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ABUSES IN CONGO

Attention of Secretary Root Called to Flagrant Conditions Existing.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMISSION'S REPORT

Oppressive Labor Tax Reduces Natives to State Almost Equal to Slavery.

PEOPLE ARE PRACTICALLY PRISONERS

Brutish Blacks from Hostile Tribes Are Employed by Officials as Guards.

UNITED STATES URGED TO TAKE ACTION

Country Gave Formation of Congo Government Its Moral Support and is Justified in Assisting in Securing Reforms.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A letter signed by J. Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott and other prominent citizens of New York was addressed to Secretary of State Elihu Root today directing his attention to conditions in the Congo Free State, where, it is asserted, "flagrant [illegible] exists," and urging him on behalf of the American people to use the "moral [illegible] of the United States government to [illegible] the abuses the Congo natives are [illegible] to be suffering from.

The communication is as follows:

"Over a year has passed since the [illegible] of the commissioners chosen by the chief executive and virtual owner of the Congo to investigate conditions in that state was published. In spite of their natural desire to give all possible credit to their sovereign, the commissioners felt constrained to report the existence of measures and practices of flagrant inhumanity. Among these measures and practices are the following:

1. The exaction of a labor tax so oppressive that many natives on whom it falls have little if any freedom.
2. Appropriation of land to such an extent that the natives are practically prisoners within their own territory.
3. The employment under authority of the government as sentries of cruel, brutish blacks, chosen from hostile tribes, who murder, pillage and rape the people for whose protection the government is avowedly established.
4. The abuse of the natives by white representatives of officially recognized companies.

Fifth—The binding of little children to years' of labor at uncertain wages by contracts they do not understand, and even more serious maltreatment of children supposedly under the immediate care of the government.

Sixth—Great injustice in the administration of the courts, so that the natives dread the name of "Boma," the place where the judicial system is centralized.

Seventh—The sending out of punitive expeditions, not for the purpose of establishing peace and order, but for the purpose of terrifying the natives into paying a tax, which, as administered, even the commissioners regard as inhuman.

United States Should Act.

"It is to be remembered that these are not charges brought against the Congo government, but findings of the commission which was appointed by the chief executive of the government to investigate and report on the facts. Acting upon these findings a second commission, also appointed by the king, has recommended measures of reform. No steps have been taken to adopt them. There is no evidence that the Congo government is undertaking seriously to remedy these evils. The powers which created the Congo government have clearly a right to call that government to account. Inasmuch as the United States gave its moral support to the establishment of the Congo government, it is justified in giving its moral support to any undertaking to secure conditions in the Congo that will not disgrace civilization. We wish to assure you that for any measure you may adopt in order to give the powers such moral support of the United States you will have our earnest and urgent approval."

The letter is signed by Rev. Messrs. Lyman Abbott, Henry Mottet, Wilford L. Robbins, George William Knox, Charles H. Parkhurst, John P. Peters, William R. Richards, Anson P. Atterbury, Percy S. Grant, and Messrs. William Jay Schieffelin, William H. Douglas, Charles A. Schieren, Spencer Trask, George Haven Putnam, Everett P. Wheeler, Robert C. Ogden, J. Pierpont Morgan, D. Willis James, R. Fulton Cutting, J. Cleveland Cady and W. J. Havemeyer.

French Church is Closed

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The first instance of the closing of a church under the separation law has occurred at Azay Sur Indre, where the mayor, is writing, ordered the cure to leave both the presbytery and the church edifice, which he declared the communal authorities would take over inpursuance of the law. The cure consequently quitted the edifice, which was closed.

Ignatieff Assassin Identified.

TVER, Russia, Dec. 25.—The assassin of Count Ignatieff has been identified as a student named Fidler, who was one of the leaders of last year's insurrection at Moscow. At that time he was bound over in $5,000 bail for good behavior and this sum will now revert to the treasury.

BOY SHOOTS HIS STEPFATHER

Cincinnati Lad Uses Christmas Money to Buy Revolver to Protect His Mother.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.—With money he had saved to give his mother as a Christmas gift Henry Siebele, 16 years old, of 4125 Chambers street, bought a revolver with which he shot and fatally wounded his step-father, Henry Brinker, 44 years old, today.

According to the boy his step-father had threatened to kill his mother and he bought the revolver to protect her. This morning Brinker attacked his wife with a hatchet and the boy pulled the revolver from his pocket and fired five shots. Three of the bullets entered the man's chest below the heart and two entered his neck below the chin. The boy was arrested.

