

LAWLER IS DEAD

HE WAS THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY STEEPLE CLIMBER.

NO EQUAL AT THE BUSINESS

Gilded the Dome on the Pulitzer Building 435 Feet in the Air and Did Many Other Dangerous Feats.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—Steeple Joe Lawler, the original steeple climber, is dead in Gouverneur hospital. Lawler was 40 years of age and during his time as a "steeple jack," probably ascended more steeples and tutored more pupils in his dangerous trade than any other man in the country.

Lawler was originally a member of the fire department and it was in the training he received as fireman that he developed his ability as a steeple climber. While a member of a ladder company, he made a record of ascending over 128 feet in a trifle over two minutes.

Lawler was sent throughout the country by the fire department to exhibit apparatus and performed some daring feats at his trade of scaling the side of buildings. When he was in San Francisco on this mission in 1885, he met and married Cleo Levine, an actress.

He gilded a ball on the top of the flag staff of the dome of the Pulitzer building five times, swinging 435 feet in the air while thousands of people below watched him with anxiety. He worked at Old Trinity and Grace churches, helped place Diana on the tower of Madison Square Garden and handled the preliminary rigging on the high Poughkeepsie bridge across the Hudson.

He served in Cuba and Porto Rico during the war with Spain and superintended the building of the first military bridge in Porto Rico.

SHERMANS SELL OUT.

Iron Ore Mines in New York Change Hands.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—It has been learned that George D. Sherman, his son, George H. K. Sherman, and John R. Sherman have sold their interests in the Witherbee & Sherman Co. mines, railroad and iron works to Frank S. Witherbee, Walter C. Witherbee and Wallace E. Foote, Jr.

This concern was incorporated two years ago with a capital stock of \$5,000,000, all paid in. The Shermans owned one-third of the capital stock and the remainder was owned by the Witherbees and Mr. Foote.

It is said the price paid was cash and that the amount was the par value of the Sherman stock. The developed property covers a territory of several square miles and comprises three well-developed veins of magnetic steel ore, running southwesterly and dipping to the west.

The mines are at Mineville, Essex county, five miles west of Lake Champlain.

CREDIT ASSOCIATION OPINION.

Merchants Desiring Credit Must Carry Fire Insurance.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—Acting under instructions of the annual convention the business literature committee of the National Association of Creditmen has recently been collecting from leading creditmen throughout the country their views showing the necessity of merchants, manufacturers and all interested in mercantile pursuits carrying fire insurance as an essential to credit. Quite a large amount of data on this subject has been received which will, in the early part of the new year, be issued as a pamphlet.

The opinion is almost universally expressed that credit should not be extended to business men who do not protect their creditors by carrying insurance.

WILHELMINA IS CONSIDERING.

She May Give Her Palace to the City Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—Queen Wilhelmina is again considering her project of restoring to the city of Amsterdam the royal palace on the Dam, says a dispatch from The Hague. This palace, which has sometimes been described as the eighth wonder of the world, was built some 300 years ago, and until the beginning of the nineteenth century was the headquarters of the municipality of Amsterdam.

Louis Bonaparte, however, when king

of Holland, established his residence there, and it has ever since remained the Amsterdam abode of the sovereign of the Netherlands.

Learning that the city was about to be asked to provide at a large cost a new town hall, the queen announced her intention of restoring the fine palace to the use for which it was originally intended.

RETURNS FROM SOUTH SEAS.

High Tariff and Colored Labor Agitating Australians.

(By Associated Press.) Victoria, B. C., Dec. 26.—Hon. W. H. Montagu, ex-secretary of state of Canada, arrived by the steamer Aorangi from Australia yesterday. Speaking of the federation in the South seas he said that the recent tariff will greatly affect trade with Canada and the United States, but a market could be found for machinery, wheat, manufacturers' fabrics and other goods from this continent. The people of Australia are much stirred up over the new tariff. The great political questions in Australia at present are the high tariff and colored labor. Upon the settlement of the latter depended largely the sugar industry of Queensland.

The passage of acts restricting Kanaka emigration will greatly affect sugar plantations. The doctor attended the opening of the new federal parliament which was a magnificent reception.

Australians have greatly advanced in labor organization, having a minimum wage and pension for workmen of over 65 years.

