CHRISTMAS CROWDS OUT.

NO DECREASE IS SEEN.

Managers of Big Stores Report Better Business Than Last Year.

That Christmas week began yesterday was plain to any unwary wayfarer who ventured into the shopping district yesterday. The near approach of December 25 was clearly marked by the multitude of shoppers that packed the stores, filled the sidewalks and overflowed into the roadway. Cross and worried women, undecided whether the 39 cent article in one store was really of better quality than the offering at 37½ cents of the other establishment, led weak perspiring men, with arms overloaded with knobby parcels, through labyrinths of aisles, and all around children wailed discordantly because the lovely dolls dressed in silk and lace or the gorgeous soldier uniforms could not be theirs. Yet all, perhaps, showed some trace of the holiday good nature that is supposed to mark the merry yuletide.

On the streets were constant reminders of the season in the omnipresent vender of automatic toys of childhood which walked or wriggled, according to their natures, beneath the feet of the passersby. And these were ably supported in their efforts to remind the forgetful of how the year was progressing by the banks for the charitable bit of subsidiary silver and the Santa Claus and his chimney ringing his bell on every corner.

Even within doors the most abstracted business man could not help noticing the unusual consideration with which his barber asked after his health and inquired whether he would have bay rum or lavender water. The bootblack, the newsboy on the corner, the office boy and typewriter, the elevator man, the footman, the cook, chambermaid, waitress—all showed by their gentle attention the approach of the day of liberal tips.

To such the day was full of the joy that comes from pleasurable anticipation. To the weary employes of the big stores it was a time of toil realized. The shopping district was packed practically to its limit yesterday afternoon. On the east side of Sixth-ave. the sidewalk was hidden from sight rom Fourteenth to Twenty-third st., and those who wished to make progress walked in the roadway. Fifth-ave. was in a worse tangle than usual. This culminated at the Flatiron Building, where traffic from Twenty-third st., Broadway and Fifth-ave. met, and for many minutes at a time a jumble of cabs, trucks, cars and pedestrians blocked the way. Inside the big department stores conditions, as a rule, were much the same.

As usual surface and elevated car service proved utterly inadequate to handle the traffic with any degree of comfort to the traffic handled. The new subway cars now operating on the Secondave. elevated line and the additional old cars consequently distributed on the other lines have to some extent relieved the situation on the elevated roads somewhat. But, although extra trains were being operated and most of the trains contained an extra car, seats were at a premium on both up and down town trains throughout the middle of the day.

Surface cars, too, were badly crowded in spite of additional cars. The changes recently made in the schedule, together with the new electric lines, however, have bettered conditions in the shopping district considerably. The congestion experienced in former years at Sixth-ave. and Fourteenth-st. is much relieved, and the new rules of the road, though not yet inbred into the retiring mind of the truck driver, show that they have helped greatly in the task of bringing a measure of order out of the chaotic swarms that fill the roadways.

The shopkeepers, watching these throngs of people, all bent on spending good money, wonder what has become of the hard times predicted in the fall. Through the shopping district there is little complaint of lack of custom. Instead, most of the business men declare that the crowds of Christmas buyers are larger than ever this year, and that the business represented by the crowds is proportionately good.

The lower Sixth-ave. department stores have an unexpected increase of business over last season. Charles F. Jones, superintendent of the Simpson-Crawford Company, reports that the company is doing 50 per cent more business than in the last holiday season, and that it has business enough for 300 more employes. The officials of the Siegel-Cooper Cmpany and B. Altman & Co. beamed with satisfaction when Christmas trade was mentioned.

From the stores of Lord & Taylor and John Wanamaker came reports of good business on Broadway. In Tiffany's there was a crowd yesterday which the manager admitted was a surprise even to him. "September promised us a dull season," he said, "but November picked up, and now we are doing a business unequalled in any previous year. This crowd doesn't look as though the people who buy diamonds had lost everything on the Exchange."