SHIPPERS HOLD THE CARS

Santa Fe Official Says Fourteen Thousand Are Awaiting Unloading in Galveston.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 25.—Referring to the congested condition of the railroads at present, J. E. Hurley, general manager of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, said today: "Consignees might relieve the congestion if they would unload cars expeditiously. There are today 14,000 loaded cars in Galveston waiting for consignees to empty them and turn them back into commission. Since January 1, 1902, the Santa Fe system has purchased 530 engines and 20,256 freight cars of various classes. We have received only 330 of these cars."

FILING OLD DEED CAUSES STIR

Covers Thirty Acres in the Heart of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 25.—Some excitement among the property owners affected has been caused by the filing of a 50-year-old deed in the office of the register of deeds in this city, conveying thirty acres of what now is a thickly-settled portion of Sioux Falls.

The warranty deed bears date of June 23, 1856, and runs from James L. Fisk of St. Paul to William McMahon of St. Paul. The old deed conveys an undivided one-half interest in the thirty acres in question, the tract being situated in the southeastern portion of the city, now known as Gale's addition to Sioux Falls. The handsome government building, worth about $300,000, is situated on the thirty-acre tract.

There is an interesting history of pioneer days in connection with the execution of the old deed. In 1857 the Dakota Land company of St. Paul sent out an expedition which had for its object the locating of a number of townsites in the then territory of Dakota. Their principal objective point was the falls of the Big Sioux river, where they expected to locate a town.

At the same time the Western Land company of Dubuque, Ia., sent out a similar expedition, with the falls of the Big Sioux as the objective point. The Dakota Land company located the town of Medary, then the locaters came south and located the town of Flandreau. Upon reaching the present site of Sioux Falls they found that the Wetstern Townsite company of Dubuque had "beat them out," so far as Sioux Falls was concerned, and had a town located.

John L. Fisk, the conveyer of the thirty acres in the deed, which has just been recorded, was a member of the Dakota Townsite company. He was not to be beaten entirely, so he located Fisk's addition adjoining the town of Sioux Falls on the south. What became of Fisk is not known. Early day history tells of his coming to Sioux Falls with the Dakota Townsite company and of his locating Fisk's addition.

Some time later Artemus Gale, a pioneer resident of Sioux Falls and now one of its wealthiest citizens, through script, located Gale's Sioux Falls, which contains practically all of the thirty acres which the Fisk deed conveys.

What the parties who have just filed the old deed expect to gain after the old deed was permitted to slumber quietly for nearly half a century remains to be seen.

CRAWFORD NOT IN THE RACE

Announces He Will Not Permit Use of His Name for Senator.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Unless all political signs fail, the attempts from different sources to stir up a contest on the senatorship at the coming session will be of no avail. The positive announcement of Coe I. Crawford that he will not allow the use of his name for that position at the coming session is in line with the policy of the man, who believes that pledges to the people are the first consideration of politics, and then standing on the record of promises carried out, to go on with other matters which require official attention. While that is the position of Mr. Crawford for himself, from several sources the discussion continues. One is from the old-time opponents of Crawford, who hope to dangle tempting enough bait before him to stir up strife; and the other source is that of the old-time insurgents, who wish to place Crawford in the senate as soon as possible, knowing that it is hoped ultimately to land him in that position. But the members are generally pledged, and when it comes to a showdown, unless something more potent than has yet developed can be thrown into the canvass, when the ballot on senator is taken the first vote will settle the question, the only opposition being in the few democratic votes which will be cast for some man of their own selection for the place.

TWO BROTHERS ARE REUNITED

Separated When They Were Children and Just Find Each Other.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 25.—After being separated for a period of about forty years, M. J. Kirkpatrick, superintendent of the South Dakota Water company in this city, and William J. Potter of Milwaukee, full brothers, notwithstanding the difference in names, have just enjoyed a visit with each other.

The story reals like a romance. The two brothers and a sister, Agnes Potter Williams, now of Hooker, Okl., were left orphans in 1867, their father having died during the civil war. The children were separated. Mr. Potter's brother being adopted by Walter Kirkpatrick of Charlton, Wis., and his name changed to that of his foster parents.

Mr. Potter made frequent efforts to find his brother, but without success until a few days ago. Mr. Kirkpatrick was not aware that he had been adopted until a few years ago, the adoption papers coming into his possession upon the death of his foster parents. He placed in the hands of a local attorney the task of locating his missing brother and sister, with the result that the three children have, after the lapse of about forty years, again been brought into communication with each other.

