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Clearing to-day and colder; winds becoming northwesterly.

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FOG ANCHORS NAVIGATION.

A FEW VIEWLESS CRAFT CRAWL IN, SLOW AND LATE.

The White Muffle Hinders Christmas—Teutonic's Passengers Ferried Up—Ship Still Prisoned—Railroad Floats Dared Not Try the Rivers—Short-Trip Ferryboats Ran—A Dozen Sound Boats in After Five to Thirty Hours of Lonely Consociation.

The world afloat, in bays and rivers and inlets, from Massachusetts to Virginia, has been playing blindman's buff since Tuesday. Navigators have steered, when they have had the assurance to steer at all, by the perilous rule of guess. Mostly they have come to anchor and waited for the fog clouds to roll by. They have rolled by, but have been followed closely by clouds more opaque, drifted by the easterly wind from their natural anchorage off the ever-foggy Banks.

The mist shroud was worst hereabouts yesterday. Traffic in the harbor, except on the part of some of the short-route ferryboats, was paralyzed. Nearly all the long-distance ferries, except the Staten Island, suspended business altogether when the fog was densest. The short-route craft practically had the rivers to themselves, and that is the reason there were no serious mishaps. All the railroad tugs which tow car-laden floats up and down the rivers and across the bay were laid up, and loaded cars accumulated at the freight depots of the Pennsylvania, New Jersey Central and New Haven lines. There are Christmas things in some of these cars, and if the fog continues a day longer they may not get to their destination until the day after the feast.

The liners never have been held up as they were yesterday and on Wednesday. The Sandy Hook observer at brief intervals yesterday could dimly distinguish objects beyond the end of his telescope. He was unable to see any of the liners scheduled to sail on Wednesday pass out. The White Star liner Germanic, after remaining thirty hours in the upper bay, passed Quarantine bound for Queenstown and Liverpool at 8:03 o'clock last night. She may have anchored in the lower bay. Nothing has been heard of the American liner St. Paul, bound for Southampton, and the Red Star liner Friesland, bound for Antwerp, since they were swallowed in the mist off Liberty Island on Wednesday. The Holland-America steamship Edam, due to sail yesterday morning, got out through the Narrows in the afternoon in a momentary letup in the dimness.

TEUTONIC HELD UP TWO NIGHTS.

The fog blanket was thicker on the broad waters of the lower bay and beyond in the open than it was this side of the Narrows. The first news of incoming ships came from Quarantine. Capt. Bradley of the revenue cutter Calumet, with a customs officer on board, had a hard time picking up the incoming fleet. He was guided chiefly by fog whistles.

For the first time in the history of twin screws, one of them, the White Star liner Teutonic, was held up two nights in the upper bay because of fog. Her owners have been fond of saying that detained ships outside the bar more than twenty-four hours, but there never was one before that kept a big twin-screw liner almost within sight of her pier two nights. The Teutonic arrived at Quarantine on Wednesday afternoon. Her Christmas mails were taken off, landed and distributed. She prepared to leave Quarantine at 2:30 P. M. on Wednesday when the air began to clear a bit. She had not gone more than a few ship's lengths when the vapor closed in on her again, and she once more came to anchor. Her passengers were told that she would stay over night down the bay and come up in the morning. Some of them, bound across the continent, were mighty anxious to get in yesterday that they might spend Christmas at home. Those of the cabin passengers living in this neighborhood who gazed out on the misty waters remarked that it looked quite homelike and were quite content to stay aboard at the line's expense, which is estimated to be, for 197 cabin and 149 steerage passengers, something more than $1,000 a day.

There was another interval of deceptive lightness aloft about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and again the Teutonic's anchors were weighed. She got a few hundred yards out and down came the mist curtain again, and she anchored once more. Her next effort was more successful. She got above Robbin's Reef light, and within sight of the statue of Liberty, before the mist closed in on her. Then she anchored for the night.