The Twenty-third-st. stores do not show quite the prosperity indicated elsewhere, but managers of department stores on that street say they are holding their own, with the normal increase over last year.

Nowhere is the increase in the Christmas crowd more striking than at Herald Square. Nathan Straus says that R. H. Macy & Co. has done this year a business enormously increased over last year, and from Saks & Co. comes a similar story. At this point, yesterday, where Broadway, Sixth-ave. and Thirty-fourth-st. brought together a maelstrom of humanity, centring in the middle of Greeley Square, and extending for a block in each direction, to cross from the elevated stations on foot to Saks's or Macy's without getting under the wheels of something, or the feet of some one, taxed the ingenuity of the ablest.

The ferry stations and the Grand Central Station were taking their share of the burden. Two steady streams of rushing passengers, one in and one out, flowed at each of the connections of Manhattan Island with the world outside from sunrise until long after sunset.

SHIPBUILDING HEARING TO-DAY.

The United States Shipbuilding inquiry will be resumed at 11 o'clock this morning before Special Examiner Oliphant, in the rooms of the Board of Trade and Transportation, at No. 203 Broadway. Counsel for the Bondholders' Protective Committee will place on the stand as the first witness of the day Alfred Rose, an accountant, who examined the books of the Bethlehem Steel Company for Receiver Smith, of the United States Shipbuilding Company.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR UNION MEN.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—The idle window glass workers of the country will receive cash Christmas presents from the organizations of which they are members. Beginning to-morrow, fully $75,000 will be distributed. The Window Glass Workers' Association, local Assembly No. 300, Knights of Labor, will divide about $50,000 among its loyal and needy members, and the Window Glass Workers' Association of America will distribute about $25,000. Many of the members of the new organization are at work and do not require any assistance.

This Christmas money will come directly out of the treasuries of the two associations.

ENGLAND'S BAD COTTON OUTLOOK.

Manchester, Dec. 21.—A mass meeting of Lancashire cotton millers will be held on December 29 to consider the situation. Many of the mills will be stopped for ten days in the holiday season.

W. Tattersall's annual review of the cotton trade declared this has been the worst year in the last decade. Eighty-two spinning concerns in Lancashire lost $180,000 in the year, and the trade must adopt short time because American cotton is 45 per cent above the price at the same time last December.

W. F. MILLER RETURNS TO SING SING.

William F. Miller, of 520 per cent Franklin Syndicate fame, who has been in the Tombs Prison since last May, in the course of his appearance as a witness in various cases prosecuted by the District Attorney, was taken back to Sing Sing Prison yesterday to finish out his term. His wife called on him early in the afternoon, and took leave of her husband, after which Miller, in the charge of State Detective Jackson, started for the State prison. Miller's return was pursuant to an order from the prison authorities at Sing Sing.

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GAMBLED IN STOCKS, TOO.

Laing Won $10,000 on Consolidated Exchange—Suicide, Family Thinks.

No trace had been found up to last night of John H. Laing, the young clerk to whose alleged defalcation the cotton and stock commission firm of Laighton & Foulke, of No. 3 William-st., ascribe their business embarrassment. At his house, No. 624 East One-hundred-and-thirty-fifth-st., members of the family said that it was their belief that Laing had taken his life. Acting on that theory, friends of the family are making a search for the body.

The examination of the books and accounts has not been completed, but has gone far enough to warrant the belief that the early estimates of $100,000 to $200,000 as the losses sustained by the firm through Laing's operations on the short side in the cotton market are a good deal too large, and that the correct sum will prove to be something between $10,000 and $75,000.

It has been found that Laing operated in stocks as well as in cotton, instructing the firm's representative on the floor of the Consolidated Exchange to buy or sell securities, just as he was in the habit of telephoning to Mr. Laighton at the Cotton Exchange to make the short sales which he carried in dummy accounts on the firm's books. He was more successful in stock speculation than in his cotton ventures, however, his operations on the Consolidated Exchange showing, as far as the examination of the acounts has gone, a profit of about $10,000.

