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"BOODLERS" TO BE TRIED.

THE GOVERNOR CALLS AN EXTRA SESSION OF OYER AND TERMINER.

TO BE HELD IN THIS CITY ON JANUARY 21—JUSTICE DANIELS TO PRESIDE.

Albany, Dec. 26.—Governor Hill this afternoon issued the following:

Executive Chamber, Albany, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1888.

It appearing to my satisfaction that the public interests require it,—

Therefore, in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided, I do hereby appoint an extraordinary session of Over and Terminer to be held at the Court House in the City of New-York on Monday, the 21st day of January, 1889, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, and to continue so long as may be necessary for the disposal of the business that may be brought before it, and I do hereby designate the Hon. Charles Daniels, a Justice of the Supreme Court, to hold the said extraordinary Court of Oyer and Terminer, and I direct the District-Attorney of the City and County of New-York to issue a precipe in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided, directed to the Sheriff of said City and County of New-York, requiring him to do and perform all that may be necessary on his part in the premises, and I do hereby further direct that notice of this appointment of said Court be given by publication of this order once in "The Albany Daily Argus" newspaper.

Given under my hand and the privy seal of the State at the Capitol, in the City of Albany, this 26th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-eight. DAVID B. HILL.

By the Governor:
WILLIAM G. RICE, Private Secretary.

It is understood here that the above Court is ordered for the purpose of trying the so-called "Boodle" Aldermen.

MR. FELLOWS ANXIOUS TO TRY AGAIN.

THE CASES OF TWO OR THREE OF THE INDICTED EX-ALDERMEN READY FOR TRIAL.

Assistant District-Attorney Fitzgerald was seen last night at his home, No. 311 East Nineteenth-st. He said that Governor Hill's order was due to the efforts of Colonel Fellows, who is anxious to bring to trial some of the indicted ex-Aldermen, which could not be done in the usual course of business. No official information had been received at the District-Attorney's office in regard to the matter. Mr. Fitzgerald said he had no authority to state which one of the "boodlers" would be tried first. There were, however, two or three cases all ready, but which ones he declined to say. He was asked if any outside assistance would be engaged, and replied that he did not know, but doubted that any would be, as it was too expensive.

SNOW AND SLEET IN THE WEST.

IOWA, MISSOURI AND KANSAS VISITED—A COLD WAVE ON ITS WAY EAST.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The Signal Service gives notice that a cold wave has appeared in the Northwest, and that the temperature in this region will fall from 15 to 20 degrees before to-morrow morning. A dispatch from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, says that a heavy snowstorm, accompanied by a high wind, prevailed there all day. As far as heard from, the storm extended throughout Iowa, Northwestern Missouri and a part of Kansas. Throughout most of this region a wet snow fell. About noon to-day the telegraphic service between this city and Kansas City was almost entirely prostrated, and it is still seriously interrupted.

Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 26.—A storm of sleet and snow verging on rain set in last evening and continued through this afternoon. The prospects are favorable for a heavy snowfall and colder weather.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 26.—Snow began falling about 10 o'clock last night, and has continued pretty steadily ever since, accompanied by a stiff wind. There is about a foot of snow on the level, but it is badly drifted in places. Railroad travel is not much impeded. The temperature is falling.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—Last night's sleet and snow worked havoc among the wires. The telegraph companies escaped with the usual embarrassments of a delay and roundabout service. The electric light company loses $1,500, and the railroads suffered temporary inconveniences, but are in fairly good shape this evening. The heaviest loser by far is the telephone company, which estimates its loss at $20,000. The weather is growing colder to-night and the snowfall has ceased.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 26.—From steamboat excursions, baseball games, open-air concerts and picnics, which was the way the people of Minnesota and Dakota passed Christmas, a change has come, and to-night a big snowstorm is raging in the southern part of both this State and Dakota. Chamberlain, Dak., reports the Missouri River still open, and the weather to the north is milder than in the States to the south of here.

A MURDER MYSTERY IN PHILADELPHIA.

THE MUTILATED BODY OF A MAN FOUND IN FAIRMOUNT PARK—THE CLEWS SLIGHT.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—A party of boys while playing in East Fairmount Park to-day, near the new city reservoir, found two bundles in a section of the new 36-inch water main stored there. One of the boys cut the string of one of the bundles, and was horrified when a human head rolled out. The boys immediately ran to a park official, and informed him of their ghastly "find." The police authorities were at once summoned, and further investigation developed the fact that the bundle first opened contained also the dismembered trunk of a human body. The other bundle, on being opened, disclosed the legs belonging to the trunk found in the other package. Evidently a most horrible murder had been committed, and the condition of the remains indicated that the deed had been done within twenty-four hours of the finding of the remains. The body is evidently that of a German, probably about thirty-five years of age.

