

Mr. Mather is another shrewd business man. He is an engineer. Mr. Gibb is a capable railway organizer. The only doubtful member is Sir Charles Welby, who has long been connected with the War Office, having been private secretary to the late Mr. Stanhope, while the latter was secretary of state for war, as well as to the late Lord Lansdowne, and who is regarded as an upholder of the existing system.

Approval of the composition of the committee, however, does not imply approval of Mr. Broderick's action. The Daily News and the Daily Chronicle and even some Conservative papers complain that the expedient of appointing a committee really means shelving urgent reforms.

CRITICAL TIMES AT HAND.

African War Situation Is Very Disquieting to England.

LONDON, Dec. 17, 4 a. m.—Lord Salisbury and his colleagues met today to discuss the situation in Africa. The situation is very disquieting to England. A grim irony now attaches to Lord Roberts's description of the war as "over." Yesterday the War Office, for the first time in many months, remained open throughout Sunday in response to the demand of public anxiety to learn the latest news.

Lord Kitchener is reported to have sent a fresh and urgent request to the government to send out every available mounted man. With General De Wet again in the neighborhood of the British border, the neighbors of Thaba N'Chu, the serious affairs at Vryheid and Zastron, and the Magaliesberg disaster confronting the British people, they may well begin to ask, as they do, why Lord Roberts is allowed to come home.

The Colonial Office announces its decision to enlist 5,000 men instead of 1,000 previously asked to be recruited in Great Britain for General Buller's army.

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Some dispatches say 160. Forty of those saved are badly hurt. The British ship had been at Malaga since Nov. 1, practicing with guns of large caliber. She had been previously at Megal, Morocco, at 10 o'clock this morning, a review of the cadets was in order. The wind was extremely violent and instructions were given to the crew to be ready to launch the ship at any moment. But already mountainous waves had struck the ship, snapping the anchor chains. The ship was holed towards the port and sank. The crew threw themselves into the sea and clinging to the wreckage, but the majority quickly disappeared. Captain Kretschmann died at his post. The Malaga lifeboat made heroic efforts and rescued fifteen, but the weight captured the boat and twelve were drowned. The other three were saved by means of ropes thrown to them. The authorities saved many of the sailors. The survivors have been received at the hospital. The Hotel de Ville and private houses and the theaters in Malaga abandoned their performances this evening.

According to the naval book the Gneisenau, which was built at Danzig in 1873, was an iron vessel, having a mean draught of 19 feet 8 inches and a coal capacity of 400 tons. Her speed was thirteen knots. She was armed with four 5.9-inch Krupp breech loaders, two 2.4-inch Krupp, one boat or field gun and seven torpedoes. Her complement was 461 and she was used for training boys.

ENGLAND PRESSES TURKEY.

Wants a Settlement of Claims Long Overdue on the Porte.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—Owing to the success of the United States in pressing claims for compensation in connection with the Armenian disorders Great Britain is now urging the Ottoman government to pay similar claims put forward by British subjects. It is said that energetic means will be taken to settle the claims.

No American Settlement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Contrary to the impression which, according to the Constantinople dispatch, prevails regarding the United States' claims for indemnity against Turkey, the statement made that no settlement is expected here, has been reached. All this government has secured up to this time is a series of promises to settle by the Ottoman government. The reported action of the British government in urging the Ottoman government to settle the claims of British subjects, has been interpreted here, to accentuate our success in the negotiations now progressing between the United States and Turkey. The statement, however, is not to be taken to hamper and retard them.

Mr. Kruger Is Noncommittal.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 16.—In reply to a dispatch from Grand Rapids, Mich., inviting him to the United States, Mr. Kruger has wired that he has not arrived at any decision with regard to visiting America.

Denmark's Peace Representative.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 16.—Dr. Matzen, professor of law of the University of Copenhagen, has been appointed to represent Denmark in the International Court of Arbitration at The Hague.

Diphtheria Attacks the Prince.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 16.—Prince Gustavus Adolphus, eldest son of the Crown Prince of Sweden and Norway, is ill with diphtheria.

EFFORTS AT MEDIATION.

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agents there that are sufficient for all the purposes of the stations. Our trains are not to be delayed. The German government has just assented to the purchase of lands by them in Damaraland and Great Namaqualand. The Boers' nek movement occurred Dec. 12.

The Boers, who attacked Vryheid Dec. 10, lost 100 killed and wounded before they retired. The fighting lasted all day, the Boers drawing off 1,200 p. m. The British loss was six killed, nineteen wounded and thirty missing. Our casualties include two officers who died of their wounds.