It is confidently expected that Laighton & Foulke will be able before long to resume business. They have been advised not to ask for a receiver or make an assignment. There is much sympathy for the firm on the exchange, and members with whom accounts were had in trading are disposed to assist the rehabilitation of the firm in every possible way.

"This is a case," said one, "where a good name, which has been earned by years of honest business, is in reality an asset. The firm were known to do a purely commission business, and to have refrained from speculation of any kind. Their credit has not been destroyed by this trouble."

The missing employe, it was said on the Cotton Exchange yesterday, was much under the influence of a woman, and it is believed that he was carrying an account for her. He was to have been taken into the firm within a short time, and it is generally believed that he hoped to win largely by a fall in cotton.

HOOP MILLS OPEN; WAGES REDUCED.

Some of the Men Refuse to Accept Big Cut in Pay and Stay Out.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—The Glassport hoop mills resumed operations to-day, after a shutdown of several weeks. The tonnage men returned to work at reduced wages, the cut varying from 20 to 25 per cent. Not all the tonnage men went back to work, however, as they were not satisfied with the reduction of wages. The management expected trouble, and for this reason a high board fence had been built. Iron and Coal police were stationed at the works, but there was no demonstration.

Work was also resumed at the Pennsylvania Car Wheel Works, in Allegheny, giving employment to five hundred men.

HARRIMAN'S LONG TRIP OVER.

Thinks Prospects for Continued Prosperity Are Excellent.

E. H. Harriman, who has, during the last four or five weeks, been in the far West and Northwest, having visited Seattle, among other places, was at his desk in the Union Pacific offices here yesterday. He declined to say anything for publication concerning his extensive inspection trip.

In an interview in Chicago a few days ago Mr. Harriman was quoted as saying that the prospects for continued prosperity all over the West are excellent, although the tonnage during 1904 may not be as large as that during 1903. He was further quoted as attributing whatever business depression there may be, or whatever signs of such conditions in the future may be apparent, to the coming Presidential campaign.

DENIED BY NORTHERN PACIFIC.

Officials Say They Have No Exclusive Contract with the Boston Steamship Co.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The officials of the Northern Pacific Railway deny the statement attributed to Frank Waterhouse, manager of the Boston Steamship Company, of Seattle, in his recent testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission, that his company had a contract with the Northern Pacific which prohibited that railroad from accepting freight brought in by tramp ships. They assert that while the company has no exclusive contract and no agreement beyond a division of rates on business from the Orient, it is the general practice of railroad companies to make concessions to established and permanent lines with a fixed and regular schedule of sailings and arrivals, and with advertised routes, with dockage facilities, etc., over transient tramp ships, mostly foreign, which have happened to pick up a cargo and have no regular business.

TO FIX SAILING SHIP FREIGHT RATES.

Hamburg, Dec. 21.—A meeting to-day of representatives of the principal shipowners of Hamburg unanimously agreed to a proposal for the establishment of an international union of sailing ship companies, with the view of fixing minimum freight rates for homeward and intermediate voyages. The minimum rates will merely cover actual expenses.

TO CONTINUE ITS QUARTERLY REPORTS.

A report that the United States Steel Corporation was contemplating the discontinuance of the quarterly reports of earnings was denied yesterday by a director of the corporation, who added:

There are many reasons why the corporation should continue its policy of sending to its nearly one hundred thousand shareholders once every three months a statement of its net earnings, and no good reason, as I view it, why it should be stopped.

On the first Tuesday in January the board of directors will publicly announce what the net earnings of the corporation have been during October, November and December, and I am sure the statement will be carefully read by at least 99 per cent of our thousands of shareholders.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

The Sheriff yesterday received two attachments, aggregating $12,497, against property of the Hampden Trust Company of Springfield, Mass., one for $4,500 in favor of Joseph Libmann & Co., amount due on a draft on the North American Trust Company of New-York City on which payment was refused, and the other for $7,997 in favor of Castle, Gotthell & Overton, amount due on a check and for money deposited with the defendant.