The federation is anxiously awaiting the construction of the Pacific cable.

WHICH IS WHICH?

O'Grady and Perry Belmont Will Fight It Out.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—The republicans are preparing to contest the democratic nominations in the Seventh New York congressional district on the ground that the conventions were not held in compliance with the law.

This is the congressional district in which a successor is to be elected to Nicholas Muller, resigned, on January 7, and is to be the first general election occurring in this country in 1902.

Perry Belmont and Councilman Joseph O'Grady have been nominated by opposing wings of the democratic party and the democrats have already appealed to the authorities to decide which of the two men has the right to the party emblem.

GIVE MANY PRESENTS.

Rich New York People Gave More Than Usual.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—According to the daily papers, never before in the history of the holiday festivities has Christmas been so universal in this city and vicinity.

It is said large business houses and corporations alone distributed over \$1,000,000 among their employees.

Other accounts tell how John D. Rockefeller gave the trainmen on the railroads on which he traveled on Christmas and Christmas eve \$10 gold pieces, and it is also said that Miss Helen Gould sent a bag of gold coins to be distributed among the employes upon her estates up the Hudson river.

JEWELRY THIEVES CAPTURED.

Caught in the Act of Looting a House—Ran Into Detectives.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 25.—Two men entered the home of Mrs. Lucky Becker, on Indiana street, early today and stole \$500 worth of clothing and jewelry valued at \$2500. While endeavoring to escape the thieves ran into the arms of detectives and most of the plunder concealed in a pocket of a cloak was recovered. Several shots were exchanged between the detectives and robbers and Horace McCarthy, the man who carried the garment containing the valuable jewelry, was forced to surrender. His partner, whose name is not known, escaped.

SHIP BUILDING FALLING OFF.

England Is Not Turning Out Many Vessels Now.

(By Associated Press.) London, Dec. 26.—This has been a good ship building year in Great Britain, but there has been a noteworthy diminution in the number of warships built for foreign powers. The vessels included in this year's return are principally for Japan and at the present moment there are practically no large foreign ships building for foreign navies.

The falling off is attributed to political conditions.

Man of Two Fortunes Dead.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—Charles J. Burke, who inherited one fortune, made another as a haberdasher in Philadelphia and 23½ per cent in stock speculation, is dead in this city. Burke was born in Cincinnati, 54 years ago, was educated for the law, and removing to Philadelphia became prominently known in politics. He entered trade and for nearly 20 years was in the furnishing goods business in Philadelphia. After falling in business he came to this city, but was unsuccessful.

Favors Russian Claims.

(By Associated Press.) London, Dec. 26.—It is reported at Pekin that Sir Robert Hart, whose influence with the Chinese is increasing in importance, favors the consideration of Russia's claims on Manchuria in regard to mining and railway privileges, railway defense being a military necessity.

Northern Pacific Shorten Route.

(By Associated Press.) Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 26.—The Northern Pacific is arranging to shorten its main line in this state 90 miles by building the Lind-Ellenburg cut-off across the Yakima valley. The cut-off will be 110 miles long and will save a wide detour which the main line takes from Lind to North Yakima and thence to Ellenburg.

Tom Ochitree Has Improved.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—Colonel Thomas Ochitree, who has been ill for some days with a severe attack of pneumonia, has so far recovered that he expects to leave in a week or two for Virginia Hot Springs.



Too Much Holiday Fun and Folly

Too much of a good thing! That's what we are all liable to take during a holiday season. Healthy, jolly people will do it and make themselves sick. "In time of peace prepare for war," and have about the house a pleasant, perfect, palatable, positive medicine for sour stomach, sick headache, colic, winds, belching, biliousness, furred tongue, lazy liver, constipation, bad breath, bad taste, all liable to result from holiday over-indulgence. Cascarets Candy Cathartic is what you want; a tablet after a big meal will prevent sickness, or a tablet at night before going to bed, after a good time, will fix you all right for morning, and let you get up clear as a bell, ready for business or pleasure.

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IN THE HOLY LAND

WORSHIPERS AT THE BIRTH-PLACE OF CHRIST.