Near the place where the bundles were placed was found a portion of a newspaper dated December 5. On the margin of the paper was written in English, the writing being evidently that of a German, the words "Kohler Helab, Hoboken Hotel," and just under this "Mrs.," repeated several times. The Chief of Detectives is working on the case, assisted by several of his best men, but the clews are slight.

CRUSHED BY A RAILROAD TRACK.

WORKMEN FOR A GAS COMPANY BURIED IN A TRENCH THEY HAD MADE.

Denver, Col., Dec. 26.—The Denver Gas Company had 100 men employed in excavating a ditch six feet deep along the side of and underneath the track of the cable car line, when suddenly the track for an entire block fell, imprisoning the men underneath it. The other men were immediately set to work removing the fallen track, and four dead and two badly wounded have been removed. The other men escaped with bruises.

The dead are: William Katey, age fifty; N. M. Wilson, Joseph Trainers, Mike Dilion, and an unknown man about forty years old.

James McCuen was badly crushed and cannot recover. The excavation was being made for the purpose of removing a gas pipe under the track, and the accident is believed to be due to carelessness on the part of the gas company in neglecting to place proper supports under the track where the men were at work.

THE FIRE RECORD.

A MAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 26.—The farm-house of Asbury Bryan, seven miles south of this town, was destroyed by fire last night, the family barely escaping with their lives, and John Bryan, age twenty-one, returning to the house for clothing, was burned to death. His body was found in the ruins to-day.

AN OPERA HOUSE BURNED.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 26 (Special).—News from Tyler states that the new opera house, the finest in the State, belonging to Bergfield & Durest, was burned to-day. Loss, $50,000; partially insured.

WITHHOLDING CERTIFICATES IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 26 (Special).—Governor Wilson has issued certificates to John O. Pendleton and W. L. Wilson, Congressmen-elect from the Ist and IId Districts. He has not yet issued certificates to McGinnis or Smith, from the IIId and IVth Districts. He says that a protest has been entered against his doing so. As the Governor's powers are understood to be purely ministerial in such matters, giving him no right to go behind the returns, people here are at a loss to understand his action.

SYDNEY E. MUDD GIVING NOTICE OF CONTEST.

Baltimore, Dec. 26.—Sydney E. Mudd, Republican candidate for Congress in the Vth Maryland District, has, through his counsel, sent written notice to Barnes Compton, that he will contest his seat in Congress. He alleges that the official certificates and statements made out as soon as the ballots were counted gave him a plurality of two votes. He summarizes a list of omissions or inaccuracies in many of the election districts and precincts. These with a claim that about 175 voters for Mudd were intimidated from voting in the first precint of the third election district of Anne Arundel County, he says, show that he had really about 212 majority.

DE LESSEPS'S SHAKY SCHEME.

DISCHARGING LABORERS ON THE CANAL.

ABOUT 2,000 MEN HAVE BEEN DROPPED IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS—THE FRESHET IN THE CHAGRES RIVER HAS SUBSIDED.

Panama, Dec. 26., via. Galveston.—The work on the Canal continues, although on some sections labor has been reduced. Altogether some 2,000 men have been discharged during the past two months, owing to disputes between the Canal Company and contractors.

It is not expected that more workmen will be dispensed with. The highest authorities consider a total suspension of work as improbable. Such a suspension could only be occasioned by the complete failure of the reorganization scheme now under consideration in Paris. There are now about 9,000 laborers actually engaged on the works. There is no foundation for the report recently circulated that 75 per cent of the men now in the employ of the company would be discharged at the end of the year.

The floods on the Isthmus, caused by the overflow of the Chagres River, have subsided. The running of trains on the Panama Railroad was resumed Christmas Day.

ANOTHER FALL IN PANAMA CANAL STOCK.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Bourse was depressed to-day. Panama Canal dropped 20 francs.

THE BOMB IN THE MALTA THEATRE.

London, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Malta says that neither the Duke nor the Duchess of Edinburgh was present at the theatre there when the attempt was made to blow up the building with a bomb. It was reported at the time that the Duchess was present and that she was the intended victim of a Nihilist conspiracy. It appears that the bomb was discovered in the lobby in the rear of the stalls by an attendant. Attached to it was a burning fuse, which the attendant promptly extinguished. The Russian Consul at Malta, who was arrested for complicity in the attempted outrage, has been released. There was no evidence whatever against him, his arrest being due to a vague suspicion that he was in some way implicated in the affair. It is now supposed that the perpetrator was actuated solely by a spirit of wanton mischief.

KING MILAN BOWS TO THE YOKE.

Belgrade, Dec. 26.—King Milan has consented to relinquish the right to conclude foreign alliances and military conventions. The situation has been cleared by this resolve, and the Radicals are now ready to accept the new Constitution.