The Sheriff yesterday received an attachment for $1,339 against property of Epstein & Simon, cigar manufacturers, at No. 52 East Eighth-st., in favor of Ferdinand Alvarez.

AUSTRALIA'S GREAT WHEAT CROP.

Melbourne, Dec. 21.—The harvest generally is turning out excellent. It is estimated that the total yield of wheat for the six States will be 76,000,000 bushels. The best previous record was 48,000,000 bushels.

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TO CUT NON-UNION MEN.

Reduction at Both Trust and Independent Steel Mills.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Semi-official information was given out to-day that a general reduction in wages, averaging about 10 per cent, is to be made at all non-union iron and steel plants in the country. It is not proposed to make an official announcement of the cut until after Christmas. Representatives of the United States Steel Corporation are said to have met independent interests and agreed on a readjustment of wages of all employes. The rate of reduction for the highest paid tonnage men may be greater than 10 per cent, while it will be less for the day hands. The wages of most of the employes at the blast furnaces have already been cut.

Sharon, Penn., Dec. 21.—It is officially announced here to-day that the wages of the furnace workers of the Mahoning and Shenango valleys will be reduced about 10 per cent. The Shenango Furnace Company was the first to make the cut, and the independents, it is said, will make a similar reduction.

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 21.—Notices were posted at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Works to-day that when the works resume, which probably will be within a few days, it will be at a reduction of 10 per cent in wages of skilled employes. This is said to be a result of similar action by Eastern companies.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

CAMBRIDGE—Madame Sant Germaine, Rio de Janerio. FIFTH AVENUE—J. A. Drake, Corning, and ex-Congressman W. F. Whiting, Massachusetts. GILSEY—Pierre Gillou, Paris. GRAND—Paymaster James W. McAndrew, U. S. A. HOLLAND—R. G. de Lorimer, Montreal; Louis F. Payn, Chatham, and Edward E. Arnold, Providence. IMPERIAL—Ex-Mayor D. C. Robinson, Elmira; S. Harrison Wagner, New-Haven, and F. C. Nye, U. S. A. MAJESTIC—E. D. Hinchley, Chicago, and Jos. N. Bradford, Chicago. MANHATTAN—Colonel R. C. Kerens, St. Louis, and Congressman Sereno E. Payne, Auburn. MARLBOROUGH—W. C. Boyd, Montreal. NEW NETHERLAND—H. W. Wright, London. NORMANDIE—George W. Ballou, Newport. PLAZA—J. C. Sibley, Franklin, Penn. WALDORF-ASTORIA—W. W. Finley, Washington, vice-president of the Southern Railway Company; Percy R. Todd, New-Haven, second vice-president of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, and Thomas H. Watkins, Scranton. WESTMINSTER—Ex-Senator J. P. Jones, Nevada. YORK—Lieutenant C. B. Price, U. S. N.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Funeral of Frederick R. Coudert, St. Patrick's Cathedral, 10 a. m.

Hearing on proposal to make Bensonia Cemetery, The Bronx, a park, Board of Estimate, 10:30 a. m.

Board of Aldermen, City Hall, 1 p. m.

New-England Society's annual dinner, Waldorf, 6:30 p. m.

Dinner for State rifle team, given by General Roe and staff, Delmonico's, evening.

Testimonial dinner for heads of departments of the Knox hat works, Union League Club, Brooklyn, 6:30 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The annual dinner of the Society of the Genesee will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday evening, February 6.

A vaudeville entertainment and reception will be given by the Dirigo Lodge No. 30, F. and A. M., on Saturday evening at Terrace Garden. Elbert E. Crandall, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New-York, and his entire staff will be present. E. M. H. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, and a majority of the Grand Lodge officers will be present. A past master's jewel will be presented to Alfred B. Marks.

An illustrated lecture on "The Founding and Colonial Beginning of New-York,55 by Edward Hagaman Hall, will be given before the Review Club of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, in the lecture room of the church this evening at 8 o'clock.

