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COLD WEATHER NORTH.

Heavy Fall of Snow Reported at Portland, Oregon.

STREET-CAR TRAFFIC IN THE CITY PRACTICALLY SUSPENDED.

The Supreme Court Renders a Decision Which is Thought to be a Finality in the Blythe Will Contest—Lieutenant-Governor-Elect Millard Still Confined to His Home From an Attack of La Grippe.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—The snowstorm predicted by the United States Weather Bureau several days ago arrived early this morning. It has now reached a depth of six inches, with no immediate prospect of cessation. Street-car transit is practically suspended. The City and Suburban Railway Company have shut down entirely, and will not resume until the storm has passed. Other companies are endeavoring to keep the track clear. All incoming trains arrived on schedule time this morning.

The snowstorm which began this morning has turned to sleet to-night. About seven inches of snow has fallen in this city, which is the heaviest reported in Oregon. At Roseburg the fall was four inches. To-night every street line, both cable and electric, is tied up.

The snowfall over Washington was very light, at Walla Walla only two inches being reported, while at Seattle there was no snow.

APPLEMAN TRIAL.

Testimony Taken Before the Jury Trying the Case.

WOODLAND, Jan. 2.—After an adjournment of three days, the Appleman trial was resumed to-day. The testimony was mainly devoted to the establishment of a good character for the defendant and the impeachment of witness Cropper. General Hart started out upon a new theory, but was checked by the Court.

Mr. Wise, railroad agent at Willows, went on the stand, and offered to prove that in the month of July he received orders to tear up the track and wreck a certain train. He contended that this would tend to show that the railroad company had conspired to wreck the train on the 11th of July.

The prosecution objected on the ground of irrelevancy and immateriality. The Court could not allow the testimony unless the defense would agree to connect the instructions sent to Willows with the wrecking of the train on the 11th of July.

General Hart admitted that he could could not make the connection, and the witness was excused.

M. F. Williams, an engineer, who has not been at work since the strike, was the next witness. He contradicted the witnesses of the prosecution, who testified that Appleman was around with Worden on the 3d of July. He said he was at Galt on that day, and returned in the evening at 6:30. He also testified that he saw defendant at about 4 o'clock in the evening on the 11th of July on the corner of Front and J streets in Sacramento. Appleman was dressed in dark clothes and wore a hat, and was very clean and neat, showing no travel stains.

On cross-examination witness said he was not a striker, nor a member of the American Railway Union. He quit the employ of the company about a week before the strike occurred. He struck the yardmaster, and resigned in anticipation of being discharged. He was arrested for obstructing trains, and was for several weeks a prisoner in San Francisco, but is now out on bail. He admitted that during the strike he did all he could to keep the trains from running.

Ex-Supervisor Snyder testified that Witness Cropper's reputation for truth and veracity is bad. On examination he stated that he did not believe that Cropper would go into court and deliberately swear to a lie.

A. J. Richards testified that on the morning of July 11th he did not get up until between 12 and 1. He dressed and started down to breakfast. On his way he met Appleman at the corner of Second and K streets. He asked Appleman if he had heard about the wrecking of the train, and defendant replied that he had.

BARK DOMINION.

Fears That the Vessel Has Gone to the Bottom.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Nothing has yet been heard from the bark Dominion, which left San Francisco on December 5th for Tacoma in ballast. Mariners figure that she would have been off the Columbia River about the time the recent severe storm was at is hight, and they are beginning to fear that the vessel has met the same fate as the two steamers Keweenaw and Montserrat. The bark was light and it is thought she would suffer severely from the violence of the storm. Captain Matheson, who commanded her, has been on the coast for many years, and is said to be a careful officer and a careful navigator. The Captain was accompanied by his wife.

BAY DISTRICT RACES.

An Outsider's Win the Only Sensation of the Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2. — Hanford's win, at fifteen to one, was the sensation of the day. Major Cook and Tartarian were the favorites.

Five furlongs, selling, maidens, Major Cook won, My Charm second, Martinus third. Time—1:10¼.

Six furlongs, imp. Empire won, Charmer second, Steadfast third. Time—1:24¼.

Six furlongs, handicap, Tartarian won, Chartreuse second, Quirt third. Time—1:22. Imp. Elise and Zobair also ran.

One mile, selling, Hanford won, Zampost second, Hydy third. Time—1:55.

Five furlongs, Queen Bee won, Primanda second, Mutineer third. Time—1:10¼.

Lemmon Will Contest.

