

DAY OF KEEN ANXIETY.

Strikers and Anarchists Create Terror in the Mine Regions.

HOUSES OF MEN WHO REFUSE TO JOIN THEM RAIDED.

Eight Persons Killed, Five Fatally and a Number Seriously Injured in a Collision of Passenger Trains in Austria—Fifteen Workmen Lose Their Lives Through an Explosion in a Mine in Russia.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—This has been a day of keen anxiety in the Saar district, where the striking miners and anarchist leaders made a desperate attempt to save their cause by spreading terror and threatening an open conflict. In putting down a mob of 200 strikers raided the houses of men who refused to join them, dragged out and beat several, and smashed windows. In Forbach a mob starting out with similar purposes was stopped for a moment by a priest. A pistol was fired at the priest as he spoke against the anarchists, and then a shower of stones fell around him. The mob made a rush for him, but he saved himself by running away. The mob broke a few windows, beat two miners who refused to stop work and dispersed at the pit mouth. The men are still working, and the nine officials are in constant danger of being killed. Many of the strikers are armed with revolvers and a few with rifles, and they are firing recklessly. Reports from Saar Louis tonight are to the effect that despite the bomb leaders and apparent responsiveness of the men, the strike is weakening.

NEVER MORE PACIFIC. No Dissatisfaction in Mexico With the Diaz Government.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 4.—Stories of great dissatisfaction throughout Mexico with the Diaz Government, and that battles with the revolutionists are being fought on the northern frontier, as published abroad, are denied here. It is declared that the country was never more pacific, or less inclined to revolution. The interview with General Reyes, in command on the northern frontier, contains the following: "These bandits do not exceed 250 in number. They are scattered along the Texas side of the boundary. General Estrada is loyal."

Dr. Alaricon, Archbishop of Mexico, on being shown the statement in American newspapers that the church party is aiding the revolutionary movement on the frontier and desired a revolution against Diaz, emphatically denied the truth of the assertion. He said: "If the clericals ever return to power it must be peacefully. President Diaz, although a Liberal, is not an enemy of the church, nor is the church his enemy."

NO CLAIM FOR DAMAGES. CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 4.—The best informed authorities state that no claims for damages against the United States, growing out of raids of bandits along the border, have been presented to the Government at Washington. The Mexican Legation was, however, ordered to point out to the United States the evils arising from the raids, and request that vigilance along the border be increased and more troops be brought to prevent further incursions from American territory. The news that the American Government had decided upon a vigorous campaign against the revolutionists was received with much pleasure.

POOR OF LONDON. The Cold Spell Causing Much Suffering Among Them.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Severe frosts prevail to-day and the Thames is full of floating ice. The cold is causing much suffering among the poor. A peculiar scene is reported from Whitechapel, where a number of unemployed were assembled. A small trap drove up, on which was a large black box. The driver, dismounting, informed those about him that it contained bread and cheese, which he had been instructed to distribute among those who really stood in need of food. The driver was at once surrounded. The first piece of bread and cheese was handed to one of the nearest and immediately dozens of men and women endeavored to get on the trap from every available point to help themselves. In this emergency the driver commenced to throw the provisions indiscriminately among the crowd, who caught it as it was thrown. In this way about fifty loaves were cut up into quarters and rapidly distributed, but a quantity of the bread fell to the ground and was trodden under foot. When the supply was exhausted the trap was driven rapidly away.

MARRIED AN ENGLISHMAN. The American Colony Aspire Over a Wedding at London.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The American colony is astir over the wedding this afternoon in St. Peter's Church of Miss Wayne-Cyler of Baltimore and Sir Philip Henry Bryan Grey Egerton. The service was a full choral one. The church was elaborately decorated with flowers. The best man was Lord Grosvenor. The bride was given away by Henry White, United States Charge d'Affaires in London. Many superb pieces of jewelry were among the wedding presents. The pair will spend their honeymoon in Riviera.

BRIGANDS IN RUSSIAN POLAND. Residences of Wealthy People Attacked by Lawless Bands.