Crap Game Ends in Shooting.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—In a 10-cent crap game last night William Clemons fatally shot Fred B. Smith, sending three bullets into his body. After the shooting Clemons walked out of the building, where the trouble occurred, and was captured today at Canning, fifteen miles east of here, and is being held pending the results of his act. Both are negroes.

WRECK NEAR JACKSONVILLE

Southbound Passenger Train from Washington Derailed by Blunder of Switchman.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 25.—The Southern railway passenger train No. 33 from Washington was wrecked at Moncrief, five miles from Jacksonville, at 5 o'clock this morning.

The dead:

JOHN HOMER, colored, fireman.

Seriously injured:

Engineer Urquhart of Savannah, Ga., scalded by escaping steam.

Two men in the express car were slightly injured.

Through some unexplained error, the switchman in the tower turned on the derailing switch in front of the fast moving train, which caused the engine to turn and threw the express car from the track.

Suicide at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—Despondent because of the death of his wife a year ago, Peder Medjo, a well-to-do contractor, hanged himself early today. Medjo had spent the night pleasantly with a brother.

DENVER BUILDING BURNED

Upper Portion of the Big Ernest & Cranmer Structure Destroyed.

LOSS IS ABOUT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND

Number of Fine Law Libraries Burned and Damaged by Water—Postal Telegraph Company Driven from Building.

DENVER, Dec. 25.—The Earnest & Cranmer building, one of the finest office buildings in the city, located at Seventeenth and Curtis streets, was damaged by fire today, the seventh and eighth floors being entirely destroyed. The balance of the building was greatly damaged by water and the basement of the building was flooded. The total loss to building and renters is estimated at $200,000.

The upper floors of the building were tenanted principally by lawyers and one of the most valuable law libraries in the west was housed on the top floor. This library was ruined. The fire started about noon on the sixth floor and it is not positively known what caused it. It was not until 7 o'clock tonight that the firemen gained control, though the entire city fire apparatus was brought into service. On the ground floor of the burned building were located the offices of the Postal Telegraph company, several banks and other business establishments. The Postal company was compelled to desert its quarters because their wires were all disabled, but within an hour after being forced out the local officials had established temporary quarters around the corner on Champa street and accepted all commercial business. The vaults of the banks, it is claimed, are impervious to water, and although the fixtures and property not protected by steel walls was greatly damaged, the vaults are intact and nothing inside was damaged in the least. The building was built by F. P. Earnest and W. H. Cranmer and is still owned by Mr. Earnest and the Cranmer estate.

Ship Plant Damaged.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 25.—A large frame and sheet iron building, containing the carpenter, sheet iron and pipe fitters, ships' riggers and molders loft was destroyed at the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock company's plant today. The Old Dominion liner, Jefferson, which is being repaired in the dry dock, was damaged to the extent of $10,000. It is estimated that the total loss will amount to $200,000 and will be fully covered by insurance.

Eddie Eddins, a fireman, was struck by a falling telegraph pole and fatally wounded. His skull was crushed and a bed-hot wire cut his throat. He is now at the General hospital in a critical condition.

In the carpenter shop were tool chests belonging to the 200 carpenters. It is estimated that these men will lose in the neighborhood of $10,000 and their loss is not covered by insurance. General Manager W. A. Post of the shipyard said tonight that it was impossible to estimate accurately the amount of damage.

Fire in Ship Yard.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 25.—Five hundred horses and mules were burned in Harper Bros.' livery stable this morning. The loss is about $100,000. The fire started by safe-blowers who exploded the safe in the office, the shock of the explosion overturning a lamp.

Railroad Coal Sheds.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The coal house of the Northwestern railway, with all railroad coal on hand, was totally destroyed by fire, starting from an explosion of a lantern this evening. This will cripple operations for a few days, until a new coal supply can be secured.

JOSEPH LEITER KILLS BOY

Jumps from Street Car Directly in Front of Big Machine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The sixty horse-power touring car of Joseph Leiter, in which were riding Mr. Leiter, Mrs. L. Z. Leiter and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Remington of New York, today ran down and instantly killed Samuel West, a 14-year-old negro boy. Mrs. Leiter and Mrs. Remington were greatly affected by the accident. Charles H. Raymond, the chauffeur, was arrested and the entire party went to the Tenth precinct police station, where Raymond was paroled in the custody of an officer in order that Mr. Leiter and his party might be conveyed to the Leiter residence.