OAKLAND, Jan. 2.—The jury in the Lemmon will contest, which has been pending in the courts for almost a month, brought in a verdict to-night upsetting the will, which left a trumpet medium named Mrs. Mary Smith and her husband property valued at $12,000. The will was contested by Rachael Neal, the deceased sister, and a nephew of Jefferis, who claimed that the medium used undue influence and that Mrs. Lemmon was of unsound mind. The jury found that Mrs. Lemmon was of unsound mind, but that the undue influence clause in the complaint should not be sustained. The defendants' attorney will appeal the case.

Crusade Against Vice.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Plans for a crusade against vice, private and public, in this city were developed to-day by the formation of the Civic Federation of San Francisco, on the same lines as the Chicago Civic Federation. War is declared on dives, entrances to saloons, gambling and municipal corruption. A Legislative Committee, similar in scope to the Lexow organization, is a possible outgrowth of the federation, which was organized by Rev. James Cumming Smith, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

CELEBRATED THE NEW YEAR.

An Italian Creates a Disturbance at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Oresti Ferrari, an Italian fisherman, celebrated the coming of the new year by drinking all the sour wine he could hold, and then he craved amusement. He found it in a Pacific-street saloon, where about a dozen of his countrymen had congregated. Ferrari, with a huge pistol in his hand, stood in the doorway so that no one could get out, and then deliberately assigned each member of the crowd some performance for his amusement. When the police arrived they found one standing on his head in the corner, another dancing a hornpipe on the table, while the others were cutting equally ridiculous capers, and if they lagged a minute the muzzle of the pistol would be elevated to spur them on to further efforts.

Meagher Murder Case.

SANTA ROSA, Jan. 2.—Nothing more will ever be heard in the courts here of the celebrated Meagher murder case. As the evidence against John Lee Bryan and Mrs. Mary Jane Fowler is about the same as that against Mrs. Bryan about three weeks ago, and which the court instructed the jury was insufficient to convict, and had the jury return a verdict of not guilty, the cases against Mrs. Bryan and John Bryan have been dismissed.

Charles Kohler's Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—As Charles Kohler, who died early this morning, carried $125,000 insurance on his life, the verdict of the Coroner's jury is awaited with interest by the insurance companies, who maintain that Kohler obtained the policies with suicidal intent. Kohler's friends say the morphine was taken for insomnia, and that death was caused by an unintentional overdose when the man was intoxicated.

Young Man Shot.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2. — Frank P. Dunphy, a 17-year-old boy, was shot this evening in a blind alley behind the Lick House. The police believe he shot himself accidentally, despite his own statement that he was shot by some one in ambush. The pistol was found in a cellarway, where it had been thrown. The wound is not considered fatal.

Lieutenant-Governor Millard.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2. — Lieutenant-Governor Millard is still confined to his home with la grippe, and while his physicians say his case is not serious, it is not deemed advisable for him to undertake the trip to Sacramento for at least ten days. Mr. Millard has prepared a list of his committees, which has been mailed to the Capital.

Blythe Will Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The State Supreme Court rendered a decision this morning which places Florence Blythe-Hinckley one step nearer the realization of Blythe's millions. The court denied the application of Alice Edith Dickinson, or Blythe, the alleged widow of the deceased millionaire, for a new trial. It is believed that the estate will now be quickly distributed.

Death of a Journalist's Wife.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Ella M. Francisco died here to-day after a long illness. She was the wife of A. W. Francisco, one of the best known among the older journalists of the country. He was formerly of the old Cincinnati *Times*, later of the *Ohio State Journal*, the Toledo *Commercial* and the Los Angeles *Times*.

California Poultry Show.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The California State Poultry Show will open here to-morrow, and will continue for one week. Eighteen hundred of the finest chickens in California are already in the Mechanics' Pavilion, and birds have been sent for competition from all parts of the State.

No Trace of Overdue Vessels.

PORT TOWNSEND (Wash.), Jan. 2.—The revenue cutter Grant, which has been on a cruise searching for overdue vessels, called at Neah Bay last night and left again to-day for the north. The Grant found no trace of any of the overdue vessels.

Shoe Merchants Assign.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Redlick Bros., retail shoe merchants, have assigned for the benefit of their creditors to a representative of the manufacturing firm of Buckingham & Hecht. Their liabilities are estimated at $23,000, and assets at $13,000.

Snowing at Dunsmuir.

DUNSMUIR, Jan. 2.—It has been snowing hard all day and to-night. The south-bound express is three hours late and maybe much later. The rotary snowplow is working from Sissons down this way.

Gambling Adventure With Satan.

I will repeat one of the many legends told me by a charming Swedish lady about the family of Count Piper, the well-known minister of her country to the Court of St. James. Once upon a time the head of this house was bored to death in his splendid castle, and he yawned his thousandth yawn and said: "I would I had even the devil to play cards with me," and at the word Satan himself appeared in the guise of a gentleman, in which Shelley also knew him. Oddly enough the devil lost his money, and, having none in his pockets, for reasons best known to himself, he offered the Count, in full quittance of all claims, an apparently golden chain, remarking incidentally that whenever that chain was lost or injured the castle of the Pipers would infallibly be burned.