Meanwhile, some of the friends of her passengers had been making the White Star line telephones buzz with inquiries and others were cooling their heels on the pier. Capt. Cameron did not care to risk his ship and decided to lie off Liberty until this morning. The company decided just after the Teutonic dropped anchor the fourth time to send the little sidewheeler William Fletcher down to her to take off her cabin passengers and their baggage. The Fletcher went alongside the steamship at 3:30 P.M. All the baggage was transferred by 5:30, and then the passengers were invited aboard the Fletcher. A chilling rain began falling just then, and the transit over a slanting gangplank was mighty disagreeable. Deputy Surveyor Bowling and two staff officers took the declarations of the passengers while the Fletcher was loading baggage. About 100 passengers had got aboard the Fletcher when a cry came from her: "No more room aboard! Cast off the lines and the gangplank!" There was room aboard, but it was not sheltered room, and some of the 100 were just on the outskirts of cover and got wet. There was a moment of consternation on the steamship among those who had been left behind. They thought at first that something had happened to the sidewheeler, and interpreted the activity of the deckhands and the language of the mate as sure signs of a disaster. The passengers huddled on the Fletcher were also somewhat disturbed. The voyage of nearly two hours up the river through the fog, with bells tolling on either side and whistles tooting all around, didn't help reassure them.

DECLARATIONS LEFT ON THE SHIP.

When the sidewheeler tied up to the pier and the passengers were on solid wood, a wail went up from the women and a swear or two from the men. They had left Deputy Surveyor Bowling on the Teutonic with the declarations, and the baggage couldn't be passed without them. The men plied the customs inspectors on the pier with questions they couldn't answer, and nearly everybody became grouty and disagreeable. A passenger propounded this to an inspector:

"Suppose the man with the declarations should fall overboard, what would happen?"

"That," said the inspector, "is a hypothetical question."

"Could we have other declarations made out?"

"I should say so."

"When?"

"Whenever it is necessary."

The questioner walked off and met another passenger, who asked him: "Say, how about that second declaration scheme, Bill?"

Bill said things and all the women looked at him gratefully. Then by ones and twos and threes the passengers wandered out to the front of the pier and looked out into the dismal street. Some of them took their satchels and went over to a restaurant on the corner which did a bigger business than it has done in years. Finally a shout went up from the end of the pier. The Deputy Surveyor had arrived on the tug Louis Pulver, which had been sent down to get him and the rest of the passengers who wanted to come ashore. Then the baggage of about eighty passengers, or all who hadn't decided to take their hand satchels and stay in a hotel overnight pending the arrival of the declarations, was passed, and they got away. The last left the pier about 6 o'clock.

Among the incoming fleet that anchored in the upper bay all day and night were the Cuno of the White Star line, the Idaho of the Wilson line, the Karamania of the Hamburg line, the Adria of the Red Star line and the Alliance of the Panama Railroad Company's line. The North Cambria, from Mediterranean ports, got into quarantine last night. She was detained twenty-six hours outside the bar by the fog.

CHOIR INVISIBLE OF SOUND BOATS.

A fleet of Sound steamboats, including the passenger carriers City of Lowell and City of Worcester of the Norwich line, the Maine and New Hampshire of the Stonington line, and the Pilgrim of the Fall River line, all bound for this port, were at anchor off Whitestone from five to thirty hours in the fog Wednesday and yesterday. Capt. Miner of the City of Lowell, who has been navigating the Sound more than thirty years, said he had not seen such a fog since the Pilgrim was held up beyond Hell Gate forty-eight hours about fifteen years ago. Every Sound steamboat has a peculiar whistle, and the trained ear of a veteran pilot like Capt. Miner can tell craft by their whistles as readily as shore folk's eyes might differentiate them in sunny weather. All Monday, while the City of Lowell lay for thirty hours in the chilling mist, Capt. Miner heard the muffled beats of many-toned whistles and foghorns. To the weary cabin and steerage passengers on the Lowell, there was nothing but discord in the vaporous shrieks. To the Captain one deep-toned blast was the Pilgrim; another blast was the Maine, another was the Richard Peck; a somewhat shriller note was the John H. Starin, and others, all varying in force and tone, were the Nutmeg State, the Mohegan, the Nashua and the City of Taunton.