The accident happened on Columbia Heights, near Fourteenth street and Columbia road. The big machine was closely following a street car, and just before Columbia road was reached the boy, who was riding on the car, jumped off and was almost immediately struck by the automobile. The wheels ran over the boy's head. The machine was stopped and Joseph Leiter picked the boy up, at the same time directing that physicians be summoned. Life, however, was extinct. Mrs. Leiter at once took steps to locate the parents of the boy.

After leaving his mother and guests at the Leiter home Mr. Leiter, together with his chauffeur and the officer, went directly to the home of Coroner Nevitt, who, after listening to the facts of the case, expressed himself willing to admit Raymond to bail. This accordingly was given. Coroner Nevitt, while entertaining the view that the accident was unavoidable, deemed it necessary to hold an inquest, which he will do tomorrow.

RIOT AT FORT LEAVENWORTH

Dispute Between Trooper and Conductor Results in Fight Followed by Three Arrests.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 25.—A full investigation into the reported riot on a Fort Leavenworth bound car Christmas eve is being conducted by Captain Walsh, commanding the squadron of the Ninth cavalry (colored).

Captain Walsh said tonight:

Three men are under arrest. I am told that there were no shots fired in the car by the soldiers. The conductor claimed so, but an old sergeant of the Eighteenth infantry says that bricks broke the window. There was an argument over the paying of fare between a trooper and the conductor which led to the trouble. There is no desire on the part of either the white or colored soldiers who were on the car to shield their comrades; they are making statements voluntarily of what they know.

FORT SILL, Okla., Dec. 25.—Earl Northrup, aged 22, was probably fatally stabbed during a saloon brawl this afternoon by Private Howard of troop K, Thirteenth cavalry, stationed at Fort Sill. Howard was arrested and is in jail in default of bond.

LIVE STOCK CONVENTION CALL

National Association to Meet in Denver January 22 and 23.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—To Members and All Live Stock Associations and Live Stock Producers: A call is hereby issued for the tenth annual convention of the American National Live Stock association, to be held at the Broadway theater, Denver, Colo., January 22-23, 1907.

The executive committee and officers of this association congratulate the members on the results acheived during 1906, especially in the passage of the railroad rate bill conferring on the Interstate Commerce commission adequate power over rates, and also in the amendments to the federal statutes, extending the time limit that live stock can be held on cars in transit from twenty-eight to thirty-six hours. Our association is now recognized as a great power in live stock matters, and it has attained that position through a policy of conservatism and fairness.

Many important questions will be considered at our next annual meeting and all our members and others interested are urged to attend.

Never in the history of the live stock industry have live stock shippers suffered so disastrously from inferior railroad service. Our association has already taken vigorous steps to relieve the situation and the matter will be further discussed at our annual meeting.

Another important question is to secure access to the markets of continental Europe for our surplus live stock products. Our committee on foreign and home markets worked earnestly on this question during the last session of congress, but owing largely to the pendency of other issues nothing was done by congress. The time is now ripe for action and at our annual meeting a definite plan of action will be adopted.

Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, and Mr. Gifford Pinchot, forester, will be present at our meeting and there will be a full discussion of the general situation as to forest reserves. Those who have any complaints about the administration of the forest reserves should come to Denver and consult Mr. Pinchot and his assistant, Mr. Potter. A bill is now pending in the senate of the United States providing for the leasing of the public lands, and President Roosevelt has just sent a message to congress favoring governmental control of the open range through the Department of Agriculture. Our standing committee on forest reserves and grazing lands will submit its recommendations and it is important that everyone interested in this question from every section of the country should be on hand to express his views in order that our action may be submitted to congress.

An attempt is now being made to place the cost of the federal meat inspection upon the packers, which means that the live stock producers would pay that expense, and it will require vigorous action on our part to prevent it.

Questions of sanitation, better service from stock yard companies, the suits now pending before the Interstate Commerce commission relative to certain live stock rates, and many other subjects of interest will be fully discussed, and the debate will be open to all members under the by-laws of the association.

Reduced rates have been granted by all railroads. During the week of the convention the Western Live Stock show will be held in Denver at the stock yards. All members are urged to come to this convention and by their presence, counsel and support strengthen this association. An invitation is also extended to all live stock growers who are not now members, either individually or through their association, to meet with us in Denver.

MURDO MACKENZIE, President.
T. W. TOMLINSON, Secretary.