This unusual announcement aroused the winner's suspicions, and, happening to look under the card table, he beheld the cloven hoof. Instantly he sprang to the wall to reach down his sword, for swords in those days, the date of which I cannot give, were always ready to the hand. But the devil was gone and the chain alone remained. On examination it proved to be long and thin, with innumerable little links, such a chain as old gentlemen used to wear around their necks for watchchains not long ago. An assay discovered the metal to be something other than gold, but could by no means determine what it actually was. An accidental injury to one of the links, however, caused by the hammer of the goldsmith, cost the Count a wing of his his castle, and a second injury and a temporary loss of the chain having resulted in a second and in a third fire, it at once became apparent that the devil would keep his word. Each successive head of the Piper family has worn that chain around his neck from the day of his accession to the day of his death.—National Review.

Electricity From a Windmill.

The McQueston country house at Marblehead Neck, Mass., was lighted during the summer by electricity generated by a windmill used in connection with storage batteries. The plant cost about $1,500, and it is said that not once during the summer was there a failure of light because of low wind. Frequently the wind was too high for the dynamo, which was not suited for a wind much over twenty miles an hour.

RUN TO THE GROUND.

Two Oklahoma Desperadoes Made to Bite the Dust.

ONE OF THE PURSUING PARTY SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

Three Persons Suffocated by Smoke in a Tenement-House Fire at New York—Nearly the Entire Business Portion of Perryville, Ohio, Destroyed by Fire.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

GUTHRIE (O. T.), Jan. 2.—Two star desperadoes who have infested Oklahoma for some time past have been run to the ground, and made to bite the dust. Before they died they fought their pursuers, and seriously wounded one of them. The outlaws were Bob Moore and George East, both of whom are suspected of having been implicated in the Canadian (Texas) express robbery and the killing of Sheriff McGee.

News of the affair was received at United States Marshal Nix's office here to-day. Deputy Marshal Bill Williams and a strong detachment of deputies had been chasing the outlaws for several days. They traced them from place to place but had not got within fighting distance until yesterday. Although the sides were unequal—half a dozen or more deputies to two outlaws—the latter were armed to the teeth, and their natural desperateness, strengthened by the box in which the deputies had put them, had made them no easy mark. They were rounded up in a desolate valley in the southeastern part of Washita County about noon, and when commanded to surrender took stand and began using their Winchesters.

Their aim was good, for in the first volley one of the posse fell, seriously wounded by a ball in the side. In the next instant, however, both outlaws were stretched on the ground dead, with bullets from the deputies' guns in their hearts. The outlaws were a veritable walking arsenal, and had they not been killed so soon would doubtless have laid some of the deputies to rest. They are both old offenders with enviable reputations among their craft, and their riddance is joyous news to the Territory officials generally, as they were the constant dread of Oklahoma.

THREE PEOPLE SUFFOCATED.

Outcome of a Tenement-House Fire at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Three persons were suffocated by smoke in a tenement-house fire on Pitt street this afternoon. The dead are: Lena Lehman, Sadie Lehman, her daughter, and Henry Lehman, her two-months-old son. There were also two children and two grown people overcome by the smoke, all of whom recovered.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon Mrs. Schermer, the housekeeper, discovered that the place was on fire and an alarm was turned in. By the time the first engine reached the tenement the fire had crept up the stairway and reached the top floor. Fireman DeForest was one of the first who dragged a line of hose into the burning building. The smoke was so dense that when he got to the second floor the fireman fell, overcome, into the arms of Fireman Russell. The latter, with the aid of Engineer Thurman, carried him to the street. The firemen were then ordered to search the house to see that no one had been suffocated. Their first report was that no one was left in the house. An hour later the housekeeper went to the rooms of the Lehman family and discovered the dead bodies. They were not burned at all, but had been suffocated.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

PLATE-GLASS WAR.

May Result Disastrously to Some of the Jobbers.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The *Tribune* to-morrow will say: A plate-glass war is on, and it may result disastrously to some of the jobbers of the country who have been caught in the trap. Negotiations have been pending for several months for a combination of all the plate-glass works, and the deal was announced to go into effect January 1st. An immediate advance was to take place, and on the strength of this assurance the jobbers bought up every foot of glass in the country for speculation. Now comes the announcement that the deal has fallen through and present prices would suffer another 20 per cent. As a result, a decidedly ugly feeling prevails in all branches of this industry, the manufacturers asserting that they are operating at a loss and the jobbers insisting that they have been mulcted.