VIENNA, Jan. 4.—The authorities at Warsaw are excited over the spread of brigandage in Russian Poland. The Province of Radom, adjoining Austrian Galicia, has recently been infested by a band of twenty brigands, led by a notorious robber chief named Julius Voyte. They attacked the residence of a wealthy land-owner named Veskero-vich, who had refused to pay blackmail. They slaughtered the livestock found on the place, and after plundering the house, set it on fire. The owner succeeded in escaping, although badly burned. The robbers were captured after wounding

several soldiers. At the abode of Voyte, the robber leader, they found a large quantity of stolen wealth. The place also was being fitted up in rich style. In the cellar of Voyte's house a peasant was found, whom the robber chief was holding for a ransom.

Another band of sixteen brigands attacked the mansion of Baron Khovokh, near Alexandrovo, and a severe conflict ensued. The Baron, aided by his servants and the peasants from the estate, made a brave resistance. Several were wounded on each side, but the bandits were repulsed.

RESCUED IN THE NICK OF TIME. Residence in London Burned—The Occupants Narrowly Escape.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The residence of Lady Orde in the fashionable quarter of Seymour street, London, burned this morning. Lady Orde, who is quite old, and her servants were penned up in the upper floors, and it looked at one time as if all would be burned to death. The firemen finally adjusted the fire escape and all were rescued just in the nick of time. The house contained a large quantity of valuables, including heirlooms of the Orde family, which were all consumed. The family is one of the oldest in England.

THEY WERE STILL ALIVE. Miners Rescued After Being Entombed Ten Days.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 4.—Ten days ago a mine on the line of the Lometa Railway was flooded by the ingress of a large volume of water. All the miners managed to escape except eight. The pumps had been working day and night since then. The water to-day was reduced enough to admit of a party entering the mine to bring up the bodies. To their surprise the imprisoned men were found still alive in the upper workings, but nearly dead from starvation.

EIGHT PERSONS KILLED. Fatal Results of a Collision of Passenger Trains in Austria.

VIENNA, Jan. 4.—A passenger train from this city collided at Kaniza to-day with a passenger train from Stuhlnessen-bury. Eight persons were killed instantly. Five sustained injuries from which they will probably die and ten were severely injured, but not fatally.

British Steamer Abandoned at Sea. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The British tank-steamer Bear Creek, from Amsterdam for Philadelphia, has been abandoned in the Atlantic in a sinking condition. The crew was rescued by the steamer Zion and brought to Queenstown.

Minister Lincoln Arrives at London. LONDON, Jan. 4.—Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, American Minister, who has been visiting the United States on a leave of absence, arrived in London this evening.

Fifteen Men Killed. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 4.—A dispatch from Retchiff says fifteen men were killed by a mine explosion there yesterday. Four men who were severely injured were rescued.

Spain's Minister to Washington. MADRID, Jan. 4.—The Duke of Almodovar Del Valle has been commissioned Minister to Washington.

AMNESTY DECLARED. PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION RELATING TO THE MORMONS.

Full Pardon Granted to All Persons Liable to the Penalties for Polygamy Prior to 1890. Special to the RECORD-UNION. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—President Harrison to-day issued the following proclamation: "WASHINGTON (D. C.), Jan. 4, 1892. WHEREAS, Congress, by a statute approved March 22, 1882, and by statutes in furtherance and amendments thereof, defined the crimes of bigamy, polygamy and unlawful cohabitation in the Territories and other places within exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, and prescribed a penalty for such crimes; and Whereas, on or about the 6th day of October, 1890, the Church of Latter-day Saints, commonly known as the Mormon Church, through the President, issued a manifesto proclaiming the purposes of said church to no longer sanction the practice of polygamous marriages, and calling upon all members and adherents of said church to obey the laws of the United States, and in deference to the said declaration members and adherents of the said church generally obeyed said laws, and refrained from polygamous marriages and polygamous cohabitation; and whereas, by petition dated December 19, 1890, the officials of said church, pledging the membership thereof to faithful obedience of the laws against plural marriages and unlawful cohabitation, applied to me to grant an amnesty for past offenses against said laws, which request a very large number of influential non-Mormons residing in the Territories also strongly urged; and whereas, the Utah Commission, in its report bearing date of September 15, 1892, recommends that the said petition be granted, and the said amnesty proclamation, under proper conditions, to further observance of the law, with a view to the encouragement of those now disposed to become law-abiding citizens; and whereas, during the past two years such amnesty has been granted individual applicants in a very large number of cases, conditioned upon the faithful observance of the laws of the United States against unlawful cohabitation, and there being now pending many more such applications; now therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, by virtue of the powers in me vested, do hereby declare and grant full amnesty and pardon to all persons liable to the penalties of the said Act, by reason of unlawful cohabitation under the color of polygamous or plural marriages, who since November 1, 1890, have abstained from such unlawful cohabitation; but upon express condition that they shall in future faithfully obey the laws of the United States hereinbefore named, and not otherwise. Those who shall fail to avail themselves of the clemency hereby offered will be vigorously prosecuted."