The Lowell had 100 cabin and 50 steerage passengers, mostly Canadian immigrants. She left New London at 11:20 on Tuesday night and came to anchor in the fog at 5:15 o'clock on Wednesday morning. The cabin passengers began to fret yesterday afternoon. Some of them had come down to buy Christmas presents and were in a hurry to get back. The tug Edna B. King materialized alongside the Lowell when the passengers were feeling most despondent. The speculative skipper announced that he was willing to take anybody ashore, that is, to Port Morris, who wanted to pay 50 cents. Nearly all the cabin passengers, with their baggage, deserted the ship. Other tugs, some of whose skippers charged 50 and some 25 cents a head, took off mist-soaked passengers from the Pilgrim and the Maine. The sea was calm, and the passengers had little trouble getting aboard the tugs. There was a rift in the fog cloud about 11 A. M. yesterday and the few passengers still on the the Lowell were able to see what a good car for whistles her Captain had. The boats appeared in the positions he had indicated, when he interpreted their wail. The fleet got under way, and within four hours all were tied up to their piers in the North and East rivers. They did a good deal of dodging of ferryboats and steamed sometimes at quarter speed on the way down the East River and up the North.

The wind at midnight this morning was from the east, and the fog was still heavy over the water but light on land in this neighborhood. The Weather Bureau thinks that an area of clear weather, now loafing in the Mississippi Valley and the Southeastern States, may reach the city this afternoon, and that it may be colder to-night.

FRENCH CONCESSION IN CHINA.

Minister Conger Follows Sir Claude MacDonald in a Protest.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PEKIN, Dec. 22.—Mr. E. H. Conger, the American Minister, has protested to the Tsung-li-Yamen against an extension of the French concession at Shanghai. This, following the protest of Sir Claude MacDonald, may strengthen the Chinese to resistance, although unless the protests are firmly supported the Tsung-li-Yamen will probably yield to the French demands, thereby violating the promise not to alienate territory in the Yangtse-Kiang Valley.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The desire of France to extend her extraterritorial jurisdiction at Shanghai is likely to cause friction between that Government and the United States. A cable despatch received at the State Department to-day from Mr. Conger, the United States Minister at Pekin, told of a new feature of the matter which surprised the officials. Mr. Conger said that the attempt of the French authorities to extend their jurisdiction contemplated encroachment on the extraterritorial area subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Why the French Government wants to include within its authority territory now subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Consul-General at Shanghai has not appeared. Mr. Conger asked the department for instructions, and these will be sent as soon as a decision is reached. It is regarded as certain that the Minister will be directed to protest to the Chinese Government against granting the extension to the Government of France. There was nothing in Mr. Conger's message to show that he had already entered a protest, as press despatches from Pekin say.

The action of the French Government is not fully understood here. In China, as in a few other countries where the feeling against foreigners is very bitter, extraterritorial privileges within prescribed areas in and about the large cities have been granted most of the European nations and the United States. This area is subject to the laws of Consular courts and other international tribunals. Offences within its boundaries are tried before Consular officers where the person committing the offence or against whom the offence is committed is a subject or citizen of the Government having jurisdiction. The desire of the French Government to extend its jurisdiction is supposed to be a result of the recent extension of British jurisdiction near Hong Kong, by which Mirs Bay, where Dewey's squadron had its rendezvous after being compelled to leave Hong Kong, was brought within the authority of the British Government of that place. Great Britain has protested against the extension of French jurisdiction at Shanghai, and the hope of the United States is that the French proposal will be rejected at Pekin has been strengthened by that action.