FIRE AT CHICAGO.

Narrow Escape of Work Girls in a Knitting Factory.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A fire in the Princess Knitting Works at Racine and Southport avenues this afternoon caused a panic among 150 of the girl employes. The fire ran up the elevator shaft and quickly enveloped three floors of the building. Escape by the way of the stairs was cut off and the frightened employes burst open the windows and clung to the casings, frantically screaming for help. Many jumped from the second floor and alighted safely, and the firemen, who arrived promptly, rescued the others. Several girls were cut by broken glass and badly bruised by jumping. The fire was extinguished with a loss not to exceed $20,000.

BATTLE WITH ROBBERS.

Two Officers Reported to Have Been Killed.

MACON (Miss.), Jan. 2.—Two men, suspected of being the robbers who held up the passenger train at York, Ala., two days ago, boarded the Mobile and Ohio train No. 6, north-bound, at Seeba, Miss., this morning. The operator telegraphed to Macon for officers to meet the train. An attempt was made to arrest the men, who resisted, and a desperate battle followed, the robbers retreating under a strong fire from the guns of the officers. They escaped, but a posse is after them. Two officers are reported killed. The battle occurred at 7 A. M.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

Belief That Barrett Scott Was Murdered and His Body Secreted.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2. — A special from O'Neill, Neb., says: It is now believed that Barrett Scott has been murdered and his body thrown into the Niobrara River. Sheriff Hamilton and men tracked the wagon in which Scott and Schmidt were taken to within a few miles of the river, when all trace was lost. The residents of the county in which the crime was committed say for the last three or four days a large number of men have been riding through that portion of the country, all being heavily armed. Members of the posse returned to the city this evening with Mose Elliott as a prisoner. He was turned over to the Deputy Sheriff of this county and is confined in the County Jail. He was arrested at his home about twenty miles north of this city.

The warrant was sworn out by Schmidt, who charged Elliott with being one of the mob who attacked them, shooting Miss McWharter and probably murdered Scott and spirited his body away. Elliott is a farmer living in Scott Townsnip, which was named after the missing man, and has been an avowed enemy of Scott for the last two years, a fact which the prisoner admits. When arrested he said he was expecting it, and while he was not always able to prove or explain his whereabouts every day, he could prove where he waso n the day and at the hour when the attack was made on Scott. He denied being implicated in the case, and any knowledge of it.

Schmidt insists that Elliott is one of the men who shot at them. Sheriff Hamilton and a dozen men are still in the country, and it is rumored that four or five persons will be arrested to-morrow. They have four men who were in the mob spotted.

Lynching Story Denied.

SIOUX CITY (Ia.), Jan. 2.—Officers from O'Neill, Neb., are here looking for Bartlett Scott, the embezzling County Treasurer, said to have been captured by a mob and lynched Monday. They say they have no faith in the lynching story. Scott was convicted and sentenced to five years in prison. He was out on heavy bonds, and their theory is that his abductors were his friends. They think the job was put up to get him out of the country, and at the same time make it appear he was lynched, so as to relieve his bondsmen.

Lives Lost in a Fire.

RANSOM (S. D.), Jan. 2.—Meager reports come from the old Sisseton reservation, nine miles south, that a fire occurred last night in which several lives were lost. The names of the persons supposed to have perished are: Sam Gibson, white; Peter Resau, Indian, and Le Belle, an Indian. The Coroner and a body of citizens have started for the scene. A carousal in which the tough white and Indian element predominated was in full blast when the building took fire and a number were cremated.

New Mexico Legislature.

SANTA FE, Jan. 2.—The Thirty-first Assembly of New Mexico is still unorganized. The Council elected officers, and stands four Republicans to eight Democrats. The Democratic House consists of fourteen, and has sworn in two men, but has not yet been recognized by Governer Thornton. The Republican House has organized, elected a Speaker, and has a corps of Sergeants-at-Arms on guard. The situation is unsettled, but Governor Thornton hopes to avert any serious trouble.

Vagrants in Indiana.

BRAZIL (Ind.), Jan. 2.—A band of vagrants camping east of the city are creating considerable uneasiness among the farmers of the whole community. It was reported to the police here to-day that a child died the other day, and that its parents tore its body to pieces and fed the fragments to the bears they had with them. Their thefts were so numerous in Putnam County that they were driven to this county by a band of farmers, armed with shotguns, and it is the intention to treat them in a similar manner here.

Colorado Legislation.