MONEY LEFT TO THE POOR

Story of Remarkable Interest Behind Suicide of Woman in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—A story of remarkable interest is behind the suicide of Mrs. Mary Elsie Balfour, 55 years of age, whose body was today dragged from the depths of East Lake Park river, where she had thrown herself last night. The woman lived alone in a shanty and was seen to enter the park unaccompanied at 6 o'clock last night.

In the suicide's handbag, on a torn envelope, there was scrawled in an almost illegible hand, "M. E. Balfour, 417 Turner street. My will is in the little trunk on the table. I want to be cremated."

Following the directions, the will was found. In it the woman disposes of large amounts of money, which she gives to relatives and the poor. It provides that after the expenses of cremating her body are defrayed her money shall be distributed among the poor of San Francisco, preferably the fire victims; funds in the Copenhagen bank are willed to the citizens of Copenhagen and Bestbed, the latter place being referred to as the birthplace of the woman. An amount in the German bank of San Francisco and all other money is willed to the woman's cousins, Julius and Carl Lorentzen of Copenhagen and Henry Lorentzen of Nestbed. She bequeathed considerable jewelry to her sister, Edwardine Neilson of Nestbed. The mayors of Copenhagen and Nestbed are designated as executors of that portion of her estate, and they are directed to give to the poor. Two bank books were found among her effects. One of these showed a deposit of $550 in the Los Angeles Trust company and the other a deposit of $590 in the American Savings bank of this city. The will indicates that the unfortunate woman had passed through the San Francisco disaster and that the ordeal had affected her mind. Nothing is known of her here.

FIFTY NEGROES IN A FIGHT

Drunken Row in Kansas City in Which a Number of Men Are Badly Hurt.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25.—Fifty negroes engaged in a drunken row at Seventh and Washington streets in this city tonight, using clubs, knives and stones, and besides the injuries sustained by the participants, which consisted of broken heads and severe bruises, a policeman and a spectator were hurt. Patrolman C. M. Larrabee arrived on the scene just as S. R. Johnson, a negro, was in the act of striking another negro with a base ball bat. Larrabee interfered and Johnson knocked the officer down with the bat and was about to strike him again, when James Hulty, white, bartender in a nearby saloon, struck Johnson with a stone and knocked him senseless. James C. Maricol, a white man, who was witnessing the fight, was struck in the head with a stone and severely hurt. All the windows in the stables of the American Express company were broken. Johnson and a number of other negroes were arrested.

GIFTS TO RAILWAY EMPLOYES

H. K. McHarg of Virginia & Southwestern Handsomely Remembers All of His Men.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 25.—H. K. McHarg, who recently sold his Virginia & Southwestern railway to the Southern handsomely remembered all his officials and employes yesterday. He ran a "Santa Claus special" over the entire length of the road, "Santa Claus" being the conductor. To every employe who had been in the company's service for one year "Santa Claus" gave one month's salary as a Christmas present. Other tokens were presented to the remaining employes. To the head officials of the road McHarg presented one year's salary each. The gifts to subordinate employes alone aggregate more than $50,000.

LEGISLATORS ARE IN SIGHT

Candidates for Speakership to Open Headquarters Early in Week.

CORPORATION LOBBYISTS RENT ROOMS

Give It Out They Expect to Appear Before Committees Only, but the Signs Indicate the Same Old Game.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The state capital will begin taking on legislative airs tomorrow. Representative Tucker of Douglas county will open headquarters for Representative Dodge, candidate for speaker, at the Lindell, and Representative Dan Nettleton of Clay county will open his own headquarters at the same place. Adam McMullen, who is after the same position, has written that he will not be here until the day following, while other candidates have not announced what day they expect to be here.

What day the advance guard of the lobby will reach the ground of course will not be known until appearance has been put in. The Union Pacific and the Burlington will both have rooms at the Lindell, and while of course it cannot be said the information came from headquarters, there is a well defined rumor, persistent and probably correct, that Frank Young of Broken Bow will assist in looking after the Burlington interests. Mr. Young has secured a room at the Lindell for the session. The Union Pacific will, in all probability, be looked after by Tax Commissioner R. J. Clancy, who has appeared for this corporation during the last several years. The Northwestern will need no other headquarters than the room of R. W. McGinnis, who lives at the Lindell all the time. The personnel of the grain elevator lobby, the insurance lobby, both old line and fraternal; the lumber lobby, the stock yards and telephone lobbies, and others of lesser magnitude cannot be identified this early in the game, but as time goes on these luminaries will have their appearance chronicled.