General Franz Sigel Garrison No. 63, Army and Navy Union of the United States, will hold an entertainment on Wednesday, January 13, at Zeltner's Hall, Third-ave. and One-hundred-and-seventieth-st., in aid of the winter relief fund for disabled and needy veterans of the Civil and Spanish wars and for their widows and orphans. The Manhattan Rifles, the only all Hebrew military organization in the world, with its all Hebrew band, will give a review parade and drill.

Borough President Cantor will give a public hearing at 11 o'clock to-morrow on the paving of Park Row with asphalt.

DISCHARGES IN BANKRUPTCY.

Judge Holt has granted the following discharges in bankruptcy:

EDWARD J. MURPHY, liquor dealer, No. 890 Broadway. Liabilities, $2,415; no assets.

JOHN C. STOKES, coal merchant, No. 225 St. Nicholas-ave. Liabilities, $20,839; assets, $4,417.

ABBOTT L. CARPENTER, No. 226 East Fifty-second-st., in 1897 a member of the banking firm of Carpenter & Hughes. Liabilities, $1,039; no assets.

BARNET LEVY, No. 29 Bayard-st., formerly a clothier at Spartanburg, S. C. Liabilities, $3,675; no assets.

WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, clerk, of No. 16 West Twenty-fifth-st. Liabilities, $7,610; no assets.

JACOB WIEDFERNER and WILLIAM A. BEISH.

PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

The bankruptcy proceedings in the United States District Court yesterday were as follows:

WILLIAM A. MOLL, of No. 339 Gates-ave., Brooklyn, doing business as an advertising agent at No. 41 Park Row, petition and schedules filed, gives assets, $53,487 76, and liabilities, $41,331 42. Liabilities incurred for advertising, drawing, illustrating, engraving and by checks. There are about 650 creditors in different parts of the country, and the highest single creditor is "The New-York Sun" for advertising worth $1,236 34. Marshall S. Hagar appointed receiver.

Judge Holt has appointed John W. Loveland receiver of the DE MOSS WALL PAPER COMPANY, of this city. On December 1 a petition was filed against the concern by the Pittsburg Wall Paper Company.

ELWOOD D. NOXON, of the village of Chester, Orange County, N. Y. Liabilities, $1,209 98; no assets.

MARIE BARTON, dressmaker, No. 26 West Thirty-fifth-st. Liabilities, $4,260 70; assets, $725, consisting largely of stock in trade.

FRANK J. M'AVOY, liquor dealer at No. 2,511 Eighth-ave; home, No. 306 West One-hundred-and-thirty-fourth-st. Liabilities, $6,576; assets, $315. McAvoy says he also, as trustee, is interested in a suit for damages pending against the Third Avenue Railroad Company in the Supreme Court, in which he has sued for loss of the services of his wife, who was hurt in an accident on September 29, 1899.

MAX OPPENHEIMER, in furniture business at No. 5 East Forty-sixth-st., under firm name of Max Oppenheimer & Co. Petition filed by Albert Eberlein, Joseph Kann and Emma Simon. Alleged that he has failed to pay claims of $4,443 56. Judson B. Wilds has been made receiver of Oppenheimer's business.

WILLIAM T. VAN SCOY, schedules filed, show liabilities of $2,610 45, and assets of $2,106 61.

HENRY AHRENS, liquor dealer at No. 1,082 Second-ave. and home at No. 301 East Fifty-seventh-st. Liabilities, $7,215 93, and assets, $200.

Alfred E. Ommen has asked to be relieved as receiver in the case of the bankrupt MOSES W. ZUPKIN. Judge Holt has requested the referee, acting as a special commissioner, to report on a bill for $100 to cover Ommen's services and M. E. Hyman's fee as attorney.

Oscar Aronson, attorney for the petitioning creditors of HENRY L. BOUGHTON, a bankrupt, has submitted a bill for $388 40 for his expenses and services.