DENVER, Jan 2.—The tenth annual assembly of the Legislature convened in the new Capitol at noon to-day. The House promptly organized with A. L. Humphrey (Rep.) as Speaker. There was a hitch in the organization of the Senate, as Leddy and Adams (Dems.) would not affiliate with other Republicans or Populists unless given half the offices, and they hold the balance of power. The Senate adjourned until to-morrow in a deadlock.

Sale of Oleomargarine.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—A decision was handed down to-day by the full bench of the Supreme Court which makes the sale of oleomargarine when colored to represent pure butter illegal, whether the purchaser is aware of its real character or not. The court holds that the statute did not intend to allow oleomargarine to be made or sold when it could be easily sold to persons who were not aware of the compound.

Relief for Nebraska Sufferers.

ATLANTA (Ga.), Jan. 2.—Contributions of corn for the Nebraska relief train, which is to leave here January 15th, are pouring in from every section of Florida, and the indications are that the amount donated by the various farmers of the State will exceed the capacity of an entire train in its transport.

Diamond Robbery in Texas.

EL PASO (Tex.), Jan. 2.—More than $10,000 worth of diamonds and other jewelry were taken from the store of Hickok Hickson early this morning. The front door was opened by boring the lock off, and the big safe was entered in the same way. Three other stores were also entered.

Rich Strike in Oil.

FLORENCE (Col.), Jan. 2.—The richest strike ever made in the Florence oil fields has been made by the United Oil Company at Coal Creek, two miles from this city. The new well is said to be the equal of any in Pennsylvania.

McMillan Renominated.

LANSING (Mich.), Jan. 2.—The Republican caucus of the members of the Legislature for the nomination of a United States Senator was held to-night. It resulted in the nomination of James McMillan by acclamation.

Introducing a Girl to Society.

The form of invitation for this occasion is as follows:

MRS. IRVING KNICKERBOCKER
MISS KNICKERBOCKER
At Home
On Saturday, December the Tenth,
From Four until Seven o'Clock
883 Fifth Avenue,

Writes Mrs. Burton Kingsland in a most complete article on the subject in the *Ladies' Home Journal*.

"It is the first step that costs," and if our young lady can prevent her smile from becoming fixed and her manner mechanical she will make an impression that will predispose many in her favor.

A *debutante's* presentation dress at a London drawing-room is always white, be the material what it may, but with us the color is chosen with reference to its becomingness to the wearer. It should be cut high at the throat, and be light in texture as in color, and its dainty simplicity and "girlishness" makes a contrast to the elegance and richness of the mother's attire.

Three or four girl friends, gowned in colors that harmonize with each other, are usually stationed about the rooms to assist in receiving the guests, while two others represent the hostess in the dining-room, where refreshments are served.

Here the tables are tastefully arranged with flowers and other pretty decorations; one color predominating is thought to be of more effect than a variety, however harmonious; indeed, the decorations are often of the favorite color and flower of the *debutante*.

A burglar comes forward with a remedy for sneezing. He says: "Close your eyes and open your mouth; keep opening and shutting your mouth till the desire to sneeze has stopped."

RETALIATORY MEASURES.

A Discriminating Flag Duty Likely to Be Imposed Against Spain.

BELGIUM CLOSES HER PORTS TO AMERICAN MEATS.

Rumor That New York Bankers Have Demanded of President Cleveland That Secretary Carlisle Be Removed From Office on Account of His Action in Offering a New Currency Bill Before Congress.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The officials of the Treasury Department have about concluded their investigation into the discriminating duties recently imposed by Spain upon American goods, and it is not unlikely that the President will very soon issue a proclamation imposing a discriminating flag duty upon Spanish goods imported in Spanish bottoms.

The question has arisen, however, whether the duty levied by Spain includes all American goods or only such as are imported in American ships. It is presumed that the new duty embraces all American goods, but if it is found that this is not the case the procedure of our officials may take a different course.

From an authoritive source here additional advices have been secured respecting the decree signed yesterday in Madrid by the Queen Regent of Spain appointing a committee to revise Cuban and Porto Rican tariffs.

The information fully confirms all that was said that Spain intended to grant Cuba certain international powers, especially as regards customs relations with the United States in the hope of averting a tariff law.

BELGIAN PORTS CLOSED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Nelson Morris has received a cablegram from his agent at Antwerp that the Belgian Government has prohibited the importation of live cattle from the United States on the ground that pleuro-pneumonia is prevalent in this country.

This closes all the ports of continental Europe against American cattle and beef products, and leaves to the exporter only the British market, which in its present condition is not a desirable one.

According to Mr. Morris, Belgium is merely following the lead of Austria, Germany, France and other European nations in taking retaliatory measures against the United States for abolishing the reciprocity treaty under which the sugar industry prospered.

