is at its lowest. The children of the most prolific mothers—those of 1876—are the most unproductive mothers. The reason assigned for the frightful decline is "the decay of the maternal instinct." Only 75 per cent as many little ones see the light now, or remain in it, as saw it thirty years ago. No one factor, however, can account for the entire falling off.

The fact is there are many causes. Notably among the most prominent is the advanced age at which persons marry and the fact that a great many never marry. Previous to 1876 the marriage rate was 16 to 17¼ per 1,000. Today it is 15½. The claim made for years by leading economists that population was supposed to vary with the food supply is doubted. It falls to hold good in England, for at no time in the past was food so cheap or so abundant as it is today.

"Possibly," says one writer, "rent, the rates and taxes have more to do with the question than has the price of wheat." The fact of the matter is, the question is beyond the best men in the empire. It baffles everybody from the humblest to the highest. In the fight for first place that is on, it means, or may mean, a great deal to England whether her birth rate is small or large. A short crop of little ones in 1906 and in each succeeding year means a short crop of men for the army, navy, mills, shops, farms, ships, factories and colonies of England twenty-five or thirty years hence.

NEGRO DEFIES POLICEMEN

Flagman at Paducah Barricades Himself in Tower and Resists Arrest Until Shot to Death.

PADUCAH, Ky., Dec. 25.—In a battle between a policeman and John Tice, a one-legged negro flagman for the Illinois Central, who had barricaded himself in his tower at Eleventh and Broadway streets, Patrolman James Clark was shot twice in the hip and Tice was riddled by scores of people with rifles and pistols from the surrounding streets and roofs. The negro became enraged at someone throwing bricks at his tower and began firing from the tower at people on the street below. When the police attempted to arrest him he fired on them until he was killed.

Entire Block Burned.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 26.—A fire which started in a livery stable early this morning swept away an entire block. The fire is not yet under control.

Man Burned to Death.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 25.—One man was burned to death and another so overcome by smoke that he is now in a dangerous condition and thirty-one horses were burned or suffocated in a fire that broke out in the rear barn of the Montana Stable company on Washington street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, early today, and communicated to the New York, the Montana and the Washington lodging houses. The monetary loss will not exceed $15,000.

Convicts Paid Interest.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 25.—For the first time in the history of penal institutions the inmates of the Jeffersonville reformatory were today paid interest on money due them for extra work. The payments were made from a special fund.