BRITISH FLAG WAVES IN NATIONAL CAPITOL.

McKinley and Notables Near It at Celebration of Washington's Centennial.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—For the first time since the war of 1812 the British flag is occupying the place of honor in the Capitol Building of the United States. A large "Union Jack" is draped in front of the President's gallery in the Chamber of the House of Representatives. Never before in the history of the United States has there been such a display of anglomania. British flags are the main feature of the decorations.

SENATOR HOAR,
Chief Speaker of the Day.

The hall is decorated because of the ceremonies attending the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the seat of government at Washington.

The decorations were all put up by United States sailors from the Dolphin, the President's boat, acting under instructions from the Secretary of the Navy.

It is stated here that never in the history of any foreign government has a flag of an alien country been introduced in the legislative halls of the country.

Committee Explains.

The Citizens' Committee in explaining the matter, said that there were not enough flags and bunting to finish the decorating and the Philadelphia and New York Navy-Yards were telegraphed to express all the flags and bunting in hand. When this arrived it was found that the stars and stripes were exceedingly scarce and the flags of other countries had to be used.

Much adverse comment has been heard among Congressmen at the introduction of foreign flags into the national hall of Representatives. They claim that only the American colors should have been used and especially in the legislative chamber.

The Big Parade.

Gen. Miles led a brilliant parade of the country's notables up Pennsylvania avenue from the White House to the Capitol this afternoon.

The demonstration was the public feature of the celebration of the centennial, and it seemed as though the nation was out to see the show. The army and navy and various military and civic bodies were in line, while well to the front President McKinley rode in a carriage followed by members of the Cabinet who acted as a guard of honor.

Immediately after came the Governors of twenty-four States with their official staffs, Gov. Roosevelt being prominent among them.

The march up Pennsylvania avenue was through solid walls of sightseers, the thoroughfare being jammed, while the windows and roofs of all the buildings were utilized as vantage points.

There was no limit to the enthusiasm, President McKinley being accorded a continuous ovation.

When the President reached the Capitol he alighted and, with his Cabinet and several Senators and Congressmen, took his place on the stand and reviewed the parade.

President McKinley opened the day's celebration by receiving the Governors of the various States at the White House.

Celebration in Congress.

The review was followed by an impressive gathering of the President and Cabinet, the members of the Senate and House and the Judges of the United States Supreme Court in the hall of the House of Representatives, where joint exercises were held commemorating the day.

Speaker Henderson called the assemblage to order and Senator Frye, President pro tem. of the Senate, presided over the proceedings. The programme at the Capitol included addresses on the "Transfer of the National Capital from Philadelphia," by Representative Richardson, of Tennessee.

"The Establishment of the Seat of Government at the District of Columbia," by Congressman Payne. "History of the First Century of the National Capital," by Senator McComas, of Maryland, and "The Future of the United States and It's Capital," by Senator Daniel, of Virginia, and an historical oration by Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts.

STRANGERS IN BRIDAL CABIN.

Experience of the Van Alens on the Deutschland.

James Lawrence Van Alen and his bride, who was Miss Daisy Post, sailed on the Deutschland to-day, and came into possession of their flower-laden stateroom after two women who had taken possession of it by mistake had vacated.

It was all very embarrassing, and how the mistake occurred could not be learned, but each party of claimants were equally certain that Stateroom 1 on the rear deck was theirs.

A short time before the Van Alens arrival two smartly dressed women entered it, removed their wraps, and, sitting down, engaged in a chat. Pretty soon an abundance of flowers began to arrive and the women looked pleased.

Then came the bride and the bridegroom, accompanied by Orme Wilson and Robert Gerry. They stared in anguish when they saw the stateroom occupied. As Van Alen stood in the doorway, hat in hand, and about to speak, one of the women said: "I guess you have got into the wrong room!"

Then there were polite claims on both sides, and finally a steward was called and talked to the two women persuasively, and they reluctantly left the room and went to stateroom C, just across the passage. Then a carpenter came and changed the letters on the doors, so that the Van Alens had the "C" and the two women had the "D."