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A.M.—Sandy Hook 9:37 | Gov. Island 9:55 | Hell Gate 11:48
P.M.—Sandy Hook 10:08 | Gov. Island 10:17 | Hell Gate 12:10

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From.	Line.
Arkansas	Stettin, December 1	Funch, E & Co
Belgravia	Hamburg, December 6	Hamb-Am
Alberta	Gibraltar, December 3	——
Koeln	Bremen, December 5	N G Lloyd
Satsuma	St Michaels, December 7	——
*Seguranca	Colon, December 12	Panama
Corinthia	Algiers, December 2	——
Shimosa	Gibraltar, December 3	Barber
*Prinz Oskar	Naples, December 7	Hamb-Am
Consuelo	Hull, December 5	Wilson
Exeter City	Swansea, December 5	Bristol City
*Zeeland	Queenstown, December 13	Red Star
Armstrong	Cherbourg, December 6	——
Marientfels	Algiers, December 5	Hansa
El Dorado	Galveston, December 15	Morgan
*Hohenzollern	Gibraltar, December 12	N G Lloyd
*Philadelphia	La Guayra, December 14	Red D
Main	Bremen, December 9	N G Lloyd
*Kronprinz Wilhelm	Bremen, December 15	N G Lloyd
*Bluecher	Hamburg, December 12	Hamb-Am
*Rotterdam	Rotterdam, December 12	Holl-Am
Eluminense	Para, December 10	Booth
El Rio	Galveston, December 17	Morgan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Brandenburg	Bremen, December 12	N G Lloyd
Seriphos	St Michaels, December 18	——
City of Memphis	Savannah, December 21	Savannah
Arapaho	Jacksonville, December 21	Clyde

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.

*Anchoria	Glasgow, December 12	Anchor
*Calabria	Gibraltar, December 12	——
Kansas City	Savannah, December 23	Savannah
*Sicilian Prince	Gibraltar, December 19	Prince

*Brings mail.

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	For.	Line.	Mails close.	Vessel sails.
City of Washington	Colon, Panama	——	9:30 a m	1:00 p m
Hamilton	Norfolk, Old Dominion	——	——	3:00 p m
Talisman	Demerara, ——	——	——	1:00 p m
Cienfuegos	Santiago, Clyde	——	12:00 m	3:00 p m
Citta di Milano	Naples, Italian	——	8:30 a m	11:00 a m

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Colorado	Hull, Wilson	——	——	3:00 p m
Jefferson	Norfolk, Old Dominion	——	——	3:00 p m
Nueces	Galveston, Mallory	——	——	3:00 p m
Fontabelle	Demerara, Quebec	——	12:30 a m	3:00 p m
Proteus	New-Orleans, Mallory	——	——	12:30 p m
Teutonic	Liverpool, White Star	——	8:30 a m	12:00 m
Hellig Olav	Copenhagen, Scand-Am	——	11:00 a m	2:00 p m
Daggry	Yucatan, ——	——	11:30 a m	2:00 p m
Amsterdam	Rotterdam, Holl-Am	——	12:30 a m	3:00 p m

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Peninsular	Oporto, Insular	——	——	3:00 p m
Corinthian	Glasgow, Allan-State	——	——	1:00 p m
La Bretagne	Havre, French	——	7:00 a m	10:00 a m
Torgorm	Dunkirk, Barber	——	——	10:00 a m
Svanti	Algoa Bay, American & African	——	——	10:00 a m
Horace	Montevideo, Lamport & Holt	——	——	12:00 m
Bellagio	Pernambuco, Sloman	——	7:30 a m	10:00 a m
Iroquois	Jacksonville, Clyde	——	——	3:00 p m
Saratoga	Bahamas, ——	——	12:30 p m	3:00 p m

SHIPPING NEWS.

Port of New-York, Monday, Dec. 21, 1903.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Minneapolis (Br), Gates, London December 10, to the Atlantic Transport Line, with 67 cabin passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 4 a m.