The action by the Belgian authorities not only shuts off all access to the markets of that country, but also to a portion of Switzerland and a part of Austria, which meat was sent via Antwerp. All of continental Europe is now practically closed to livestock and dressed beef from the United States. The three cities which have done the exporting are Chicago, New York and Baltimore. Trade has recently grown to such mammoth proportions that a Hamburg firm recently completed five steamers for the exclusive purpose of shipping dressed beef.

The National Livestock Exchange has issued a letter which will be sent to-day to every stock exchange in the West calling attention to the importance of prompt and vigorous action in the matter.

SECRETARY CARLISLE.

New York Bankers Demand That He Be Removed From Office.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A special to the *Daily News* from Washington says that the leading New York bankers have made a formal demand on President Cleveland for the removal of Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle. The request was made by J. Pierpont Morgan, who came on from New York for that purpose. Mr. Morgan was the chief factor in the late syndicate which took the last issue of bonds.

There have been many informal demands for Secretary Carlisle's retirement coming from Wall street in the last year, but this is the first time the movement has taken an organized form. The New York financiers charge that the Secretary broke faith with them on the recent bond issue by springing his currency plan just after he had disposed of the bonds and depressing their price in the market, resulting in the dissolution of the syndicate.

The President informed Secretary Carlisle to-day for the first time of Mr. Morgan's modest request, and indicated that he had no intention of asking Secretary Carlisle to quit.

DENIAL OF THE REPORT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The report that J. Pierpont Morgan had called on President Cleveland to urge the removal of Secretary Carlisle from the Cabinet is emphatically denied in official circles, and by the very best authority.

TREASURY STATEMENT.

Condition of the Treasury at the End the Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt issued from the Treasury Department to-day shows that on December 31, 1894, the public debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to $910,906,091, an increase for the month of $31,000,000.

The following is a recapitulation: Interest paying debt, $650,138,130; increase during the month, $40,825,100; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, $1,825,800; decrease during the month, $1,130; debt bearing no interest, $383,245,145; increase during the month, $126,780; total debt, $1,654,250,279, of which $378,000,000 are treasury notes.

The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: Gold, $134,606,354; silver, $54,000,000; paper, $122,000,000; general account, disbursing officers, balances, etc., $16,574,000; total, $782,743,289; against which there are demand liabilities amounting to $629,000,000, leaving a cash balance of $153,377,579, of which $86,244,445 is gold reserve.

Advices received to-day from the subtreasury state that $300,000 was withdrawn for export, which, with the $8,000 withdrawal last Sunday, leaves the amount of the gold reserve $83,000,000.

A statement issued by the Director of Mints shows the coinage of the mints during December to have been $3,456,663; of which $2,072,004 was gold, $120,289 silver, and $114,993 minor coins. The silver coined, $250,341, was in standard dollars.

JAPAN AND CHINA.

Likelihood That Peace Negotiations Will Soon be Declared Off.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—It is the belief of officials in a position to know the affairs between Japan and China, that Japan will declare the peace negotiations off unless China calls them off. More than a month has passed since it was agreed that a tender of peace conditions would be considered by Japan, and it is believed that Japan will soon make known to China, through Minister Dunn at Tokio, that procrastination in presenting the terms of settlement is such that the negotiations will be abandoned unless closed within a reasonable and definite time, or until there are evidences that Japan is prepared for an aggressive movement, calculated to impress China and the plenipotentiaries with Japan's ability to increase the advantage she has already secured. A gentleman who has been some years in the diplomatic service in China, and is an authority on national customs, points out that it is an invariable rule with China not to grant absolute power to their plenipotentiaries, but merely to confer advisory powers on them.

MURDERER LAMBERT.

Efforts Being Made to Prevent His Execution.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Lawyer Semple is entering a race for the life of his client, condemned murderer "Dorie" Lambert, whose execution is set for to-morrow at Camden, N. J. He arrived here hurriedly to-day and called on Justice Shiras of the Supreme Court, whose circuit extends over New Jersey. Mr. Semple contends that Lambert, who was sentenced to hang on December 23d and reprieved until January 3d, is dead and cannot be executed; or, in other words, that the reprieve acts as a pardon. Judge Shiras refused to take any action in the matter at its present stage, and referred Mr. Semple to Judge Dallas of Philadelphia, Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit. If Judge Dallas should refuse to act, then the case can be referred to the Supreme Court on a writ of error. Meanwhile time is running away rapidly, and Lambert may be executed before Semple can find Judge Dallas.

HOW TO SHOOT STRAIGHT.

The Fin de Siecle Way of Disposing of the Man Under the Bed.

There are some secrets, or rather points, in regard to shooting off a revolver that are worth while considering.