THE REV. DR. J. G. LANSING RESIGNS.

New Brunswick Professor Suffering from Nervous Trouble—Has Left His Wife.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 22.—The Rev. Dr. John G. Lansing, professor of Old Testament languages and exegesis in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church of America here, has resigned his professorship and separated from his wife. Dr. Lansing is now at Atlantic City trying to recover from serious prostration. Mrs. Lansing left here on Monday and is supposed to be in New York. Dr. Lansing resigned his chair in the seminary solely on account of his health. He separated from his wife solely because of incompatibility of temper. There is no scandal involved in the separation.

Dr. Lansing was a widower with six children when he married Miss Harriet Connors of Pittsburg not quite six months ago. She was about 40 and he about 46. For several years she had been a missionary in Egypt for the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Dr. Lansing had known her there. He was born in Damascus, where his father was a missionary, and in his young manhood visited Egypt, and there met Miss Connors. The acquaintance continued, and when the missionary returned to this country not long ago she and Dr. Lansing met, two or three years after the death of the first Mrs. Lansing, and they decided to marry, and the wedding took place here last summer.

Dr. Lansing has been in ill health for some time, suffering from a nervous affection. He has done but little teaching for two years, and none at all since last May. It was not long after the marriage that Dr. Lansing's children and their stepmother found difficulty in getting along with one another. The children, it is said, did not take kindly to any suggestions made by the stepmother. This state of affairs irritated Dr. Lansing, and his health grew worse. Other persons besides his wife, it was said by a friend of the doctor to-night, found difficulty in getting along with him. Several weeks ago the whole family went to Atlantic City. Mrs. Lansing returned alone, and it then came out that husband and wife had decided to live apart. It was reported here to-day that Dr. Lansing had instituted proceedings for divorce. One of the members of the seminary faculty told the representative of THE SUN that this report was without foundation. Dr. Lansing has been considered for years one of the highest authorities in this country on Oriental languages and he is a strong preacher.

A NOTED FOOTBALL PLAYER DEAD.

Percy Malcolm Jaffray, Harvard's Centre, Expires Suddenly—Injured in a Game.

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 22.—Percy Malcolm Jaffray of Irvington-on-the-Hudson, centre rush on this year's Harvard 'varsity eleven, died at his room, 9 Bow street, early this afternoon. The doctors in attendance believe his death was due to spinal meningitis. In the Yale game he sustained an injury to his knee and was absent from the university for some time. He returned two weeks ago and beyond a slight limp appeared to be in unusually good health. This morning he was found in his room in a semi-conscious condition, and although the best medical advice was summoned from Boston, he never rallied and died about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Jaffray entered the university from the Westminster School, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., with the class of '99 in the Lawrence Scientific School. In his freshman year he played right guard on the 'varsity football team against Princeton and later on the freshman eleven against the University of Pennsylvania. In his sophomore and junior years he was a 'varsity substitute, and this year made the regular centre, playing in both the Yale and Old Penn games. Jaffray was one of the most popular men in his class, and was elected Chairman of the Class Committee at the recent senior elections. He was a member of the Institute of 1770, the Pickwick, the Zeta Psi Club, the Porcellian Club, and the Hasty Pudding Club. He was 21 years old, 6 feet 5½ inches tall, and weighed 225 pounds. His father is Howard S. Jaffray.

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SKIRT SLASHER CAUGHT.

AT WORK WITH A SHARP PENKNIFE IN THE SHOPPING DISTRICT.

Mrs. Catherine Nelson Detected Him in a Broadway Store and Discovered the Cutting of Her Skirt in Time to Cause His Arrest—Angry Women Denounce Him.