Steamer Captain W Menzell (Ger), Kraeft, Barcelona November 20, Valencia 21, Malaga 23, Alicante 24, Seville 30 and Cadiz December 4, to J M Ceballos & Co, with mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 11 p m. 20th.

Steamer Queenswood (Br), Neville, Huelva December 1, with ore to Naylor & Co; vessel to master. Arrived at the Bar at 10 a m, December 20.

Steamer Citta di Milano (Ital), Gailetto, Genoa November 30 and Naples December 3, to Bolognesi, Hartfield & Co, with 57 cabin and 672 steerage passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 4 a m.

Steamer Indradeo (Br), Esterbrook, Yokohama September 18, Kobe 25, Moji 29, Shanghai October 8, Amoy 14, Manila 23, Cochin November 8, Allepey 10, Port Said, 24 and Algiers December 2, to Funch, Edye & Co, with mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 4 p m.

Steamer Byron (Br), Cadogan, Santos November 29, Rio Janeiro December 2, Bahia 5, Pernambuco 7 and Barbados 14, to Busk & Jevons, with 23 cabin and 111 steerage passengers, mails and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 7:45 p m, 20th.

Steamer Plitvice (Aust), Blicich, Sourabaya October 2, Pasaroean 4, Bezuki 7, Colombo 21, Port Said November 16, Algiers 20 and Delaware Breakwater December 19, to Funch, Edye & Co, with sugar. Arrived at the Bar at 8 p m, 20th.

Steamer Curityba (Cuban), Hoppe, Baracoa December 9, Nuevitas 11, Caibarien 16 and Havana 17, to W D Munson, with 19 passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 2:30 p m.

Steamer Winnifred, Frostad, Sabine Pass December 12, to the J M Guffey Oil Co, with oil.

Steamer Zeeland (Br), Broomhead, Antwerpt December 12 and Queenstown 13, to the International Mercantile Marine Co, with passengers, mails and mdse. East of Fire Island at 8:44 p m.

Steamer Belgravia (Ger), Knuth, Hamburg December 5 and Boulogne 6, to the Hamburg-American Line, with passengers and mdse. East of Fire Island at 8:32 p m.

Sandy Hook, N J, Dec 21, 9:30 p m—Wind west-southwest, fresh breeze, cloudy.

SAILED.

Steamers Apache, for Charleston and Jacksonville; City of Birmingham, Savannah; Monroe, Norfolk and Newport News; Lancaster and one barge, ——; Charles F Mayer and two barges, ——.

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NATURAL SQUIRREL,	$9.50	$9.50
ALASKA SABLE,	$15.00	$12.50
ASTRACHAN,	$19.50	$10.00

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BROADWAY THEATRE. 41st St. & B'way. Eve. at 8:30. Mat. Sat. at 2:15. FRITZI SCHEFF IN BABETTE LAST 3 WEEKS.

DALY'S B'way, 30th. Ev'gs at 8:15 Matinees Saturdays, 2. A JAPANESE NIGHTINGALE NEXT WEEK, New Year's Week only. ETHEL BARRYMORE in COUSIN KATE.

NEW YORK. Ev'gs, 8:15. Mats. This Week, Xmas & Sat'y. PRICES. 50, $1, $1.50. BERTHA GALLAND in Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall.

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METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE. Grand Opera Season 1903-1904. Under direction of MR. HEINRICH CONRIED. To-morrow Evg., at 8—TRAVIATA. Sembrich; Caruso, Scotti. Conductor, Vigna. Thursday Evg., Dec. 24, at 8 O'CLOCK—1st performance of PARSIFAL. Ternina, Burgstaller, Van Rooy, Blass, Goritz (debut), Journet. Conductor, Hertz. Fri. Evg., Dec. 25, at 8—AIDA. Gadski, Walker; Caruso, Plançon, Scotti, Muhlmann. Conductor, Vigna. Sat., Mat., Dec. 26, at 2—TANNHAEUSER. Ternina, Fremstad; Kraus, Van Rooy, Plançon, Muhlmann. Conductor, Mottl. Sat. Evg., Dec. 26, at 8 (pop. prices)—CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA and PAGLIACCI. Gadski, Homer; Dippel, Campanari—Seygard, Scotti, Blass. Conductor, Vigna. 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th PARSIFAL performances Thursdays, Dec. 31, Jan. 7, 14, 21. Seats for above Performances now on Sale. WEBER PIANO USED.