Boers to Settle in German Africa.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—According to the Lokal Anzeiger fifty Cape Colony Boers, now in Amsterdam by their families, have been granted permission to settle in German Southwest Africa. The German government has just assented to the purchase of lands by them in Damaraland and Great Namaqualand. The Boers will leave Amsterdam Jan. 5.

Boers Take More Prisoners.

ALWIL NORTH, Cape Colony, Dec. 15.—A party of Brabant's horse, consisting of a party of Boers, captured a superior force of Boers Dec. 13 near Zastron, Orange River Colony, losing four killed, sixteen wounded and 120 taken prisoners.

SCORES OF LIVES LOST.

German Frigate Founders Off the Coast of Spain—Ship and Crew.

MADRID, Dec. 16.—The German training frigate Gneisenau has foundered off Malaga, sixty-five miles northeast of Gibraltar. Private dispatches say that forty persons were on board.

Later dispatches say the Gneisenau foundered at the entrance to the port of Malaga, where she was about to take refuge from the terrible storm prevailing. At the present time only the masts of the vessel are visible. A large number of cadets can be seen from the shore, and have been rescued. They are shouting and signaling for help.

The captain and many of the cadets have been drowned. It is believed that forty who left in one of the ship's boats, and have not been seen since, are also lost. The total loss is now thought to be no less than 100.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Cloudy To-Day, with Rain or Snow Flurries and Easterly Winds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday:

For Ohio—Fair on Monday; warmer in northern and eastern portions; rain or snow at night on Tuesday in western portion, fair in eastern, fresh southerly wind.

For Lower Michigan—Partly cloudy on Monday and Tuesday; warmer on Monday, except on the west shore; fresh east to south winds.

For Indiana and Illinois—Cloudy on Monday; probably rain or snow flurries, Tuesday fair; fresh southerly winds.

Local Observations on Sunday.

Bar. Th. R.H. Wind. Weather. Pre. 7 a. m. 30.32 34 71 East. Cloudy. 0.00 7 p. m. 30.32 34 56 East. Clear. 0.00

Maximum temperature, 36; minimum temperature, 24.

Following is a comparative statement of the mean temperature and total precipitation for Sunday, Dec. 16:

Temp. Pre. Normal 32 0.10 Mean 30 0.00 Departure -2 -0.10

Departure since Dec. 1 -41 -1.14 Departure since Jan. 1 +43 -3.21

*Plus. C. F. R. WAPPEHART, Local Forecast Official.

VANDALISM AT MADISON

CHURCH ENTERED AND FINE PIPE ORGAN BADLY BATTERED.

Prosperity Is Cutting a Wide Swath at Port Wayne—Earlham Entertainments—Cars Shipped to China.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MADISON, Ind., Dec. 16.—When Mrs. Thomas Reid, organist at the First Presbyterian Church, went to her instrument this morning she found it so badly battered that playing was an impossibility. It is supposed that some one entered the church during the night and perpetrated the act of vandalism, the motive being difficult to imagine. There is no clew to the perpetrators. The organ is the largest in the city. It cost several thousand dollars, and recently was repaired at a cost of several hundred.

PROSPERITY AT PORT WAYNE.

Factories Are Being Enlarged, Trade Is Brisk, Homes Are Being Built.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 16.—As the calendar year closes with a Christmas trade equal to the best in former years and every evidence of general prosperity on hand, the outlook for next season is already occupying the attention of Port Wayne business men and investors. The dismantling of the famous Siemens-Halske electric plant at Chicago for removal here as a part of the Port Wayne Electric Company, formerly the McDonald plant, and now owned by the General Electric Company, will largely increase the pay roll of this concern next year. It already employs 200 more than ever before in its history and is expected to reach 1,000. The demand for homes for the employees is forcibly felt. Other factories are being enlarged, and the great Port Wayne road shops are daily adding to the force employed. For lack of bench room the working day was interrupted for several days ago. The Washab shops also are doing a large business. Men and builders and contractors report that there will be more building in Port Wayne next year than ever before. The property of the Port Wayne Electric Company is further indicated in the improvements already ordered at Rome City in the way of cottages for summer home rental and it is probable fifty will be erected in time for the season of 1901.

Shipment of Cars to China.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HAGERSTOWN, Ind., Dec. 16.—The Light Inspection Car Company, of this place, shipped a number of its railway inspection cars to China last week, for use on the newly constructed railway lines of that country. The agent of the company at Tien-Tsin reports the prospect for future trade exceedingly bright and predicts that the next ten years will see a great many orders for the cars of this company. The corresponding development of the country, with the adoption of modern methods and machinery, will result in a great effort of American manufacturers and exporters to secure a part of the trade, which will speedily assume vast proportions.