Locked up in a cell in the Tenderloin police station in West Thirtieth street last night was a young man whose arrest will cause many women in this city to rejoice. The police believe they have at last caught at least one of the miscreants who have been despoiling women's skirts and wraps on the streets by slashing and cutting them with sharp knives or razors. The young man under arrest is a German and 19 years old. His name is Herman Max Krebs, and he says he lives in a lodging house on the southeast corner of Houston street and the Bowery.

The credit for Krebs's arrest is due to Mrs. Catherine Nelson of 56 East 129th street. Mrs. Nelson went shopping yesterday afternoon accompanied by her maid. She spent the greater part of the afternoon in the shopping district. About 5 o'clock she entered a 5 and 10 cent store on East Fourteenth street. As she entered the crowded store she noticed that a tall young man, fairly well dressed, was directly behind her and her maid. After making her first purchase she started away for another counter. To her surprise the young man was still directly behind her.

Mrs. Nelson began to get nervous. She suspected that the man was a store detective and for some reason was keeping her under surveillance. This thought didn't quiet her nerves any, and Mrs. Nelson called the attention of her maid to the man who was following them.

Thinking to get rid of the stranger Mrs. Nelson made a complete detour of the store. She didn't look around to see if her pursuer was near until she had completed the circuit. When she did glance backward he was right on her heels. She turned and faced him and said:

"Look here! What are you following me for?"

The man pretended not to hear.

"I want you to understand," Mrs. Nelson continued, "that if you follow me again I will call a policeman and have you arrested."

With that parting shot she turned, grabbed her silk skirt with her right hand and was about to start away when she gave an exclamation of dismay. Where she had taken hold of her skirt there was a cut two feet long. A hasty look at the back of her skirt showed that it was slashed in many places and completely ruined. Mrs. Nelson made up her mind in an instant as to who had done the cutting. Her pursuer had turned around and was making for the door.

"Catch that villain," yelled Mrs. Nelson loudly. "Don't let him escape."

A couple of floorwalkers grabbed Krebs and the women shoppers near crowded around to see what the trouble was about.

"You are a vagabond," said Mrs. Nelson, "and ought to be imprisoned! You have cut and slashed my silk skirt until it is ruined beyond repair."

This was the signal for the women to crowd around Mrs. Nelson. They all wanted to see the despoiled skirt at once. As quick as they glanced at it and saw the damage wrought they edged toward the man who was being detained.

"You're a rowdy!" said a young woman.

"You ought to be hanged!" shouted another.

The floorwalkers sent a messenger after a policeman. Policeman Michael Maddon of the Broadway squad responded, and asked what was the trouble.

"He cut my skirt nearly into shreds," answered Mrs. Nelson from the centre of a crowd of sympathetic women.

"Do you want him arrested?" asked the policeman.

"Certainly I do," replied Mrs. Nelson.

"Then you will have to make a complaint against him at the police station," said the bluecoat.

"I'll go to the police station willingly," said Mrs. Nelson.

"Good! Good!" chorused a score or more of women. "Send him to jail."

The policeman asked Krebs if he had a knife or razor. The German didn't reply. Maddon searched him, and in an outside coat pocket he found a brand new penknife. Then Krebs was started on his way to the police station. Mrs. Nelson and her maid followed and they in turn were followed a half a dozen blocks by several indignant women.

All the way to the West Thirtieth street station the prisoner refused to talk. Police Captain Price had just returned to duty after a week's tussle with the grip and he was behind the desk when the prisoner was brought in. Mrs. Nelson told how the prisoner had followed her and showed the result of his work on her skirt, which she valued at $50. The prisoner would not answer questions. Finally he said in very broken English that he could talk only German.

"Well, we'll get some one to talk German to you," said Capt. Price. He summoned the doorman, who talks German better than he does English. The doorman threw a broadside of questions at the prisoner, who, finally, seeing that he couldn't escape, gave his pedigree in fairly good English. He denied that he cut Mrs. Nelson's dress, but he couldn't explain how he came to have the penknife in his overcoat pocket, when most men carry a knife in their trousers pocket.