"Deucedly awkward," said the bridegroom when the matter had been finally settled.

BREMEN UNDER CONTROL.

Fireboat Captain Says One Line of Hose Could Have Saved Her.

Embodied in the quarterly report of the Fire Department, made public yesterday, is a report of Capt. Braisted, of the fireboat New Yorker, on the great Hoboken fire, in which he makes the surprising statement that when the New Yorker left the Bremen at 5.45 P. M., after an hour and a half's work, the fire on the Bremen "could have been kept under control by any one available line of hose in operation."

The report shows up to Sept. 30, when the third quarter was ended, there were 1,078 fires in that three months. Of these fires the worst was the Hoboken disaster on June 30.

DIDN'T MARRY WEEPING BRIDE

Rev. Victor C. Smith Denies Wedding by Force.

Rev. Victor C. Smith, rector of the Church of the Holy Faith, was on the witness stand to-day before Justice Lawrence in Supreme Court, and vigorously denied that he had married pretty Annie Corsari to Frank Castka in his rectory on the night of Nov. 30, 1899, while the bride was weeping in protest.

The bride is seeking to annul the marriage and alleges that she was driven to the altar at the point of her father's shotgun.

The clergyman came to court as the result of a summons directed by Justice Lawrence at the hearing a week ago.

Lawyer Nekarda, for the plaintiff, turned the witness over to the Judge without any direct examination and Justice Lawrence asked the minister to tell the story.

"I asked the usual questions in the case of this marriage and performed the ceremony. The bridegroom paid the fee and they left."

He was cross-examined.

"Was the bride weeping?"

"There were no tears in her eyes or in her voice."

"The insinuation that I am in the habit of marrying weeping brides is intolerable and I resent it.

"I heard the party tittering," continued Mr. Smith, "and rebuked them for their levity. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridegroom apologized and said they had been late at a Thanksgiving dinner."

Mrs. Castka took the stand and protested that she did weep in Rev. Mr. Smith's church. She said Castka had threatened to shoot her on their way to church if she didn't marry him.

MRS. J. B. ANDREWS INJURED.

Wife of Well-Known Buffalo Physician in Trolley Smash.

(Special to The Evening World.)

UTICA, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Judson B. Andrews, wife of Dr. Andrews, of Buffalo, and daughter of Mrs. Samuel Campbell, of New York Mills, was seriously injured last night.

She was leaving the grounds in a coupe when an electric car struck it. The coupe was demolished, the driver thrown several feet and Mrs. Andrews injured about the head. The driver's condition is critical.

BANDMASTER BENT TO MARRY MRS. WYCKOFF.

MRS. SARAH T. WYCKOFF.

Wedding of Musician and Rich Widow at Waldorf-Astoria To-Night.

Mrs. Sarah T. Wyckoff, the millionaire widow, of Tremont, will gain a second husband to-night at the Waldorf-Astoria, and the Old Guard will lose a capable bandmaster in the person of Thomas C. Bent. The ball of the famous organization, which is near at hand, will not have his familiar presence, for he and his bride will be on their honeymoon in Europe, whither they will go on the Lucania when she sails this week.

The decorators at noon to-day finished their work on the east room, where the wedding will take place. At the dinner only about twenty-five persons will be seated, the most intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom.

It is aid that Mrs. Wyckoff has presented the musician with an income of $15,000 a year for life.

THREW KISSES TO HER PASTOR

Mrs. Greene and Rev. D. T. Howell Accused in Divorce Suit.

(Special to The Evening World.)

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 12.—More testimony was heard to-day in the divorce case of Mrs. Jennie L. Greene against her husband, into which the name of Rev. David T. Howell, the chaplain at Blackwell's Island, New York City, has been dragged through counter charges of the husband that the clergyman had improper relations with Mrs. Greene.

Mr. Howell was rector of the fashionable Episcopal Church of St. John until two years ago, when he went to New York City after the scandal arose here. The suit was ordered tried in Sullivan County by the Brooklyn court.