Earlham College Entertainments.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 16.—The past week at Earlham College brought a number of events of interest in addition to the usual routine. Thursday evening Prof. D. W. Dennis delivered a scientific lecture, Friday evening the department of music gave a recital. Saturday night Prof. T. C. Trueblood, of Ann Arbor, gave an entertaining lecture on the subject of the evolution of man. The lecture was well attended and the program will be given by the Violin Club.

Christian Church Dedicated.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BRAZIL, Ind., Dec. 16.—The handsome new Christian Church just completed and furnished with a fine large pipe organ was dedicated to-day. More than two hundred visitors from the surrounding country were present. The Rev. Dr. McNeal, of Muncie, delivered the dedicatory sermon, concluding with a public reading of the scriptures. The service was well attended and was raised in twenty minutes to be applied on the cost of the edifice.

Carnegie's Eye on Winona.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 16.—Andrew Carnegie is considering the gift of a sum sufficient to endow a school for librarians at Winona, Ind., and it is said he looks on the plan with favor.

Indiana Obituary.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Maggie Farmer, widow of the late Henry Farmer, died yesterday. She was 84 years of age. Surviving—Frank, Robert, Wesley and Burn.

SHORT SHRIFT.

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shape of the hands and ears. The following day Joseph D. Keith a well-to-do farmer living near the Kifers, and his son Thomas were taken to the hospital at Evansville. The elder Keith denied any knowledge of the crime, and said he had not heard of the finding of the body. The son was committed to the state prison on a note which he had taken from his father to the girl on the day of her disappearance. He had read the note, but the writer asked the girl to meet him near his barn that night. Nora's father said Keith was the last person to see his daughter. Keith had been paying considerable attention to the girl, enough to cause jealousy of his wife. Keith's body was found, freshly painted, and stains of blood were discovered on the buggy rug. This was considered condemning evidence against Keith.

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were entered last night, presumably by the same person. It is thought the highway man had a comrade stationed farther down the road. The patrol wagon and a squad of police were sent out to investigate, but none after the robbers, and none will be surprised to encounter Kuhn's.

Victim Died of His Wounds.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 16.—Milton Rutter, the glassworker whose skull was crushed Friday evening by being struck on the head with an iron ladle in the hands of Lem Skinner, a fellow-worker in the Diamond flint glass factory, died this morning at 4 o'clock. Skinner, who died after the trouble, was captured at Matthews last night and is now in the county jail here, charged with manslaughter. Skinner is not considered bright, and has been constantly tormented by the other workers. The manager of the factory had warned Rutter to let the boy alone, but the admonition was unheeded.

Fatal Blow with a Stone.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 16.—Rudolph Baer, aged fifteen, after afternoon school, was struck by a stone, which was thrown by Faust, aged sixteen, with a stone and fatally cracked his skull. The boys were quarreling and Baer says Faust had struck him before he threw the stone. Baer is the son of Fred Faust, a well-known German citizen. Baer was arrested and released on \$1,000 bond.

MANY HOURS IN THE LAKE

Lighthouse Keepers in the Cold Waters of Michigan.

One Man and Two Women Died from Drowning or Exposure—Their Boat Capsized by a Squall.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MANITOWOC, Wis., Dec. 16.—The steamer Manhattan arrived here to-day with H. Shields and William McCaully, lighthouse keepers on Squaw Island, and the bodies of Mrs. Shields and her niece, Mrs. Mary Davis. They were picked up Saturday afternoon in the lake where they were found lashed to an overturned boat. The boat was capsized by a squall while they were sailing from the island to the mainland. Lucien Morden, of Montague, Mich., was an occupant of the boat when it capsized, and was drowned before he could be lashed to the overturned craft. The two rescued men are badly frozen; and it is thought they may have to suffer amputation of their lower limbs. They were taken to the Holy Family Hospital, where the following story of the terrible experience was told by Mr. Shields:

"Upon receiving orders to close the lighthouse for the season we prepared to leave the island, together with our helper, Lucien Morden, of Montague, Mich. Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Davis, my wife's niece. We left the island on Friday for the mainland, seven miles distant, bound for Harbor Springs. When out only a short time a heavy wind struck the sail of our boat, capsizing it, and throwing us all into the water. We succeeded in getting out of the boat, but the wind was very rough, and we were gradually drifting out into the lake again. Fortunately, however, we were taken by a small boat from the mainland, which was often taken by boats coming up the lake. In this manner we passed Friday night, suffering terribly from the cold and hunger, until Saturday when we were rescued by the boat of the steamer Manhattan. Although the weather was very rough, the captain of the steamer, after much maneuvering, succeeded in rescuing us and also picked up the bodies of my wife and niece."

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