The King has accepted several other important amendments to the Constitution which were proposed by the Radicals. Capital punishment for political offences, except attempts upon the life of the King or Crown Prince, is abolished. Citizens cannot be arrested without a judicial warrant, or be placed under police supervision without a judicial sentence. Members of the royal family shall not marry without the consent of the Crown. The King can sign no commercial treaty without the consent of the Skuptschina, which will control all the finances of the kingdom.

"WHAT IS LITERARY IS RARELY IMMORAL."

Paris, Dec. 26.—In the Senate to-day during the discussion of the estimates on account of the fine arts M. Pastor, M. Pressense and other speakers denounced the Government for allowing the production at the Odeon of Degoncourt's play "Germinie Lacerteux," which they declared to be immoral.

M. Lockroy, Minister of Public Instruction, responded that the play was constructed with great literary skill, and he held that what was literary was rarely immoral. The Government, he added, was unable to intervene after the censor had passed upon a play.

RUSSIA'S FINGER IN THE AFRICAN PIE.

Odessa, Dec. 26.—It is expected that Russia will soon formally claim the pioneer settlement of New-Moscow, in East Africa. The settlement is contiguous to the English, Italian and German possessions in that region.

The Government at the last moment placed an embargo on Aschinoff's expedition to Abyssinia and compelled the missionaries and other members of the party to disembark. All the cannon and stores were unshipped. The explanation given is that the Government was opposed to the expedition on account of its irregular character.

THE REV. DR BOYCE DYING AT PAU.

Louisville, Dec. 26.—A cable dispatch from Pau, France, this morning states that the Rev. Dr. Boyce, chairman of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was dying at that place. He went abroad for his health several months ago, but began failing rapidly three weeks ago. Dr. Boyce is one of the foremost Baptist ministers and scholars in America.

CANADA'S PACIFIC FISHING GROUNDS.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The Fisheries Department has been apprised of the return to Victoria of two British Columbia fishing schooners which had been on an exploring tour to Black Cod Banks, of Queen Charlotte's Islands. The owners of the vessels have been richly rewarded for their enterprise. Fish were found in great abundance in from 150 to 300 fathoms and at about three miles from shore. The anchorage along the coast is excellent.

LABOR TROUBLES IN ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 26.—A crisis appears to be imminent in the Bolton cotton trade. A portion of the employes are already on a strike and refuse to return to work until their demands are complied with. The masters complain of bad work, and threaten to order a general lockout unless the work is improved and the strikers return to work. The operatives are amply supplied with funds and defy the masters. A prolonged struggle is feared.

BEX, THE DEFAULTING SPECULATOR DEAD.

Paris, Dec. 26.—News has been received of the death at Martigny, Switzerland, of M. Bex, the Bourse speculator, who failed recently and fled from Paris.

A BOMB EXPLODES IN MADRID.

Madrid, Dec. 26.—A bomb was exploded last evening in front of the house of Senor Silvela, a Conservative member of the Chamber of Deputies. The persons guilty of the outrage are not known.

PRADO WRITES TO PRESIDENT CARNOT.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Prado, the murderer of Marie Agnetan, has written a letter to President Carnot, in which he protests that he is innocent of the crime for which he was sentenced to death. He says that he does not desire a commutation of sentence, as he does not wish to survive the disgrace that has been put upon him, and that he awaits death with impatience.

TO STAND AGAINST BOULANGER.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Senators and Deputies of the Republican groups held a meeting to-day, and adopted a resolution in favor of the candidature of M. Pierre Baudin against General Boulanger.

IT WAS THE CZAR'S LIFE THEY WANTED.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—A second inquiry into the recent accident to the Czar's train at Borki results in attributing the disaster to a criminal conspiracy. All of the recently discharged railway employes will shortly be arrested.

THE YANTIC TO RETURN TO HAYTI.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Commodore Walker has received a telegram from Captain Heyerman, commanding the Yantic, dated Santiago de Cuba, December 25, saying that after coaling he will return to Port-au-Prince. Nothing is said about the Galena.

SARAH REFUSES TO PLAY FOR THE SULTAN.

Constantinople, Dec. 26.—Mme. Bernhardt has declined an offer from the Sultan of 23,000 francs for a single performance in the palace.

A TRANSATLANTIC SUBSIDY ASKED.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 26.—The President of the Board of Trade of Quebec has addressed a communication to Sir John Macdonald asking the Government to grant a subsidy for the establishment of a line of swift mail steamers between Quebec and Liverpool. The communication points out the urgent necessity for the proposed line, to compete with lines of mail steamers running between New-York and Liverpool.

A SUBSCRIPTION FROM THE POPE.