Railroads Show Their Hands.

The railroad lobbyists have had several meetings lately and have endeavored to give out the impression they will take no part in organizing the legislature and, farther, they have tried to create the impression that all they will ask at the hands of the legislature will be the opportunity to be heard before the committees. However, the leasing of expensive headquarters for the session shows what is the real intention of the railroads; it will be the same old story in the same old way, with the corporation lobby increased by newcomers who have not long been connected publicly with such work and who can more easily get next to the unsuspecting legislator.

The suggestion that not only the railroad lobby be restricted in its freedom of the legislative halls, but that the lobbies maintained by the state institutions be treated in the same way is meeting with favor, and there seems little doubt such resolutions will pass both houses if introduced. One well-known lobbyist who in days past helped to make up the minds of the lgislators, but who is now out of the business, said if this was done there would be little legislation, because the legislators would get all tangled up unless a lobby were present to show them how to work.

University Investigation.

The demand made by Regent Ernst of the State university that the affairs of the university be investigated by the legislature, inspired by a suggestion that the finances of the school be audited by the state auditor, as the constitution provides state money shall be audited, and that vouchers be filed with the auditor for money spent in the maintenance of the institution, probably will be complied with. While none of the legislators who have agitated this matter have even hinted that the money used by the regents has not been spent for legitimate needs, it has been suggested a thorough investigation, such as is desired by Mr. Ernst, might show whether it is possible to cut down the cost to taxpayers and to students who are attending the school; it might show whether the students can get their textbooks cheaper under a different arrangement; it might show whether the attendance at the university is increasing as rapidly as the attendance at the State Normal schools, and if not, why not. It has been suggested that such an investigation, while it would take time to make it thorough, would result in bringing the people and the university closer together, resulting in the long run in great benefit to the school, without in the least reflecting on the regents, who give their time and attention to looking after the details of its affairs. And it has also been suggested that such an investigation might make it possible for the university to get a sufficient appropriation to maintain and develop it without maintaining a powerful lobby before every legislature to influence the legislators.

CONTEST FOR FOREIGN TRADE

Department of Commerce Will Furnish Samples of Goods that Are Desired Abroad.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—American manufacturers who are desirous of capturing some of the trade in the orient, South America and other countries, now enjoyed by foreign manufacturers, says a report of the bureau of manufacturers of the Department of Commerce and Labor, should apply to that bureau for its varied lines of samples of goods which find a ready market in those countries. These samples consist of cotton yarns, piece goods, belts, braids, handkerchiefs, gloves, laces, towels, etc., which are manufactured in foreign countries and sold in China, Japan, India, Austria, Turkey, Egypt, South Africa and South America. Any or all of these samples, the report states, will be sent upon application by manufacturers, chambers of commerce and other commercial organizations located in cotton manufacturing centers.

WRECK ON THE RIO GRANDE

Three Trainmen Killed and One Injured in Head End Collision Near Price, Utah.

PRICE, Utah, Dec. 25.—Rio Grande passenger train No. 3, westbound, a double-header, collided with a freight engine standing on a siding near Mounds, seventeen miles east of here, early today. The three engines and the cars jumped the track. The engines were badly damaged. The cars were not seriously damaged and none of the passengers was hurt. The dead:

THOMAS M'GRATH, engineer.
MICHAEL CONROY, fireman.
H. D. CARTER, fireman.

Injured:

W. B. Vaugh, fireman; serious.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Wednesday and Thursday, Except Rain Thursday in West Portion.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	25	1 p. m.	38
6 a. m.	23	2 p. m.	41
7 a. m.	23	3 p. m.	42
8 a. m.	23	4 p. m.	42
9 a. m.	24	5 p. m.	41
10 a. m.	27	6 p. m.	39
11 a. m.	32	7 p. m.	38
12 m.	35	8 p. m.	38
		9 p. m.	37

TRAIN STRIKES TROLLEY CAR

Man Killed and Fourteen Persons Hurt by Grade Crossing Accident at Ashtabula, O.

ASHTABULA, O., Dec. 25.—The Buffalo-Pittsburg Flyer today struck a trolley car on the Ashtabula Rapid Transit line at the Lake street grade crossing of the Lake Shore railroad 200 feet from the scene of the Ashtabula disaster of 1876. The street car was demolished. One person was killed and fourteen injured.

The dead:

LEONARD NEWBOLD of Ashtabula, aged 17.