Possibly, however, the tiger in the jungle and the bear in the mountain as targets do not allure you, but as you will have the misguided midnight burglar to contemplate, it may be well just here to remark, in parenthesis, that the efficacy of the pistols in the jungles is open to doubt, but the burglar is always with us, and we ought to know the very best and most fin de siecle way of shooting him.

The following hints are given on the authority of a gentleman who is an expert pistol shot:

How to stand and how to hold the weapon is of greatest importance; the body must balance equally on each foot (even if your burglar escapes meanwhile) slightly facing the target, and the arm held perfectly straight out. The arm should never be bent. The hand grasps the revolver high on the butt, with the thumb well around to the inside and straight, and the trigger finger entirely free. This throws the work of holding the revolver wholly on the outer fingers. The object of this position of the hand is to get the barrel in exact line with the arm when extended, thus bringing the target, the sights and eye in one line. This position also minimizes the effect of trembling and rotating the arm. The weapon being properly aimed, it should be held there, and the trigger very gently and steadily pressed. The mind should forget the possibility of an explosion, and the whole attention devoted to holding the sights of the revolver in exactly the proper position on the target. (If you are not quite steady, in attending to these little details, the burglar will doubtless shoot you—but that is an incident!)

Above all things should the shooter keep up a steady pressure with the trigger finger, and on no account yield to the temptation to add just a little more force suddenly. The technical terms expressing these qualifications are "good holder," and "good trigger pull."

The revolver is peculiarly an American weapon. The Americans have made scores never approached by any other nation. Not only are they first, but they occupy every position between that and twentieth. The weapons in use are the quick firing or self-cocking and single action. What the self-cocker gains in rapidity of action is more than lost by lack of accuracy. Still there are records where one has been able to put five shots in a space one foot square at a distance of thirty-six feet in four-fifths of one second. Such work is exceptional.

There is a certain class of individuals who cannot put three bricks in line on a table. Such of course can never learn to shoot. Further, the sight of a pistol may send the cold shivers down your back. In this case also you will have something to overcome before you can become an expert shot.

"I always expect them to go off whether they are loaded or not," I overheard a young girl say recently, speaking of pistols. "I am quite sure they can go off without regard to cartridges."—Diana Crossways, in the Cleveland Leader.

ALL ABOUT TOBACCO.

Salt is added to all wet snuffs to prevent molding.

Virginia tobacco is one of the strongest varieties.

Iron tobacco pipes are popular in Central Asia.

The tobacco plant is from three to six feet high.

Brazilian tobaccos often contain 10 per cent. of nicotia.

A "hand" of tobacco is commonly about four ounces.

The tobacoo plant is a member of the nightshade family.

The first European to bacco was grown in Portugal in 1520.

The tobacco leaf is said to require about twelve weeks to cure.

Oculists say that one form of blindness is caused by smoking.

About 220,000,000 cigars are annually exported from Havan.

The genus nicotiana contains about fifty species, mostly American.

The best kinds of snuff are made only from the high-grade leaves.

It is said that tobacco seed will retain its vitality eight or ten years.

The best grades of Cuban tobacco have less tha 2 per cent. of nicotia.

The first chemical analysis of tobacco was made by Vauqueline in 1809.

The yield of a tobacco farm is said to be from 600 to 1,000 pounds an acre.

Scotch snuff is said to obtain its peculiar color from the addition of ochre.

The value of the leaf tobacco exported by this country in 1890 was $20,640,000.

Tobacco-growers often save a large quantity of seed from an especially good crop.

The ash of tobacco is large, varying from 16 to 30 per cent. in the different kinds.

The seed capsules of the tobacco plant are provided with valves for the escape of the seeds.

The Department of Lot, in France, produces a tobacco with nearly 8 per cent. of nicotia.

The French Government has had a monopoly of the tobacco business ever since 1816.

The flowers of some species of the tobacco plant open only at sunset and close at sunrise.

The color of snuff depends on the extent to which fermentation has been allowed to go.

Turkish and some other Eastern tobaccos are only used as fine-cut, for cigarettes and pipes.

The poorer and cheaper varieties of snuff are sometimes made from refuse stems and leaves.

It takes from six to eighteen months to prepare a horse to furnish the serum used in the latest cure for diphtheria.

A machine has just been completed that will count and bind in packages 500,000 postal cards in ten hours.

ARMENIAN TROUBLES.

The Governor of Bitlis Reported to Have Been Assassinated.

HIS SLAYER AFTERWARD COMMITS SUICIDE.

Mail Matter From the Districts Where Fresh Disturbances Are Supposed to Have Broken Out Confiscated by the Government—King Alexander of Servia and His Father, Ex-King Milan, at Outs.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 2.—It is reported that the Governor of Bitlis, Tansin Pasha, who commanded the military operations in the Sessoun district, where so many outrages have been reported, has been assassinated by an Armenian, who afterward committed suicide.