Rome, Dec. 26.—The Pope has sent to the Bishop of Pracenza $4,000 for a training college for missionaries to be sent to America to care for Italian emigrants.

MR. BRIGHT IMPROVES AGAIN.

London, Dec. 26.—John Bright is again improved.

HOT WORDS OVER COFFEE.

BROKERS SPOILING FOR A FIGHT.

USING UNKIND LANGUAGE ABOUT A WELL-KNOWN MAN.

At one time yesterday a duel seemed imminent between Joseph A. O'Donohue and Herman Sellcken, both members of the Coffee Exchange, the former a well known and active Tammany politician and candidate for Collector of the Port, Mayor, Governor, etc. The day wound up with instructions from Mr. O'Donohue to his counsel to bring a suit for "defamation of character" against Mr. Sellcken, with damages put at $100,000, and a promise by Mr. Sellcken to give $1,000 "to any reputable charitable institution in this city," if Mr. O'Donohue would really bring the suit.

The atmosphere of the Coffee Exchange was sulphurous because of an article published in "The Sun" to the effect that legislation and litigation were about to take place to put a stop to the "wild and haphazard gambling in coffee"; that a bill was to be presented in the Legislature to take away the charter of the Exchange; that a decision in a recent case of arbitration upon contracts which resulted in the June corner was "nothing but Bill Tweedism over again"; that President W. H. Crossman allowed an illegal vote in the case; that patent cable dispatches from Rio Janeiro and "washed" sales are plentiful; and that Mr. O'Donohue had resigned as vice-president because he had been insulted by President Crossman. The article was criticised with severity on the Exchange.

Mr. Sellcken was so embittered that he declared that "the man who inspired the article is a liar, a scoundrel, and a blackguard; and he would probably be coward enough not to father it." Subsequently he became even more bitter, and some of Mr. O'Donohue's friends carried the news to him that Mr. Sellcken was applying unpleasant expressions to him. Mr. O'Donohue at once communicated with his counsel. Mr. Sellcken was afterward asked if he had heard that Mr. O'Donohue intended to sue him, and he smiled and said: "If he will do so I will give $1,000 to any reputable charitable institution in the city."

But this did not lower the curtain upon the scene and the members continued to discuss the matter with much animation. President Crossman, when asked for his opinion, said: "I don't think it dignified to discuss that matter but I will say this: In my judgment the objectionable article was inspired by a man, whose name I won't mention, who has tried to reach a certain office and has failed; by a disappointed man, full of pique, spite, animosity, and malignant venom. This man's methods of retort are well known to every member of the Coffee Exchange."

Many of the members expressed the opinion that the matter would result in a dissolution and reorganization of the Exchange.

A RICH ANARCHIST FROM CINCINNATI.

ARRESTED IN CHICAGO WITH A LARGE SUM OF MONEY IN HIS POCKET.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—A story was published here this morning that Frederick W. Soelter, a wealthy Cincinnati merchant, was arrested on suspicion of being an Anarchist, during a visit to Chicago. Chief of Police Hubbard, when asked for a statement in regard to the matter to-day, said: "There was nothing improper about the arrest of this man Soelter. The matter has been fully investigated, everything regarding the manner of his arrest has been carefully sifted, and there has not been a single improper move made on the part of the officials concerned in his arrest."

"How long was he kept in custody?"

"Just long enough to ascertain who he was and what was his business, a few minutes altogether. When he was released, he made a complaint about his arrest. I brought him before Mr. Bonfield, and that officer asked him a few questions as to his conduct on the night in question, the answers to which showed me that the fellow was properly arrested. It makes no difference to the police whether a man has $6,000 in currency in his pockets or 6 cents, all alike must obey the law. All this talk about consequences in the shape of criminal prosecutions, etc., I don't regard at all. Mr. Bonfield can stand that sort of thing, and so can I."

"There is only one answer for all this talk," Mr. Bonfield said, "but I think it is a pretty complete one. I received a letter this morning, and I think it is a complete answer in itself." The letter was from Colonel Deitsch, Chief of Police in Cincinnati, and showed that Soelter was looked upon there as a Socialist, and at one time in the Police Court was fined $100 and sent to the county jail for contempt of court.

"I should not wonder if it was to organize the Arbeiter Bund that Mr. Soelter came here," said Mr. Bonfield, thoughtfully. "We must keep a close eye on him if he ever comes here again."

THE ARREST OF GENERAL STANLEY.