Mullin, the ex-hired man of the Greene household, to-day testified against the plaintiff. He told of pastoral visits by the rector of St. John's to his fair parishioner and of hearing kissing in the room.

Mrs. Frank Geragthy, whose home is right across the street from the Greene mansion, told of Mrs. Jennie Greene standing in anything but street costume before the large bay-window in her room making gestures and throwing kisses across to the window of the rectory, which was in darkness at the time. She says these things continued all Summer.

George D. Pelton, now clerk in one of the departments at Washington, and formerly Deputy County Clerk and Deputy Postmaster at Monticello, testified to about the same spectacular performances in the bay-window that Mr. and Mrs. Geragthy had testified to previously.

He was pretty severely handled by Counsellor Watts in the cross-examination. Mr. Watts charged him with playing the spy and doing the dirty work he had detailed on the stand under the promise of aid to secure a place from Senator Thornton.

A liveryman in the employ of Joseph Covert, who at the time had a stable across the street from the church grounds, testified that as he was unhitching a horse between 1 and 2 o'clock on a certain morning in July, 1897, he saw Mr. Howell and Mrs. Greene come out of the church and walk up the street.

Judge Betts, who is trying the case, often takes a hand in the examination of witnesses. The court-room is crowded and people are flocking from miles around to hear the testimony.

The Greene divorce suit has been proceeding for several days at Monticello. Yesterday testimony was given as to alleged signals used by Mrs. Greene and the rector by means of lights in the windows at night.

Mrs. Howell when on the stand said she had implored Mrs. Greene not to visit her husband, and produced a letter which she said was sent to him, saying: "We'll have a gay and happy holiday just the same, just the same."

MOTHER AND CHILD HELD.

Mrs. Morello and Daughter Anna Accused of Shoplifting.

Mrs. Margaret Morello and her eleven-year-old daughter Anna, who when arrested yesterday charged with shoplifting, gave the surname as "Trisky," were arraigned in Yorkville Court to-day.

Agent Wietling, of the Gerry Society, told the Magistrate that the woman was the wife of an industrious laborer with a comfortable home at One Hundred and Seventy-first street and Park avenue.

Morello was ignorant of the arrest of his wife and daughter, and knew nothing about their actions until notified by the agent.

He was in court to-day. The two prisoners made no defense to the charge. The defendants were held in $300 each for trial in Special Sessions.

BOERS ATTACK THE BRITISH.

While Knox Pursues De Wet Kitchener Sustains Loss.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Lord Kitchener cables the War Office from Pretoria under date of Dec. 12 that Gen. Knox reports from Helvetia that he is engaged in a running fight with Gen. De Wet, and that the enemy is moving toward Reddersburg, where there is a column ready to co-operate with them.

Lord Kitchener, in another dispatch, reports that the Boers attacked the post near Barberton. The British casualties were three killed, five wounded and thirteen taken prisoners. The captured men have since been released.

The Boers raided the Riverton Road Station yesterday. They are being followed up.

Gen. Kitchener's message indicats that De Wet has again evaded Knox. After the latter had foiled the Boer General at Coomassie Drift, the Boers seemed to have doubled back, crossed the Caledon River elsewhere and turned thence northwest, in the direction of Reddersburg, the memorable scene of the British disaster in April, when the same commander captured the Irish Rifles.

SAYS GARDINER HALTS LAW.

Hammond Tells Goff He Sidetracks Election Cases.

Deputy Attorney-General Hammond, who under special legislation is prosecuting violations of the Election laws, complained to Recorder Goff to-day that he was interfered with by District-Attorney Gardiner.

"There is a disposition in the District-Attorney's office," Mr. Hammond said, "to sidetrack the election cases. In fact, it has been asserted by one of Col. Gardiner's assistants, Mr. Lindsay Gordon, that the election cases were unimportant, and he would not allow them to interfere with the trial of other cases."

"That is not so," exclaimed Mr. Gordon, who was present. "The District-Attorney realizes the importance of these cases and has not interfered."