DEVOTEES FROM ALL LANDS

Multitudes Thronged the Church Which Marks the Actual Birth-place of Jesus of Nazareth the Savior of Mankind.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—A cablegram received from Bethlehem shows the manner in which Christmas eve and Christmas day were this year celebrated in the holy land. According to the dispatch from Bethlehem, the sky was clear and chill on the day before Christmas.

At an early hour crowds began to stream in from Jerusalem and other towns, many traveling from Europe, some even from America. The European costumes mingled with the bright oriental dresses made the scene varied and vivid with colors, while in the throng were seen many fair faced Bethlehem women. At the church of the Nativity at Bethlehem, the Latins, the Greeks and the Armenians each have a place of worship, but the ceremonies which attracted the thousands were those at the Catholic church.

Throughout the morning crowds flocked to the magnificent church of the Nativity, including the cave, believed by many scholars to be the actual birth-place of Christ. It was brilliantly illuminated.

During the afternoon a multitude of people crowded the great square fronting the church, covering the house tops on every side.

The procession then appeared, the patriarchs escorted by Turkish soldiers, preceded by the Kawaseses or official guard of the Patriarch and convent, advancing to the church.

Following the sacerdotal procession came that of the French consul and his staff in uniform with an escort of mounted guards, he taking precedent as representing France, the recognized guardian of Catholic interests in the holy land.

Following his entry into the church, came the beautiful service of vespers, and the benediction. In the evening the church was never without its crowd of worshippers. At 11 o'clock matins were sung and a few minutes before midnight all was hushed. Then on the stroke of the hour the "gloria" arose—all kneeling in profound adoration, to usher in Christmas morning.

Immediately afterward the Patriarch ascended the high altar and commenced to celebrate high mass. Thence forward throughout Christmas day every altar in the sacred edifice was occupied by priests saying masses. Many devotees who took their places at 10 o'clock Christmas evening kept their vigil until 11 o'clock on Christmas day, anxious not to miss one moment of the ceremonies on the site of the birthplace of Christ.

NEWS STORIES BRIEFLY TOLD

LONDON.—William Waldorf Astor has donated \$10,000 to civilian rifle clubs in the United Kingdom.

LONDON.—Queen Alexandra is making excellent progress toward recovery, but will not be able to be out for several days.

CHICAGO.—Arthur Egan, the 17-year-old hero of 23 life-saving exploits in Lake Michigan, has been decorated by Edward VII, king of England, for his heroism.

SHREVEPORT, La.—Christmas day left its trail of bloodshed and fire in Shreveport. There were three killings, all being negroes, and a fire which destroyed property valued at \$70,000.

AKRON, Ohio.—Andrew Carnegie has offered the city of Akron \$70,000 for a free library, the city to guarantee \$7000 annually to keep it up. The offer will probably be accepted.

DENVER, Colo.—C. C. Bangs, a friend of Kit Carson, a veteran of the Mexican war and a Colorado pioneer, guide and Indian fighter, died at Altona, Boulder county, Colo., aged 74 years.

LONDON.—The Standard hears that an important feature of the coronation ceremonies will be a naval review, at Spithead on an unprecedentedly large scale, to which foreign warships will be invited.

FALL RIVER, Mass.—Notices were posted in the iron works mills here yesterday by M. C. D. Borden, owner, announcing that the operatives would receive as a Christmas gift an amount equivalent to an increase of 10 per cent in wages for six weeks.

NEW YORK.—The exactions on tourists arriving at the port of New York,

it is said, will be made more stringent, and tourists arriving in this country will be called upon in future to pay full duty on all extra wearing apparel as well as on everything else not on the free list.

NEW YORK.—It is understood, says a London correspondent, that the government will send a favorable reply to the request from Chile that the British government should speedily use its influence to bring about a solution of the difficulty with the Argentine republic.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Jack Wade and William Dalton were Saturday sentenced to be hanged on January 31 for the murder of James B. Morrow on November 17 last. Young Morrow was on his way home about midnight when Wade and Dalton held him up and shot him dead, thinking he was another man.

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—The Indiana Railway company of this city, which operates lines in South Bend, Elkhart and Goshen, besides 26 miles of inter-urban railway, has posted an order giving an increase of wages to the motor-conductors and power station employees. The raise, the second within few years, will amount to about \$10,000 a year.