NEW NAVAL VESSELS. The Brooklyn Will Probably be Built in This Coast.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—It is said with a certain degree of assurance that one of the new naval vessels, presumably the Brooklyn, would be built on the Pacific Coast, and would, therefore, go to the Union Iron Works by contract. One of those who prophesied this said he had good reason, which he could not disclose, to know that the Cramps would not

EXPLOSION OF NATURAL GAS

Serious Accident During the Progress of a Fire in Chicago.

A SCORE OF FIREMEN AND LABORERS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Only Two Names Yet Decided Upon for President—Elect Cleveland's Cabinet—Senator Carlisle for Secretary of the Treasury, and Daniel S. Lamont for Either Postmaster-General or Secretary of the Navy.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon, a terrific explosion of natural gas wrecked the lower part of the printing establishment of Donahue & Henniberry, on Dearborn street. The accident occurred during the progress of a small fire, and over a score of firemen were injured, including Chief Sweeney, besides a number of laborers. Two are dying, and several others were so badly injured that they are not expected to recover.

An employee of the natural gas company repaired connections in the vault and under the sidewalk during the morning, and about 3 o'clock flames were discovered in the vicinity. An alarm was immediately given, and the vault doors were thrown open, when a terrific explosion occurred. Ten employees were thrown to the floor, all more or less injured. The fire department arrived and rushed to the vault, when another explosion occurred, hurling the firemen across the room with terrible force and crushing them to the wall. Several men were rendered senseless, and the flames, which ignited their clothing, roasted their hands and faces in a horrible manner.

Before half the injured were taken from the basement, and while the place was swarming with firemen rescuing their comrades, a third explosion, more violent than the others, took place, and the would-be rescuers were laid beside the men they came to assist. The loosened iron work in the vault fell from the violence of the explosion, and for a moment it was thought the building would come down.

But none were deterred. Other firemen rushed to the rescue of the unfortunate in the vault, and one by one they burned and battered men were taken out. This was barely accomplished when the fourth violent explosion occurred, and bricks, mortar and iron work flew in all directions. The patrol wagon was finally dispatched to notify the gas company to shut off the flow, and when this was done the flames were soon brought under control. The building was badly strained and torn, and every pane of glass in the street, eight-story structure lay in the street. The damage is fully \$20,000. Some eight hundred people were employed in the building, and they escaped without injury or panic.

Those fatally burned are James Russell and Thomas Gallagher, both firemen. Among those seriously but not fatally burned were Chief Sweeney, Marshal O'Malley, three captains, three lieutenants, eight firemen, three of Donahue & Henniberry's employes, four laborers and an unknown employe of the gas company.

LABOR MATTERS. Trouble Threatened Between the Reading Railroad and Its Employees.

POTTSVILLE (Pa.), Jan. 4.—Trouble is threatened again between the Reading Railroad and the Brotherhood of Engineers and Firemen. The pact of the trouble last fall was only temporary, and the Reading management is evidently preparing for a struggle at once. Applications by the score are being examined at different points on the line, and engineers' certificates are being given out freely to firemen, who are told to keep on at the present minor positions, and that in the early spring they would be given engines. Enough men have been promised engineers to man all the locomotives the company own. The Brotherhood openly assert that the company is preparing to order them to leave the association's or the company's employ, and the battle will soon be declared on.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CLEVELAND. He Declines to Accept a Pass From an Express Company.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—In President-elect Cleveland's mail to-day was a letter and card sent him by Thomas C. Platt. The letter announced that Mr. Platt, as President of the United States Express Company, inclosed a pass giving Mr. Cleveland the courtesies of the company. Mr. Cleveland looked at the card and returned it to Mr. Platt.