IRVING PLACE THEATRE. Every Evg., 8:20. Maeterlinck's "MONNA VANNA." Children's Matinees at 2:30, Commence Dec. 24th, "ASCHENBROEDL."

PRINCESS Eves. at 8. Mats. at 2. KYRLE BELLEW Mats. Thurs., Fri. & Sat. "RAFFLES." and in "THE SACRAMENT OF JUDAS."

MADISON SQ. SPECIAL Evs., 8:20. Mats. Thu., Fri. and Sat. "A GIRL FROM DIXIE." Mat. To-day, 2:30. George Bernard Shaw's Play CANDIDA

CASINO Mat. Wed. & Fri. at 2:15. PAULA EDWARDES "WINSOME WINNIE."

LYRIC Mat. Fri. & Sat. GRACE VAN STUDDIFORD in "RED FEATHER."

HARLEM OPERA HOUSE. Ev'gs, 8:15. Mats. Xmas Day & Sat., 2:15. Forbes ROBERTSON, Gertrude ELLIOTT in "THE LIGHT THAT FAILED."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. 14th St. & Irving Pl. —MATINEE CHRISTMAS— The great rural drama, WAY DOWN EAST. Prices 25, 50, 75, $1.00. Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2. Eve., 8:15.

Amusements.

NEW EMPIRE THEATRE. Broadway & 40th st. LAST 2 WEEKS. MATINEE SATURDAY. MAUDE ADAMS THE PRETTY SISTER OF JOSE. EXTRA MATINEE NEW YEAR'S DAY.

NEW LYCEUM 45 st. & B'way. At 8:15. DANIEL FROHMAN ..... Manager. Mat. Sat. & New Year's, 2. WILLIAM GILLETTE THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON. Jan. 4, at 3:30—Walter Damrosch, on "Rheingold." by J. M. Barrie.

Herald Square THEATRE. B'way & 35th St. Evs. 8:10. Mats. Xmas & Sat. 2:10 THE GIRL FROM KAY'S SAM BERNARD and Great Cast.

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CRITERION THEATRE. Broadway & 44th st. Ev. 8:15. Mats. Xmas & Sat., 2:15. WM. FAVERSHAM LORD AND LADY ALGY.

GARRICK THEATRE. 35th st. & B'way. Ev. 8:20. Mat. Wed., Xmas & Sat. WHITEWASHING JULIA With FAY DAVIS.

GARDEN THEATRE. 27th st. & Mad. av. Evgs. 8. Matinee Xmas & Sat. LAST WEEK. THREE LITTLE MAIDS.

HUDSON THEATRE. 44th, near Broadway. Ev. 8:30. Mats. Xmas & Sat. 2:15. MARIE TEMPEST THE MARRIAGE OF KITTY. and Co., including MR. LEONARD BOYNE.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE. 44th st., near 5th av. Evgs. 8:20. Mat. Sat. 2:15. CHARLOTTE WIEHE — FRENCH COMPANY.

MENDELSSOHN HALL. Third Concert To-night at 8:15. KNEISEL QUARTET. Assisting Artists: Miss SUSAN METCALFE, Mr. C. M. LOEFFLER, Mr. H. GEBHARD. Program: MOZART, Quartet, D minor; LOEFFLER, Songs with Piano Accompaniment; LOEFFLER, Sonata with Piano Accompaniment and Viola Obligato; SCHUBERT, Unfinished Quartet, C minor; SCHUMANN, Quintet for Piano, two Viol