BUENOS AYRES.—The newspapers say the new protocol between Chile and Argentina disposes of the immediate danger of war, but that the remedy is not permanent. The armies of the two countries are, meanwhile, continuing their warlike preparations.

PINE BLUFF, Ark.—Mose Solmsion shot and killed George Stubblefield last night. Stubblefield's father was killed by a member of the Solmsion family several months ago, and yesterday's tragedy followed Stubblefield's appearance near the Solmsion house with a gun after he had made threats against the Solmsions.

RIOT AMONG SOLDIERS.

Stabbing an Artillery Man Causes the Trouble.

(By Associated Press.) San Francisco, Dec. 25.—During a row in a saloon near the Presidio this evening, William Ross of the coast artillery was stabbed by an unknown soldier.

A riot followed. Stones and bricks were thrown and two shots were fired. About 100 soldiers, it is estimated, gathered. The provost guard and police had to be called out to restore order. Fifty-nine soldiers were put in the guard house and 15 others taken to the police station. Ross was not badly hurt.

WILL ACT VIGOROUSLY.

Germany to Make Naval Demonstration in Venezuela.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—According to the Port of Spain, Trinidad, correspondent of the Herald, Germany intends to act vigorously against President Castro's government in Venezuela for the latter's failure to pay the interest on the debt owing to the German bankers during the last three years.

A naval demonstration it is alleged would have taken place by this time had it not been that the German cruiser Vineta needed repairs and had to go to the United States for an overhauling.

Moving a Whole Town.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Texas, Dec. 26.—The Frisco Railway company has begun transferring the depot at Goodland, I. T., to the new town of Hugs, six miles south of that place. All of the business firms of Goodland have moved or are making preparations to move to Hugs.

Fight Is Declared Off.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—The proposed 20-round bout between Matty Matthews and "Dutch" Thurston, which was to take place before the International Athletic club of Fort Erie, Ontario, on New Year's eve, has been declared off. The fighters were unable to reach an agreement over the division of the purse and weights. An effort is now being made to match Matthews and Rube Ferns.

Tod Will Ride Again.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—"Tod" Sioane will be seen in the saddle again on the Metropolitan turf next spring. He has received assurances that the English Jockey club will restore him to good standing within a few weeks, with the stipulation, however, that he is to ride no more in England.

Injured by Automobile.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—The condition of Veryl Preston, vice president of the American Steel Hoop company, who was injured in an automobile accident in Yonkers, remains serious. Miss Hixox and Miss Eatabrook of Worcester, Mass., his companions, show every sign of speedy recovery.

Theatrical Manager Dies.

(By Associated Press.) San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Walter Morosco, the well-known theatrical manager who recently disposed of his lease of the Grand opera house in this city to a syndicate, is dead of heart disease at his home in Fruitvale. He was a native of Guilford, Conn., aged 55 years. His family name was Bishop.

HANNAPAYSTRIBUTE

OHIO SENATOR WRITES ABOUT THE LATE PRESIDENT.

LAST SWEET REMEMBRANCE

He Says That Mr. McKinley Was the Same Calm, Dignified and Self-Possessed Gentleman at All Times.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—In a copyrighted article in the National Magazine, United States Senator Mark Hanna of Ohio writes at length concerning the late President William McKinley. In conclusion the writer gives the following personal reminiscences: "I know of nothing in all history that can compare with the splendid climax and ending of his noble life. One of the sweetest consolations that come to me is the memory that on Tuesday preceding his death he asked to see a newspaper and when he was told 'Not today,' he asked: 'Is Mark here?'"

"Yes, Mr. President," was the response, and in that one sweet last remembrance was a rich reward for the years of devotion which it had always been my pleasure to give him.

"There was nothing in the expression of his face or manner denoting exultation over his victory when it was announced that he was elected to the presidency. "He seemed to realize fully the responsibilities placed upon him and his quiet

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"The first day I greeted him after he was inaugurated at the White house I inadvertently called him 'Major,' and 'Governor,' and when I stopped to correct myself he would say, 'Each one is fitting; I'm not particular which.'"

Explorer's Mother Dead.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 26.—Mrs. F. W. Porter, mother of R. W. Porter, a member of the Baldwin-Zeigler expedition, now seeking the north pole, died of heart disease in an elevated train in this city last evening.

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