SHERIFF WHITE, OF AUSTIN, ON TRIAL FOR NOT PLACING THE FEDERAL OFFICER IN JAIL.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 26 (Special).—At noon to-day Sheriff White was arrested on a warrant issued by Justice Stuart for contempt of his court in refusing to place in jail General Stanley and his aide, and his trial is now in progress. It was reported here last night that the United States District-Attorney Kleberg, now in San Antonio, would be here this morning to institute proceedings against Stuart for interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duties, but he has not arrived yet.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The War Department has received no additional particulars concerning the arrest of General Stanley, commanding the Department of Texas, and has issued no instructions to him in regard to his future action. He has, it is explained, full discretion in the matter of taking possession of the property, and can order troops to Austin for that purpose if he deems it necessary. The question of his defence before the civil courts has been referred to the Attorney-General for such action as he may think proper.

SUING FOR PARTITION OF VALUABLE REALTY.

Lockport, N. Y., Dec. 26 (Special).—Two important suits have been brought for partition of property lying between the high bank and the water's edge of the Niagara River, by Charles B. Gaskin and the Niagara Water Power Motor Company, against Mrs. Sarah Frederick Porter Burrall and some twenty other defendants. Mrs. Barrall holds the property, which is worth several millions, and belonged in part to the old Porter estate. This is the property through which the Niagara Falls and Whirlpool Railroad wished to acquire the right of way.

THE BODY OF A SUPPOSED SUICIDE FOUND.

Haverstraw, N. Y., Dec. 26 (Special).—The body of a respectably dressed man was found yesterday afternoon in the cleft of a rock near Stony Point, about 1,000 feet above the level of the Hudson River. By his side lay a 32-calibre revolver. He wore a brown derby hat and Oxford tie shoes. In his pockets were $120 in money, a knife and a razor, but no papers by which he could be identified. He was about five feet eight inches in height and thirty-five years of age. His upper teeth had gold fillings. From the appearance of the body Coroner Cole gave it as his opinion that the man must have committed suicide early in September.

THREE MEN HURT BY AN EXPLOSION.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 26.—By an explosion at Top Mill this morning, caused by tap cinder coming in contact with water, William Mears and Henry Newhaus were badly burned about the head and body, and William Myles was terribly burned on the face and body, and had both eyes destroyed. Myles will probably die.

BRYANT WILL KEEP PROCTOR KNOTT.

Louisville, Dec. 26 (Special).—"Sam" Bryant said to-day that he would not sell Proctor Knott at any price. He will start him in the Kentucky Derby here if the weather is favorable to training and the horse is in good condition. Bryant says he wants to bet $5,000, play or pay, that Knott beats Galen in the Chicago Derby.

SHE KILLED HERSELF OUT OF GRIEF.

A Christmas tragedy in the house No. 650 East One-hundred-and-fifty-sixth-st. came to the notice of the Morrisania police yesterday. Mrs. Jennie Sheldon, whose husband is employed at the Grand Central Station, had become crazed with grief and had killed herself. She was twenty-eight years old, and had been mourning for her child, who died three months ago. As the holiday season approached, she brooded incessantly over her loss. On Christmas eve, about 8 p. m., she swallowed some rat poison.

Dr. A. Von Duering, of No. 610 East One-hundred-and-fifty-third-st., was summoned, and he worked all night trying to counteract the effects of the poison, but Mrs. Sheldon died at 5 a. m. on Tuesday. A coroner was asked to investigate her death after the family learned that a burial permit could not be obtained without an investigation.

An autopsy was held on the body yesterday, and the burial will be to-day. How the deceased obtained possession of the poison is not known, but she informed her husband and the doctor that her child was in Heaven, and that she desired to be with it.

THE RAILING GAVE WAY.

OVER 100 PEOPLE THROWN TO THE FLOOR.

SOME 7,000 PEOPLE WERE JAMMED INTO THE PALACE RINK, BROOKLYN—TWO MEN WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND OTHERS SHAKEN UP AND BRUISED.

At least 7,000 people paid an admission fee to the Palace Rink at Grand and Berry sts., Brooklyn, last night to see the sparring match between "Jack" McAuliffe and Hyams. The contest continued for nine rounds, during which there was the utmost excitement. In the ninth round Hyams was completely "knocked out." This caused the crowd to grow wild and thoroughly uncontrollable.

Although there was a large force of police on hand they could do nothing to stop the great rush and crush that occurred immediately after the match was declared over. Men pushed and crowded one another and pulled, struggled and elbowed to get near the ring.

During this excitement the railing of one of the galleries gave way. The crash of the breaking timber and the shouts, cries and groans of the injured and frightened men started a panic among the crowd, which became instantly an unmanageable mob. Every one struggled to get to the doors and in the panic many were knocked down and trampled upon.

As quickly as possible the police got to the spot and drove away the crowd. Ambulance calls were sent out and in a short time several ambulances were on the spot. The policemen had already cleared out the building and removed those who had been injured. They were: James Smith, age thirty-eight, who was struck on the head, causing concussion of the brain, and Patrick Edwards, a policeman from the Fifth Precinct, who had two ribs broken. Both men were seriously injured and were taken to the Eastern District Hospital. Several others were also injured, but it could not be learned just how seriously they were hurt.