TYPHUS FEVER. The Plague Undoubtedly Epidemic in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Typhus fever is undoubtedly epidemic here. Health officials have discovered twelve new cases during the past twenty-four hours in the thickly settled and populated districts of the east side, making a total of 51 victims since the plague was first discovered. There was one death from the disease during Tuesday night. Five additional cases of typhus fever were reported to-night, making a total of 58 cases since the first of December.

NEBRASKA. LINCOLN (Neb.), Jan. 4.—The deadlock in the Senate remains unbroken. Frank Wilson (Rep.) was chosen Temporary Secretary, but it was a prearranged plan to make a show of progress. The members were regularly seated and sworn in after which the Senate adjourned till this afternoon. The House continued its work of organizing, the Independents taking all the offices except one.

COLORADO. DENVER, Jan. 4.—The Republicans have organized the House and will probably control the Senate. In the House, Platt Wicks, after a bitter fight, was chosen Temporary Secretary by a vote of 33 to 32. Ammons will be chosen Permanent Speaker by the same vote. This result is achieved over the Democratic-Populist combination. The Senate adjourned without action.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY. Masked Men Lynch a Murderer in North Carolina, BUT NOT UNTIL MANY LIVES ARE SACRIFICED.

Half of the Sheriff's Posse Killed in Their Efforts to Defend the Prisoner, While About Twenty of the Mob Suffer the Same Fate, Among Whom Were Some of the Most Prominent Men of That Section of the State—Another Battle Reported to Have Taken Place Later On.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

BAKERSFIELD (N. C.), Jan. 4.—Last night a mob of 500 men entered the jail, took Calvin Snipes, the murderer, to the forest, half a mile away, and lynched him. Ten of the Sheriff's posse were killed in their efforts to defend the prisoner. About twenty of the mob were killed. Among the dead and wounded are some of the most prominent men in the county. Those with the Sheriff's posse killed are as follows: J. N. Williams, E. N. Jones, P. B. Sams, R. E. Johnson, W. Reed, T. N. Becker, J. W. Laws, H. R. Pannel, G. N. Hallfield and Tom Hall. Those of the mob killed were John Wood, William Osborne, T. G. Ballif, Will Perry, John Osborne, Phil Crowder, Jim Thomas, Will Butler, X. Hazy Bird, Owen Thomas, Jack Phillips and several others whose names are not known at present.

THE SICK CHAMBER. Ex-Secretary Blaine Not So Well—Condition of Senator Kenna.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Mr. Blaine was not feeling as well this evening as earlier in the day. Dr. Johnson says there is no particular reason to assign for the change and danger is apprehended of another relapse. "Mr. Blaine is doing as well as he has done for three or four days past," said Dr. Johnson at midnight. A call at the house earlier in the evening brought forth the response that Mr. Blaine was about the same. Senator Kenna is still a very sick man, but a trifle more comfortable this evening. Dr. Sowers thinks he will survive the night.

SAN JUAN GOLD FIELDS. Seven Thousand Men There, and the Rush Still Continues.

OURAY (Col.), Jan. 4.—The first stage and from the new San Juan gold fields has returned to the city. The rush continues at the rate of 600 daily. They are scattered over a territory 150 miles in extent. There is gold all over that region, and great results are anticipated.

FIRE IN A COLLEGE. Damage Amounting to Over Ten Thousand Dollars.

SCRANTON (Pa.), Jan. 4.—The St. Thomas College appeared to be doomed to complete destruction by fire this morning, but the flames were got under control. The upper floors were badly damaged by fire, the lower floors by water. The fire did \$10,000 damage to the building and its contents. The rooms of the Young Men's Institute and a valuable library were destroyed, and the library of Bishop O'Hara was slightly damaged by water.

MANY CARS BURNED. Two Trains Come Together in Pennsylvania and Cause a Bad Wreck.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 4.—Two trains on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad came together near Buena Vista, Pa., this afternoon, and a large number of cars were demolished. The wreck took fire and all the cars were consumed. Engineer Kane and Conductor Perego were slightly hurt by jumping. The loss to the company will be \$15,000. The report that eight men were killed is without foundation.