Krebs had $2.06 in money, and cards and letters sent to him from Germany. He had several cards on which his name was printed and also a request that letters be sent to him in care of Casper A. Baaden of 1069 Freeman street. There was a pass made out in his name signed by the Prefect of Police of Dresden, Germany, dated Sept. 21, 1897. There were six pawntickets, one of which showed that $2 was obtained on a violin. A photograph of Krebs showed him holding a violin, evidently the one that found its way later into a pawnshop.

After a vain effort to get him to admit that he had cut Mrs. Nelson's dress, Capt. Price ordered him locked up. Mrs. Nelson promised to be in Jefferson Market Court this morning to press her complaint. She was advised to carry her ruined skirt to court as evidence.

"In the meantime," said Capt. Price, "I'll do all I can to find other complainants. I'll send out a general alarm asking other women who have suffered the ruination of their skirts to come forward and make complaints."

"This is the sort of a man the police have been trying to catch for a long time," said Capt. Price later. "We have had dozens of complaints in this station house of this character and we are mighty glad to catch this fellow. The complaint against him is sure that she has him right, and I sincerely hope she has. The man who would cut a woman's skirt must be a contemptible fellow. What reason he has for doing such a thing or what pleasure he gets out of it, the Lord only knows. The police have always been handicapped when it came to catching a culprit of this sort, for he always worked in crowds and generally at night. In all the cases reported here the women invariably never discovered that their skirts had been ruined until they reached home."

The last time the police received complaints of the work of the skirt cutters was a couple of days after election. They did a good deal of work election night on upper Broadway, in Madison Square Park, where a crowd of people watched a bulletin board, several valuable dresses were ruined. One woman's loss was $300 by the slashing of an imported gown. Further up Broadway, at Thirty-fourth street, where another crowd of people had gathered to watch a bulletin board, the knife plyer did more damage.

Five years ago a man went about the city squirting ink over women's dresses. He was succeeded by the man who ruined skirts by spitting tobacco juice on them. The slasher seems to be their successor. Krebs's arrest is the first of the kind.

LOUISIANA PENSION BOARD.

The First of the Kind in the South Gives Gratuities to 1,091 Persons.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 22.—The Louisiana State Board of Confederate Pension Commissioners at Baton Rouge has adjourned after making up its pension list. A large number of claims were rejected, and only 1,091 pensions were allowed. The pensioned are divided into three classes, who receive $4, $5 and $8 a month. Under the new pension laws, which go into operation on Jan. 1, no Confederate veteran or widow of Confederate veteran has a pension unless he or she is wholly without the means of support.

The maximum fee allowed pension agents is $1. This is the first pension bureau or board created in the South.

Just the thing for theatre suppers. Ballantine's India Pale or XXX Ale.—Adv.

STANDARD OIL BOOKS BURNED.

Employees Testify to Throwing Them in the Company's Furnaces.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 22.—Employees of the Standard Oil Company testified in the special examination concerning the burning of books to-day. The most important testimony was that of John McNierney, who is employed in the car building and repair department of the Standard Oil works.

"On Saturday morning, Nov. 19," he said, "I was ordered to go to the warehouse and get a lot of boxes and take them to the furnace room of the car building department. I did as I was ordered, and when we got the boxes to the furnaces we pried them open and took out a lot of books. They looked like ledgers to me. We burned up the books and then we threw a lot of loose papers into the blazing furnaces. Gunny sacks filled with books and papers, mostly letters, were also thrown into the furnace on this occasion. I was assisted by a fellow employee whose name is Moran. I cannot remember his first name."