The injured:

William Cook.
Jasper Horton.
Mrs. James Whelpley.
James Whelpley.
Mrs. Horace Johnson.
Clayton Gardner.
Mrs. Clayton Jenkins.
Frank Capitani.
John Capitani.
Rosalie Jeingin.
A. Cosino.
Rowley Newbold, all of Ashtabula.
C. J. Bullock, Painesville.
William Raignhart, Painesville.
Robert Baptiste, Erie, Pa.

The crossing gates, it is alleged, were not down when the car approached. Some of the injured had to be extricated from beneath the wreck. All the ambulances and many physicians were summoned to the scene. Twelve were taken to the hospital, Newbold lived about four hours. Both legs and one arm were severed.

COUNT JOHN A. CREIGHTON ILL

Seized with Pneumonia While Enroute from Chicago to Omaha.

Count John A. Creighton is confined to his room with a severe attack of pneumonia. Admittance was denied to callers yesterday. While no serious results are expected, much solicitude is expressed over the count's present illness. He returned Saturday from Chicago with his secretary, John A. Schenk. The count was taken ill in his stateroom and had to be assisted home. Drs. Allison and Riley are attending him.

His sickness was feelingly referred to last evening at the St. Joseph's hospital Christmas entertainment. It has been the count's custom to attend the Christmas celebration at the hospital. The count is 76 years of age and of late has been enjoying good health.

FOUR DEATHS IN ST. PAUL

Three Prominent Pioneers and a Rabbi Die Within a Few Hours at Minnesota Capital.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 25.—Edward H. Judson, aged 64, member of the State Board of Control and a prominent pioneer, died last night following an operation for intestinal trouble. His death was followed by that of Dr. Emanuel L. Hess, aged 61 years, who was for eleven years rabbi of Mount Zion temple. Early this morning Thomas Cochran, aged 63, another prominent pioneer, suddenly expired.

The fourth dead among the pioneer residents was reported from St. Luke's hospital today when the end came to Dr. L. W. Babcock, aged 66 years. Dr. Babcock was a resident of Dadena and was speaker of the Minnesota legislature in 1903. His death was due to a complication of diseases.

CARLIST BAND IS CAPTURED

Twenty Men and a Quantity of Arms and Equipment Taken by Madrid Police.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A special to the Herald from Madrid says Lieutenant Maillo, with ten civil guards, yesterday surrounded the house of Torre Foru at Castle Fullit and captured a Carlist band of twenty persons, including General Moore, brother of the priest, Enrique Moore.

The band surrendered without fighting, giving up twenty-seven rifles and equipment and nearly 2,000 cartridges; also a machine to tear up rails.

All the prisoners were taken to Barcelona and placed in solitary confinement, the captain general appointing a special judge to give them a speedy trial.

CHRISTMAS DONER DROPS DEAD

Philadelphia Man Expires of Heart Disease After Handing Present to His Wife.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—Just as he presented a Christmas gift to his wife, Thomas Cardin of this city dropped dead of heart disease. There had been the usual Christmas gaiety at the Cardin home.

Mr. Cardin produced from its hiding place a neatly wrapped parcel, which he had bought several days previously. He handed it to his wife and kissed her.

"I wish you a merry Christmas, my dear," he said, "and—"

The sentence was not finished. He put his hand to his side, reeled and fell to the floor. In another moment he was a corpse and his wife was sobbing over him with the parcel lying unopened on the floor. He was 52 years old.

CAPTAIN MACKLIN BETTER

Officers Are Now Convinced that Robbery Was the Motive for the Attack.

FORT RENO, Okl., Dec. 25.—Captain Edgar A. Macklin continued to improve today and his physician stated positively that the patient would recover. The search for the negro assailant of Macklin is being continued, but with no apparent success. The murder theory has been discarded and the officers are now convinced that the intent was robbery. There was some excitement during the day when it was reported that a negro suspect had been arrested, but it proved that the man had been taken for stealing cotton.

OLD SOL BRINGS JOY

Smiling Sun and Balmy Air Make Christmas a Beautiful Day.

MORE LIKE SPRING THAN WINTER TIME

Under Bright Canopy of Heaven Men Laugh at Season of Cold.

SANTA CLAUS FINDS OMAHA HAPPY

Strong Men and Fair Women Praise Savior of the World.

ONE DAY WHEN ALL LOOK TO BETHLEHEM

Spirit of Humble Charity Born of Christ, the King, Animates All Hearts in Mutual Relation.