CRITICISING THE INTERSTATE LAW.

OPINIONS OF WESTERN RAILROAD MANAGERS AS TO ADVISABLE CHANGES.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Traffic Manager Reeve, of the Chicago and Grand Trunk road, says: "For the last twelve months I do not believe that the provisions of the Interstate Commerce law have been properly observed by many of the railways. On the contrary they have resorted to various schemes contrary to law to evade the act, such as underbilling, payment of commissions, appointing shippers as agents, etc. From the beginning I believe the law was a good one. I also was of the opinion that it had come to stay. I am of the same opinion to-day, and although I believe it could be amended so as to make it more operative in every respect, I still think that if all roads would strictly obey the present law in spirit and letter, it would be far better for the railways themselves and more satisfactory to the commercial community at large."

Vice-President Bond, of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, wants the section prohibiting pooling repealed, an amendment adopted requiring that like public notice shall be given when rates are reduced as when raised, and that such notice shall be not less than twenty days beforehand, thirty would be preferable, instead of ten as now. The commission should have authority to suspend such notice, when necessary, to meet the competition of lines working wholly or in part by water or by way of Canada. He also favors an amendment prohibiting transportation contracts with shippers for a longer period than fifteen days, with a like restriction as to the price of tickets sold through or to outside agencies. Section ten, fixing a penalty for railway officials guilty of violation of the law, should be amended so as to make the penalties alike applicable to the shipper who receives a direct pecuniary advantage therefrom.

President Stickney, of the Chicago, Kansas City and St. Paul Railway, gives expression to much the same ideas set forth in his speech before the Western Freight Association last week. He wants a more vigorous administration of the law. "It is," he says, "fatally defective in one respect. The right to control carries with it the duty to protect. No Government can rightfully take away from the individual the power of protecting himself without at the same time extending the protection of the Government. The act to regulate commerce has to a certain extent recognized this principle. Before the enactment it was customary where a company was forced by competition or otherwise to accept less than the remunerative rate at one point, to make it good by a higher charge at intermediate points, and where one company made predatory excursions upon another, to make reprisals in the good old way. Self-protection in the manner indicated is prohibited by the law, but the law fails to extend any protection against a competitor company making an unremunerative rate and from making predatory excursions into its neighbor's bailiwick. Armed with the power to cut rates, the value of all railway property, estimated to be one-tenth of all the property of all civilized nations, may be utterly destroyed. Armed with this tremendous power, and a moderate amount of available money, the freebooting speculator may rob and plunder at his discretion, both the railways, their owners and the public, who are the customers of the railways."

A NEW COAL-CARRYING ROAD PROJECTED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26 (Special).—In railroad circles here it is authoritatively stated that a new railroad will be built from Clearfield to Dubois, in this State, which will be of great importance to the soft coal interests in the central part of Pennsylvania. The road will connect at Dubois with the Rochester and Pittsburg and the Allegheny Valley, and at Clearfield with the Pennsylvania and Beech Creek. Clearfield capitalists are pushing the scheme, and are endeavoring to interest Mr. Dubois, the millionaire lumberman, in it. No assistance will be sought from any of the corporations with whose lines the new road will connect. The road will pass through a richly timbered country and its importance as a coal-carrying road will be derived from its forming a short route from Clearfield County to Buffalo. Good coal is in demand in Buffalo and the supply is limited. The freight rates on Clearfield coal to that point are high on account of the roundabout route. With lower rates a considerable trade could be worked up. It is believed there are many individual operators around Clearfield who would use the line. There is a large quantity of fine timber along the proposed road, which would supply a profitable local traffic for many years to come.

STEAM HEAT FOR CARS IN VERMONT.

St. Albans, Vt., Dec. 26 (Special).—The subject of heating railway passenger cars by steam from the locomotive has been under consideration among the managers of the leading roads in Vermont for several years. The first practical tests of various systems of steam heating for cars in this State were made on the Central Vermont and Connecticut River Railroad lines in the winter of 1886-'7. The St. Johnbury and Lake Champlain Railroad heated its passenger trains for the first time by steam last winter. The Central Vermont Railroad Company early adopted the Sewall Safety Car Heating Company's system, and already six trains running on this road are warmed by steam. The Cheshire and the Bennington and Rutland Railroads are also using the Sewall system. The passenger trains running between St. Albans and Ogdensburg on the Ogdensburg division of the Central Vermont are also heated by the same system. The other cars run on passenger trains on the Central Vermont are warmed by the improved Baker heater, which is a system of heating by hot water pipes. The Connecticut River road adopted the Emerson system for heating its trains. The system of steam heating in use on the St. Johnbury and Lake Champlain Railroad was devised by Master Mechanic Babb of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad.