ONE CHINESE REGISTERED. PITTSBURG, Jan. 4.—Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Mitchell had quite a surprise in the mail to-day in the way of a Chinaman's certificate of registration, the first one thus far received. The certificate in question was that of Lee Chee, a laundryman at Jeannette, Pa. He filled, however, to the properly qualified before filing the papers.

EASTERN LEGISLATURES. DEMOCRATS AND POPULISTS IN MONTANA UNITE.

The Deadlock in the Nebraska Senate Remains Unbroken—Illinois Solons Meet. Special to the RECORD-UNION. HELENA (Mont.), Jan. 4.—The Senate adjourned to-morrow without transacting any business. The House completed its organization by the election of Thomas Brayley (Populist) as Speaker, and A. H. Bray (Populist) of Butte, Speaker pro tem. Subordinate officers were divided between the Democrats and Populists. The situation is unchanged since yesterday. The Populists being in control of the House. As the Democrats wish to defeat the Populists, they, in order to help the Republicans, they conceded the organization to the third party.

A committee will be named to-morrow to consider the case of Hamilton (Democrat) and Leach (Republican) contestants from Choteau County. It is expected Leach will be seated, because by seating the other man the Populist would give the Democrats a clear majority in the House, which would destroy the Populist influence. The Democrats, however, they will elect Saunders' successor, and the fight is waxing warm between the principal candidates. The sentiment in the lobbies and hotels seems to be that the next United States Senator will be either a Democrat or Populist.

ILLINOIS. SPRINGFIELD (Ill.), Jan. 4.—The Thirty-eighth General Assembly of Illinois convened at noon. Long before the hour of meeting the galleries of both houses were crowded with spectators. Among the visitors were many prominent leaders of both parties, but the most conspicuous in the throng were a dozen or more veteran Democrats, who came from all parts of the State to witness the realization of their dreams of a quarter of a century, the opening of a General Assembly, Democratic in both branches, and with a Democratic Executive at their back. Caleb Johnson was chosen temporary Speaker, Clayton E. Crofts (Dem.), was elected permanent Speaker.

VERY COLD WEATHER. Extremely Cold on the Continent—Many People Frozen to Death.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—There is extremely cold weather on the continent. In France many people have been frozen to death. The town of Dijon is snowbound. In Italy the weather is very severe, snow having fallen many hours in Rome. In Russia several soldiers were frozen to death on the ice off Cronstadt on Saturday.

COMMUNICATION CUT OFF. VIENNA, Jan. 4.—Communication with Khabenberg is completely cut off. The inhabitants find it impossible to get out of their houses on account of a snow blockade. Hundreds of other villages are in a similar condition. A few telegraph lines are working, but the postal service is suspended everywhere. All kinds of domestic and wild animals are perishing by the wholesale. Hundreds

of deer seek the houses for shelter and food.

WAY BELOW ZERO. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 4.—At Olmski the thermometer has fallen to 56° below zero, the lowest point yet recorded.

SLIGHTLY BELOW IN ONTARIO. OTTAWA (Ont.), Jan. 4.—This morning the thermometer registered 31° below zero. At Pemberton, 40° below was registered.

COLD IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. WOODVILLE (N. H.), Jan. 4.—This morning the mercury registered 18° below zero. It was 23° below at the Fabian House.

ALSO IN VERMONT. BARRE (Vt.), Jan. 4.—Last night was the coldest of the season, 32° below zero.

GOVERNOR MORRIS. Connecticut's Executive Inaugurated With Appropriate Ceremonies.

HARTFORD (Conn.), Jan. 4.—Governor-elect Lison B. Morris of New Haven was inaugurated to-day with appropriate ceremonies. The fact that Governor Buckley held over for two years by reason of a dead-lock between the Senate and House gave renewed interest to the proceedings. The Governor delivered the inaugural address to the General Assembly. He urged a Constitutional Convention to so change the Constitution that a plurality instead of a majority may elect State officers; recommended that a law be passed to disfranchise any man who buys or sells a vote, and a law to prevent undue approach to any member of the Legislature in the performance of his duty.