Thursdays and Fridays hereafter will be devoted to the trial of election cases, of which there are about seventy pending.

REPEATS CRUELTY CHARGES.

Annie Irving Taken from Woman She Says Beat Her.

Annie Irving, the colored girl who told a pitiful tale a few days ago of harsh treatment at the hands of her guardian, Mary Jordan, of 38 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, repeated the story under oath to Magistrate Brenner, in the Adams Street Court to-day.

She said the Jordan woman had tied her hands, beat her with a rope and stuck her with a knife. Mrs. Elizabeth Corwin, principal of public school No. 5, which the little girl attended, testified that she had seen many marks and bruises on the child. Mrs. Corwin said that Annie was extremely bright and always good while in school.

The girl was given into the charge of Nancy Nelson, a cousin, of 92 Fleet place, and Magistrate Brenner adjourned the case for one month.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending 8 P. M. Thursday, Dec. 13, for New York City and vicinity: Fair to-night; Thursday cloudy, followed by rain or snow; winds becoming fresh to brisk southerly.

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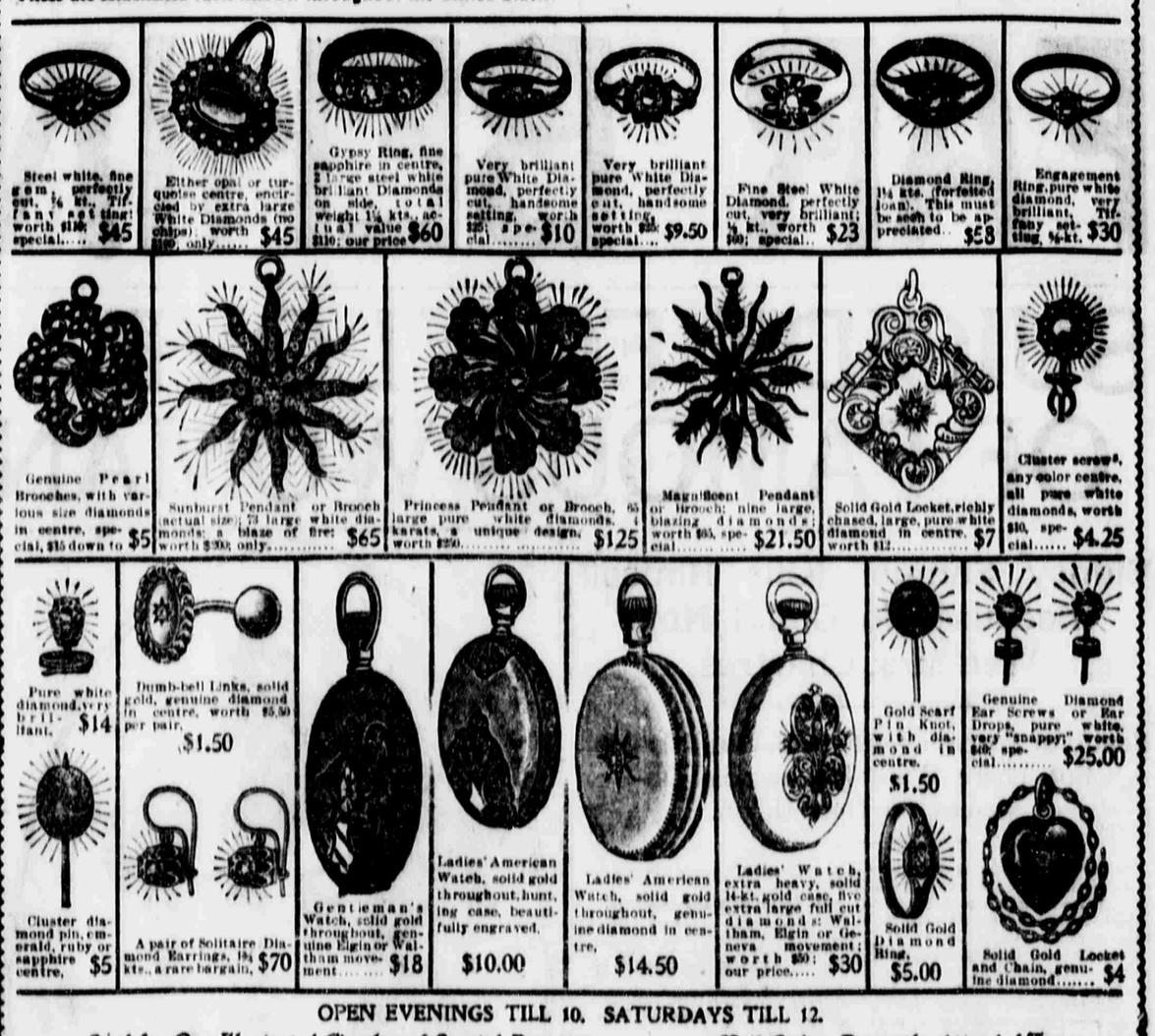