MISCELLANEOUS RAILWAY INTELLIGENCE.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 26 (Special).—The annual report of the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners of Illinois for the year ending June 30, 1888, to-day submitted to Governor Oglesby, shows 61 railroads in operation, with a mileage of 13,022 94-100 miles, giving employment to 56,213 persons, with salaries amounting to $33,288,666 48. The capital stock of these roads is given as $204,460,749 28, with a floating and funded debt of $216,647,448 55. During the year 347 miles of new road were completed and are now in operation. The estimated cost of roads and equipments, $330,096,880 78. The total earnings from all sources, $61,338,575 45; an increase over the preceding year of $3,369,764 21. The operating expenses were $38,870,930 54, and for taxes, $2,739,612 53, an increase in both items of $6,944,940 88 over the preceding year. The amount expended in permanent improvements was $3,112,542 69. The commissioners mention the great number of accidents, and ask for legislation compelling all roads to use air brakes and an automatic coupling device on all freight cars.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—C. M. Rathburn, at present Superintendent of the Western Division of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, will succeed W. B. Doddridge as Superintendent of the Missouri Pacific lines in Kansas and Nebraska. Mr. Doddridge will assume his new duties as General Manager of the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Road on January 1.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26 (Special).—On January 1 the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will begin to lay two additional tracks from Morrisville to Tullytown. When the work is completed there will be four tracks between the two towns.

The statement of the business of all lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company east of Pittsburg and Erie, for November, 1888, as compared with the same month in 1887, shows an increase in gross earnings of $125,896; an increase in expenses of $8,091; an increase in net earnings of $117,607. The eleven months of 1888, as compared with the same period of 1887, show an increase in gross earnings of $2,585,636; an increase in expenses of $2,143,393; an increase in net earnings of $442,243. All lines west of Pittsburg and Erie, for the eleven months of 1888, show a deficiency in meeting all liabilities of $116,265; being a loss, as compared with the same period of 1887, of $1,283,311.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—The secret service department of the Missouri Pacific Railway, in charge of Detective T. J. Furlong, it is said, will cease to exist on January 1, 1889. General Manager Clark has been opposed to the continuance of this branch of the service, and has now, it is asserted, issued the edict which abolishes it. The expense of the office has been large, estimated at $50,000 per year; but Detective Furlong has all along claimed that the service has saved at least half a million a year to the company.

Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—It is stated that Henry J. Page, for many years general freight agent of the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago Railroad Company, has tendered his resignation, to take effect on January 1. It is rumored that Mr. Page will go to Chicago as traffic manager of the Western Indiana and Belt Line Railway.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—The new freight rates in pig-iron go into effect on next Tuesday on the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The new rate on pig-iron in carloads is 15 cents per 100 pounds, the old rate being 12 1-2 cents. In less than carloads the rate is 17 1-2 cents, the old rate being 15 cents. These are the rates from Pittsburg to Chicago. From the Shenango and Mahoning Valleys the rates are 2 cents less. The explanation given is that the rates were forced down during the summer months on account of lake and the Erie Canal competition, and that they are now advanced only to where they should have been the year round.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Before Judge Gresham to-day the motion for a permanent injunction by Receiver McNulta, of the Wabash road, against Ticket Broker George H. Frank, was postponed indefinitely, having been practically settled out of court. The preliminary restraining order which prohibits the sale of tickets of the Wabash road by Frank continues in force, and in case of a breach of the agreement he made with the receiver, the whole matter can be called up again.

TRYING TO BLOW UP A FAMILY WITH POWDER.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Early on Sunday morning a loud explosion awoke the inhabitants of Roscoe hamlet, in Sullivan County. Mrs. Mary J. Heineman, the wife of Frank Heineman, rushed into the street in her nightgown and said the explosion occurred in her house. Her face was burned and blackened by powder. An investigation showed that a can of powder had exploded in the sitting-room, which adjoined the sleeping apartments, blowing out the windows, wrecking the furniture and loosening the partitions. The can contained twenty-five pounds, and was placed in the room with the evident intention of destroying the inmates. Louis S. Schuster lived with the Heinemans, Mrs. Heineman being his adopted daughter. Twenty-five years ago Schuster was convicted of passing counterfeit money and was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. When he had served five years he was pardoned by President Grant, and returned home. It is thought that he was hired not to divulge the names of his confederates, and that they now hope to get rid of him, lest he tell the secret. Neither Schuster nor Heineman was injured.

ALLEGED CRUELTY TO AN INSANE PATIENT.