A NEW JERSEY TRAGEDY. A Lady Kills Her Betrothed and Then Herself.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—According to a dispatch from Whitehill, N. J., Nora Bott of that place shot and instantly killed Edward Smith, to whom she was betrothed, and then blew her brains out. The couple had quarreled during the day. That night they attended a party. Late in the evening the guests were startled by two pistol shots. Rushing out they found a young man and woman lying side by side. In the dead girl's hand was clenched a revolver known to belong to Smith. Some of the girl's friends believe it to have been a double suicide.

REMAINS OF JAY GOULD. Letters Received by the Family Hinting at a Scheme to Steal Them.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Edwin Gould does not deny that letters have been received by his family, hinting at a scheme to steal the body of Jay Gould from the Woodlawn mausoleum, but says they were written by cranks, and the tomb is so massive and the guards so vigilant there is no possibility of success in such an attempt. George Gould declared there was no foundation for the stories of such plots.

DISAPPEARANCE OF DR. TYMAN. BROOKLYN (N. Y.), Jan. 4.—The Superintendent of the Police has received a communication from Mrs. T. E. Tyman of Modesto, California, offering a reward of \$1,000 for information concerning her husband, Dr. Thomas Tyman, who suddenly disappeared from his home on October 15th. Dr. Tyman was nearly 75 years old.

CANADIAN DISCRIMINATION. AGAINST AMERICAN RAILROADS CAUSING IRRITATION.

Abuse of the Consular Seal System the Chief Annoyance and Loss to Railroads in This Country. Special to the RECORD-UNION. NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Railroad men and shippers are eagerly watching for the outcome of President Harrison's recent demand upon the Departments of State and Treasury for information relative to the number of freight cars loaded with freight coming into the United States by way of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. So irritating and damaging has Canadian discrimination against American railroads become that it is steadily increasing the pressure upon the authorities at Washington to find some relief.

The Abuse of the Consular Seal System by the Canadian Pacific Causes the Chief Annoyance and Loss to Railroads in This Country.

The abuse of the consular seal system by the Canadian Pacific causes the chief annoyance and loss to the railroads of this country. The law, passed by Congress in 1884, the merchandise of all kinds shipped from Canada direct to interior points of this country was protected in the Canadian Pacific cars by the consular seal. The United States Consul at the place of shipment merely has to certify the manifest to be correct and that he has sealed and closed the car. Such certification carries the merchandise to the consignees without inspection or delay at the border. This arrangement was entered into when railway traffic with Canada was small, and the intention of the law, it is asserted, was to limit freights entitled to privileges of the consular seal to the products of Canada. From 1865 to 1870 that view of the law was taken by the Canadian shippers.

By degrees the scope of the law has been enlarged by the Canadian Pacific, so that now it includes practically comprehensive Canadian goods from China and Japan. Large cargoes of raw silks and other Chinese and Japanese goods, brought across the Pacific Ocean to Vancouver, British Columbia, were loaded into Canadian Pacific cars and brought into this country under the consular seal system. From one to two days' time is saved, as well as the cost of rehandling freight.

In that way imports from China and Japan can be brought through in bulk quicker and in better condition than over the American routes, for the reason that the law does not extend the privileges of the consular system to American roads. Even while enjoying this great advantage, extended by the United States law, the Canadian people calmly devised a law of their own, still further to injure American railroads. A discriminating duty on all coffee and tea imported into Canada from the United States has been put into the Canadian tariff. These necessary commodities are admitted free into Canada from all countries except the United States. The natural effect of the discrimination is to divert the tea and coffee traffic from the United States ports, and have it come into the country from Vancouver over the Canadian Pacific.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 4.—A fire to-night destroyed a block of frame buildings bounded by Broadway, Hart and Lawton streets, entailing a loss of \$20,000.

SCHOONER WRECKED. On a Sandbar in the Sacramento River Near Rio Vista.

THE CREW NARROWLY ESCAPED BEING DROWNED.

Ten Minutes After the Vessel Struck She Was Bottom Side Up—Young Man Arrested at Santa Monica for Passing a Number of Forged Checks Bearing the Signature of a Prominent Citizen of Los Angeles.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The sealing schooner Ivanhoe was wrecked on a sand bar in the Sacramento River just below Rio Vista this afternoon, and her crew of five had a very narrow escape from being drowned. The Ivanhoe has been laid up at Rio Vista for some time, and she started for San Francisco early this morning for the purpose of fitting out for another cruise after furs. The vessel was coming down under sail, and it is thought the strong current in the river carried her out of the channel and on to the sand bar.