Steel white, fine gem, perfectly cut, ¼ kt., Tiffany setting; worth $100; special.... $45

Either opal or turquoise centre, encircled by extra large White Diamonds (no chips); worth $100, only..... $45

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Very brilliant pure White Diamond, perfectly cut, handsome setting, worth $25; special.... $9.50

Fine Steel White Diamond, perfectly cut, very brilliant; ¼ kt., worth $60; special.. $23

Diamond Ring, 1¼ kts. (forfeited loan). This must be seen to be appreciated.. $58

Engagement Ring, pure white diamond, very brilliant, Tiffany set. ¼-kt. $30

Genuine Pearl Brooches, with various size diamonds in centre, special, $15 down to $5

Sunburst Pendant or Brooch (actual size); 73 large white diamonds; a blaze of fire; worth $300; only..... $65

Princess Pendant or Brooch, 65 large pure white diamonds, 1 karats, a unique design, worth $250..... $125

Magnificent Pendant or Brooch; nine large, blazing diamonds; worth $65, special..... $21.50

Solid Gold Locket, richly chased, large, pure white diamond in centre, worth $12..... $7

Cluster screws, any color centre, all pure white diamonds, worth $10, special..... $4.25

Pure white diamond, very brilliant. $14

Dumb-bell Links, solid gold, genuine diamond in centre, worth $5.50 per pair, $1.50

Cluster diamond pin, emerald, ruby or sapphire centre, $5

A pair of Solitaire Diamond Earrings, 1¼ kts., a rare bargain, $70

Gentleman's Watch, solid gold throughout, genuine Elgin or Waltham movement..... $18

Ladies' American Watch, solid gold throughout, hunting case, beautifully engraved, $10.00

Ladies' American Watch, solid gold throughout, genuine diamond in centre, $14.50

Ladies' Watch, extra heavy, solid 14-kt. gold case, five extra large full cut diamonds; Waltham, Elgin or Geneva movement; worth $50; our price..... $30

Gold Scarf Pin Knot, with diamond in centre. $1.50

Solid Gold Diamond Ring. $5.00

Genuine Diamond Ear Screws or Ear Drops, pure white, very "snappy," worth $60, special..... $25.00

Solid Gold Locket and Chain, genuine diamond..... $4

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HELEN BAIRD, ACTRESS, PASSES AWAY IN ST. PAUL.

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Sistsr of Brandon Douglase at Last Succumbs to Typhoid Pneumonia.

A telegram was received in this city this afternoon announcing the death in St. Paul of Miss Helen Baird, leading lady of the "Man from Mexico" company who had been ill with typhoid pneumonia since the latter part of November.

She was a resident of this city and was known in private life as Miss Lena Schoonmaker. Her mother, called West by her critical condition, left this city on Nov. 26. She had become ill in Butte, Mont., a few days previous. She insisted on acting despite the advice of the doctor who stood in the wings and gave her stimulants. When her last line was spoken she collapsed.

Brandon Douglass, a sister of the dead actress, is one of the most beautiful women on the stage, and is a member of the "House that Jack Built" company, which is soon to play at the Madison Square Theatre. She and her mother were at the death bed.