The latest letters from Bitlis show that the Armenians in that district were exasperated at the conduct of the authorities and ready for any violence.

In regard to the disturbances at Ezion, in the district of Erzinghain, it is stated the Governor recently summoned the Armenian notables and informed them the Kurds were planning an attack, and advised the Armenians to take measures for their defense, as he did not have the means to protect them. The Armenians consequently tried to obtain a supply of arms, which was difficult, owing to the condition of the country. No letters from Sivias, where fresh disturbances have broken out, will reach Constantinople for a fortnight, as the mail is being continually confiscated by the Government, and the dispatches have to be sent in a roundabout way to insure delivery.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Notes of Defaulting Banks Guaranteed by the Legislature.

ST. JOHNS (N. F.), Jan. 2.—The bill guaranteeing the notes of the Union and Commercial Banks was, with trifling amendments, passed by both houses of the Legislature to-day. To-morrow the Governor will give his assent to the measure and it will then become a law. A bill was also passed placing the value of the gold sovereign at $4 86, the same as the Canadian and American standards.

The lower house passed a bill removing the disabilities of Sir William Whiteway and his followers, who were convicted of corrupt practices, and Sir William will return to public life, taking the directorship of his party, which is now in power. It is not expected that the measure will receive the royal assent, even though it should be passed by the upper house.

The hearing of the charges against the directors of the Commercial Bank was begun to-day. It was shown that bonds which were included among the bank's assets have really been assigned to the London and Westminster Bank. A further hearing of the case was adjourned until next Tuesday.

Wounded Two Peasants.

PRAGUE, Jan. 2.—A report which was spread among the peasantry in the neighborhood of Brannu to the effect that the Virgin Marv had appeared in a neighboring wood caused 6,000 people to assemble in the hope of witnessing the apparition. The local authorities, fearing a disturbance, ordered the crowd to disperse, and when they refused to do so the gendarmes charged and wounded two of the peasants. Reinforcements of gendarmes had to be summoned from several precincts before the authorities succeeded in dispersing the crowd.

Disorder in Samoa.

AUCKLAND, Jan. 2.—Advices received here from Samoa, dated December 27th, say there has been much disorder at Apia, and district collection of taxes has not been attempted for the past year. One native has been sentenced to death, and others have been imprisoned for killing three black men. The natives were preparing to eat the bodies of their victims when arrested.

Duel in Mexico.

MATAMORAS (Mex.), Jan. 2.—A duel has taken place here between Colonel Manuel Perez de Leon, Paymaster of the Mexican army, and Manuel Cardenas, a wealthy merchant. Each man fired three shots. Colonel de Leon was shot through the head. The trouble had been brewing between the men for some time. Cardenas has been arrested.

Eight People Burned to Death.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A fire burned a laundry on the Edgware road in this city this morning. The charred remains of eight inmates were found in the ruins.

King Alexander and Ex-King Milan.

BELGRADE, Jan. 2.—Serious differences of opinion exist between King Alexander of Servia and his father, ex-King Milan.

Some Reverses of Fortune.

A Yorkshire Vicar in London last months paid his 'bus fare to one who only ten years ago was the Squire of an East Riding village. The last time they had met the Squire sat in the square pew of his village church, the walls of which held many tablets to the memory of his ancestors. He, their descendant, through mortgages and reduced rents, had to gain his daily bread by hailing foot-passengers and inviting them to ride to the "Angel." Many examples of the vicissitudes of Yorkshire families might be given. Thus the ladies of a family who were in a position frequently to entertain the Duke of Clarence so recently as when he was quartered at York have been applicants for situations as governesses. A man who was the titular owner of most of the land in another village called on the churchwardens (who were his nominal tenants) and asked if they could give him an order for stoves for warming the church, as he was making his living by selling them. Another gentleman in position, moving in the society of noblemen, may now be seen in the uniform of a porter at a station in his native county. Bravely have these people faced their positions, and, instead of doing that which a century back would have been considered the only thing possible, viz: sponging on their relatives, they have nobly resolved to do their best in reduced circumstances.—The Yorkshire (Eng.) News.

How Many Steps One Takes a Year.

A Swiss statistician has taken the trouble to count the number of steps he took in walking during a whole year. The number he finds to have been 9,760,900, or an average of 26,740 steps a day. Going still further into details, he declares that over 600,000 of these steps were taken in going up and down stairs. On an average he estimates that he walked nearly ten miles a day in order to bring about these results.—London Daily News.

There are but two policemen in all Iceland, and one of them is a very good poet and has published a book.