Never a fairer Christmas sky beamed on Omaha than that of yesterday, perhaps never a balmier air caressed a happy earth on the anniversary of the Savior's nativity. In the morning it was just cool enough to wear an overcoat, but later in the day the air became warm enough that many were seen walking down the streets without this garment of winter. The sun shone brightly all day, except when now and then he passed for a moment behind a patch of cloud so fleecy it suggested summer.

A "green" Christmas, it is true, but the pleasantness of all nature more than compensated for what was lost to the Christmas idea through lack of snow and sleighs. Snow too often brings howling, stinging blasts, and no one would have preferred the blizzardy Christmas of two years ago to the bright one of yesterday.

The streets were not crowded. In the forenoon was seen here and there a man searching for a shave or a shine, or one running about to find a store open at which he might get something for a gift to one he had almost forgotten. Women were very little in evidence.

Home, Sweet Home.

The street car lines did not do a rushing business, for people were inclined to stay at home. The only time the cars were at all crowded was when the Catholics and Episcopalians were going to services in their churches, the former having several masses in the course of the morning and and forenoon, and some of the latter celebrating the holy eucharist at 7:30 and the eucharist, with an address, at 10:30. The paucity of passengers pleased the motormen and conductors, at least, for the previous day and, in fact, the previous week, had proven very trying on them.

But there were some hardworking people for whom Christmas did not mean rest—not until noon, anyway. Among these were the messenger boys and expressmen. They worked until midnight Christmas eve and were up and at it again bright and early in the morning, for the holiday shopping was the biggest in Omaha's history and it was an impossibility to get everything delivered on the last shopping day. By noon the messenger boys had practically disposed of their calls from the various stores and the expressmen went home to take their turkey dinner. To be sure the boys had to run errands in the afternoon, but the strain on them was over.

For those who did not care to remain home all day, street car rides to various suburban points were popular in the afternoon. Merry groups of people visited Benson, Dundee, Florence and the various parks.

Services at Some Churches.

The majority of churches were closed all day. Some beside the Catholic and Episcopal churches, however, had one service. A few had Sunday school exercises in the evening.

The railroad stations were scenes of numerous happy meetings. While thousands of home-coming ones had been arriving for the holidays for a week or more, there were some delayed by business duties or poor train connections, who could not reach home until the big day itself. Happy groups they were that welcomed the eager traveler as he alighted duty and grimy from some puffing train.

It was, in short, an altogether beautiful Christmas, a fitting consummation of a happy and prosperous year. Omaha's people, in celebrating the advent of their Lord to this earth, had also to thank Him for the cheerful day and the era of prosperity which it followed.

LITTLE WAIFS ARE REMEMBERED

Tots at Child Saving Institute and Creche Get Goodies.

Yesterday was a happy time for the children at the Child Saving Institute. In the morning they were given candy and toys. At noon they had a turkey dinner. In the afternoon the twenty-one who are old enough to appreciate Christmas had a real Santa Claus, with long, white whiskers. Santa uncovered for them a wonderful tree, from which he took books, toys, nuts and sacks of candy. Most of these presents were sent by the stores and charitable women who are especially interested in the institute.

At the Creche the little ones played all day with the presents they found in their stockings. They had a turkey dinner at noon, with lots of stuffing, and at night they were put to bed early to dream of Santa Claus.

CALLERS AT OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Christmas Visitors Help to Brighten the Aged Women.

Twenty-two aged persons living at the Old People's home, 2214 Wirt street, enjoyed a fine turkey dinner Monday afternoon. That no one is too old to enjoy Christmas was attested by Henry Fox, the oldest person at the home. Mr. Fox is 95 years old and declared he never had a more enjoyable Christmas time. The oldest woman at the home is Mrs. Lucy Parker, who is 91. Mrs. M. L. Chase, matron, had charge of the dinner. Last Saturday the home had a Christmas tree and entertainment, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Christmas callers visited the home and gladdened the hearts of those who find comfort in the evening of life at the home.

WOODMEN ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

Members of Myrtle Camp Hold Forth Last Night.

A majority of the 1,110 members of Alpha camp of the Woodmen of the World crowded into Myrtle hall last night to join with the children in a Christmas tree celebration. The lodge had set aside $150 with which to buy prizes and edibles for the children of members. About 350 children gathered around the Christmas tree and each child received a prize and a box of candy. James Lynch, who for ten years has served in a like capacity, made