The vessel struck with sufficient force to carry away both masts, and every man on board was thrown to the deck. She struck broadside, and the strong tide began to heel her over. The men had no time to lose, and they clambered into the boats in short order. Inside of ten minutes afterward the Ivanhoe was bottom up, and jammed hard and fast on the sand.

A FORGER ARRESTED. He Passed Many Worthless Checks on Los Angeles Banks.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—Early this morning Z. L. Parmelee called at the police station and stated that a man giving the name of R. B. Boyd was passing forged checks bearing his name. Boyd's first offense, so far as traced by the police, was committed last evening. He went to Bartlett Bros' music store, and after purchasing a cheap guitar tendered a check drawn on one of the city banks for \$10, purported to be signed by Z. L. Parmelee. The check was accepted, and several dollars given in change. Boyd then called at a chop-house, where he tendered another check for \$10, signed in the same manner. The proprietor accepted it.

The extent of Boyd's workings last evening is not yet known. This morning he went to Santa Monica, and succeeded in finding two victims. He then tried a third man, who was a personal friend of Parmelee's. He had his suspicions aroused, and telephoned to this city. Word was immediately sent back that Boyd was a fraud. The City Marshal was notified, and in a short time had the man under arrest.

Late this afternoon it was found that Boyd had forged checks and passed them on many other people. It is estimated that as many as 100 checks were forged by him.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEART. Further Particulars of the Killing of Farmer Steele Near Modesto.

MODesto, Jan. 4.—Further particulars of the death of Lafayette Steele show that the death was caused by a pistol ball through the heart. The killing happened about dark last night while Steele was plowing. Two small snags claim to have been a quarter of a mile away and heard their father scream and fall. When they reached him he was dead. County Physician Evans held a post mortem examination this morning and found a bullet in the pulmonary artery. The examining physician gave it as his opinion that it was murder and could not have been suicide.

BLOOD-HORSE RACES. Winners of Yesterday's Events at the Fair Grounds, Santa Monica.

SANTA MONICA, Jan. 4.—The blood-horse races to-day resulted as follows: Five furlongs, Nipper won, Alto Mio second, Prince third. Time, 1:02. One mile, Initiation won, Carter B. second, Garcia third. Time, 1:44. Three-quarters of a mile, Iris won, Tyrone second, Lady given third. Time, 1:18. Five furlongs, Queen B. won, Patrick second, Joe Hooker third. Time, 1:01. Six furlongs, for 3-year-olds, Ledalwin won, Phoebe Ann second, Castro third. Time, 1:17.

Los Angeles Ball Grounds. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—At a meeting of the Athletic Association it was determined that no one should have any option on the ball grounds. Whoever is given the management of the Los Angeles team will have the grounds. This is supposed to be inimical to Vanderbeck, who claimed to have the exclusive rights to the Athletic Park. The people here favor Lindley for manager of the Los Angeles Club.

Fire at Santa Paula. SANTA PAULA, Jan. 4.—Fire broke out on the south side of Main street this morning at 2 o'clock in a frame building owned by R. C. Carle and occupied by Rae & Wilson, fruit and Clark & Schroeder, milliners. The building was a total loss, and insured for \$400. The stock of goods was mostly saved. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Sudden Death Near Elgers. BROOKLYN, Jan. 4.—William E. A. Hasselbusch, a German, fell dead, while milking in the corral at Mrs. Hindermann's ranch, two miles northeast of town, this morning. He was unmarried, and is related to prominent land-owners in the neighborhood.

Knocked Out in the Fourth Round. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Henry Peppers (colored), heavy-weight of Los Angeles knocked out William Zellner in the fourth round at the California Athletic Club, to-night. Zellner was badly punished, and bled profusely.

LITTLE ROCK, Jan. 4.—Dr. Geddings stated to-night that the result of his examination for coma bacilla in his excrement to-night was negative; in other words, he discovered no indications of cholera whatever.