Morristown, N. J., Dec. 26.—On Monday Dr. Charles M. Hay, of the Morris Plains Insane Asylum, went before Justice Clift, of Morristown, and made a complaint against one of the attendants for brutally assaulting one of the patients. The doctor said that on Sunday evening John Hamilton, who had charge of a tier of patients, brutally assaulted John Weindorf, a German who was confined in the asylum. Justice Clift immediately issued a warrant for Hamilton's arrest. Deputy Constable Moses B. Ray brought Hamilton before the Justice, who committed him to the county jail in default of $500 bail. Hamilton says that he went into the room where Weindorf was, and that when he attempted to come out Weindorf held him by the neck. In order to clear himself he was compelled to strike Weindorf in the face. Dr. Hay says that Hamilton struck the patient while the latter was clinging to his neck, and afterward knocked the patient down, jumped upon him, and beat and kicked him about the body. Weindorf is in a dangerous condition. His leg is badly hurt, and his face and body are a mass of bruises. Efforts have been made to hush the matter up.

MR. POWDERLY'S SELF-SACRIFICE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26 (Special).—In "The Journal of United Labor" to be issued to-morrow, T. V. Powderly, speaking of "The Future of the Order," will say: "When I went to Indianapolis, it was with the intention of placing the burdens and responsibilites of office on other shoulders. I was denied the privilege, and accepted for the ninth time the position of General Master Workman. It is neither an easy nor profitable place to occupy. For two years and upward the tendency of the Order has been downward. In December, 1885, 'The New-York Sun' said that five men had the right to stop 5,000,000 wage-workers—that they had almost omnipotent power invested in them. The power and authority of the five men and of the Order they represented were so magnified that thousands of curiosity-seekers gained entrance to the Order. I have been pressed into service again with these words ringing in my ears: 'We are passing through a crucial test; we need the aid of your experience, your counsel, your knowledge of the Order.' If the Order needs me, it also needs every other earnest man and woman."

CHRISTMAS MERRY-MAKERS FATALLY BURNED.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Three deaths and a number of minor casualties resulting from accidents at Christmas festivities in this region are reported in this morning's dispatches. At Geneva, Ill., John M. Stillwel was impersonating Santa Claus at a church festival. His costume caught fire from a candle and Stillwell was fatally burned. There was a panic in the church, several women and children being badly bruised in the scramble for the door. At Danville, Ill., F. W. Smith dressed himself as Santa Claus, making liberal use of cotton batting, and then incautiously set to work to light the Christmas tree. The cotton took fire and Smith was so badly burned that recovery is impossible. At Milwaukee, Mrs. Leidel went to a store leaving her children in bed. In her absence her four-year-old boy got out of bed and started to light the candles on the Christmas tree, which he had seen illuminated the night before. His night-dress took fire, and the little fellow ran back to bed with his clothes burning. The bed-clothes took fire and burned rapidly. The mother came home in time to rescue another child sleeping in the bed. The little boy was horribly burned and died shortly afterward.

INSANE FROM THE LOSS OF HIS DAUGHTER.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—There was a sad sequel to-day to a case resembling that of lost Charlie Ross. The missing child in this instance was Tessie Redmond, age four, the daughter of John Redmond, a blacksmith. This afternoon the father, driven crazy by the worry and anxiety due to his little one's disappearance and his fruitless efforts to recover her, was adjudged insane in the County Court and committed to a private asylum. On May 22 last, the child was playing in front of her father's house in State-st. That was the last ever seen of her. John Redmond's means were limited, but he spent money without reluctance in the search for his daughter.

DEATH OF MRS. F. D. HUSSEY.

Louisville, Dec. 26 (Special).—Mrs. F. D. Hussey, wife of a Boston capitalist, died here to-day at her husband's winter residence of blood poisoning from puerperal fever.

AN EX-MAYOR OF BINGHAMTON BADLY HURT.

Binghamton, Dec. 26 (Special).—While superintending the setting of a monster pulp machine in his paper mill in this city this afternoon, ex-Mayor George Hayless had both arms fearfully crushed and mangled. Surgeons hope to save his life and possibly one or both arms.

EX-CONGRESSMAN BUNDY ILL.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Solomon Bundy is seriously ill at his home in Oxford, Chenango County. He was a Representative in the XLVth Congress, from the old XXIst. District.

A LIFE FOR A LIFE.

FIGHTING IN A CELL WITH A MANIAC.

GUSTI VASKO, CONVICTED OF MURDER, RESCUES HIS JAILER FROM A MADMAN.

Alexander Gulick, jailer of the city prison of New Brunswick, N. J., was saved from possible death at the hands of one of his prisoners yesterday by a man who is confined in the jail under sentence for murder. The man who rescued the keeper is Gusti Vas