PRAISED BY ROOSEVELT.

Congratulates Charter Revision Committee on Its Work.

George L. Rives, Chairman of the Charter Revision Commission, to-day received a letter from Gov. Roosevelt acknowledging the receipt of the charter amendments and commending the work of the Commission.

"I desire personally to express to you my very high appreciation of the value of your work," he writes. "The amount of hard and exacting labor entailed by your task was very great, the opportunity for disagreements equally great. You are to be congratulated because your Commission have been able to come to an unanimous decision, and and still more because this decision has received the hearty support of the farseeing and thoughtful men of the community."

BURGLAR TRIPS GEN. ALGER.

They Met in the Dark, and Thief Got Away with Silverware.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 12.—Gen. Russell A. Alger, ex-Secretary of War, was badly shaken up early to-day by a burglar in his home on West Fourth street.

The General was awakened by some one prowling about on the first floor of his residence and started downstairs to investigate.

Just as he reached the foot of the stairs he ran into a burglar who tripped him up, the General falling heavily.

When Gen. Alger recovered himself after the fall he began an investigation, which showed that $300 worth of silverware had been taken by the thief, who escaped through a window immediately after discovery.

Stern Brothers

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30 x 60 in. Formerly $2.95	$2.00	6 x 9 ft., Formerly $13.50	$10.00
2 ft. 6 x 12 ft., 3 x 9 ft., Formerly $8.50	$5.75	7 ft. 6 x 10 ft. 6 Formerly $22.00	$16.50
3 x 12 ft., Formerly $10.50	$6.50	9 x 12 ft., Formerly $28.50	$20.00
3 x 15 ft., Formerly $12.00	$8.50	12 x 15 ft., Formerly $56.00	$40.00

West Twenty-third Street.

CANARIES ON TOAST.

Mrs. Neller's Odd Celebration of the Recovery of Her Pet.

Mrs. C. S. Neller, one of the fifty fashionable boarders at 1232 Madison avenue, will serve stuffed canaries on toast to all the others at dinner to-night in celebration of the restoration to her of her lost canary bird.

The bird was one of her wedding presents, three years ago. He is very tame and does tricks. One of his tricks was to fly out of an open window three days ago. Michael Boylan, a beer bottler, captured it. He inquired at the next house if any one had lost a bird, then took it home. Mrs. Neller learned who had her pet and sued for its return with a dollar bill for the bird and another dollar bill for the cage Boylan had bought. Boylan wanted $5.

Mrs. Neller got a summons for his appearance in Harlem Court, where Magistrate Brann this morning fixed up a compromise by which Boylan got $2 and Mrs. Neller her bird. The stuffed birds on toast will be tissue paper stuffed with cotton.

CIVIL-SERVICE MEN MEET.

Roosevelt and Potter to Speak to Reformers.

The twentieth annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League will open to-morrow at the City Club. Besides the general sessions there will be two public meetings at the Carnegie Lyceum and a banquet at the conclusion of the conference at the Hotel Savoy.

At the banquet Bishop Potter, who is a Vice-President of the League, will preside, and the speakers and guests will include Gov. Roosevelt, ex-Attorney-General Wayne MacVeagh, Oscar S. Straus, George L. Rives, Wheeler H. Peckham, Charles J. Bonaparte, F. H. Gillett, of Massachusetts, and Richard Henry Dana, of Boston.

Aged Woman Run Down in Street.

In attempting to cross Canal street near Chrystie at noon to-day Mary Mooney, sixty years old, was knocked down and run over by a horse and wagon. She received a fractured rib and severe bruises about the head. The driver, Moses Ginsky, of 129 Suffolk street, was arrested.

Sale of *Men's Neckwear.*

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OXFORD WINS AT FOOTBALL.

Annual Game with Cambridge Won by a Small Margin.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The annual Rugby football match between Oxford and Cambridge took place to-day at the Queen's Club.

A magnificent game was won by Oxford by two goals to a goal and a dog.