Continuing, he said that later in the morning he was ordered to go up to the Standard building on Euclid avenue, where the offices of the Standard Oil works are situated. He arrived there at about 11 o'clock in the morning. He was ordered, according to his statement, to proceed to the general offices by Foreman George Fields of the car building department. When he arrived there he said he met three other employees of the Standard whose names are: Gagelin, Moran and Schaefele. They went to the fifth floor of the building and secured a lot of boxes and bags, and took them down the passenger elevator to the ground floor. They were just about to take the sacks and boxes out into the street and load them into drays, when some one ordered them to take the boxes and bags back to the fifth floor. They complied, and were compelled to wait around the building until dusk in the afternoon before being allowed to proceed with removing the boxes and bags.

This time they were lowered out of a back window into an areaway back of the building, and the boxes and bags were loaded into the dray in waiting. The wagon then went to the Standard Oil works, where the boxes and bags were left in the warehouse.

On the following Monday morning he said that he and the men were ordered to take the boxes and bags to the pump house, where they were opened and the books and papers which they contained were thrown into the furnace there.

WHOLE HOUSEHOLD ASPHYXIATED.

Six Children and Two Women Found Unconscious in a First Avenue Flat.

Two women and six children were overcome by illuminating gas yesterday afternoon in a three-room flat at 1214 First avenue, occupied by Christopher Schmid and his family. Schmid, a driver for the Farmers' Feed Company, on Forty-second street, returning from work yesterday afternoon, found his family lying about unconscious. His wife, Barbara, 33 years old, lay on the floor near the sink. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Barbara Schlaub, 55 years old, lay on a lounge in the front room, with his son John, 8 years old, near her. His other children, Mary, 6 years; Otto, 3 years, and Christopher, 3 months old, lay on the bed in a rear room, with Albert Leone, 4 years old, child of a friend who boarded with the family. Barbara Schlaub, 4 months old, Schmit's niece, lay in a baby carriage nearby.

Schmid opened all the windows, and yelled until his neighbors across the hall came in and helped carry out his family. Two ambulances were called. A half-turned on gas jet had caused the accident.

Mrs. Schmid recovered consciousness later, and explained that she and her mother had not noticed the gas, because they were varnishing furniture and the odor of varnish hid the odor of gas. She had started to get a drink for one of the children, she said, when she became unconscious. It is expected that all will recover.

EMPLOYEES RESCUED BY LADDERS.

Bursting of a Water Tank on Waterbury Factory Endangers Eighty Persons.

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 22.—Eighty persons had a narrow escape at 4 P. M. to-day at the works of the Seth Thomas Clock Company at Thomaston. Encouraged by the prospects of the coming business, the company has been making extensive repairs in the plant. These repairs included large tanks on the roofs of several of the buildings, as a better protection from fire, which is always a menace to Connecticut factories. The company had just completed one of the huge tanks on the roof of the paint department, a three-story structure, and this afternoon was testing it. It contained 10,000 gallons of water. The superstructure of the tank gave way, precipitating the tank through the roof and the entire building.

The side walls of the building were destroyed for nearly eighty feet, and nearly eighty persons employed in the building had a miraculous escape from death. They were rescued from the debris by means of ladders by the townspeople and the factory fire company. Many men and women employees were frightened and somewhat bruised, but there are no serious injuries. The company officials are looking for the contractor.

YGLESIAS'S BROTHER-IN-LAW.

Arrest of W. H. Lynn Set Aside Without Stipulation by Him Not to Sue.

An order by which William H. Lynn was arrested on Dec. 5 in an action brought by Frank S. Lusk of Wyoming for an accounting of an alleged partnership was set aside by Justice Pryor of the Supreme Court yesterday. At the time of the arrest Lynn was a guest of his brother-in-law, President Yglesias of Costa Rica, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Lynn gave $2,500 cash bail and was released. The claim of the plaintiff that a partnership existed between them for the construction of a railroad in Costa Rica is denied by Lynn. The arrest was ordered on allegations that Lynn is a non-resident, but he showed by affidavits yesterday that he has been a resident for three years.

When the Judge said that he would set aside the order of arrest yesterday counsel for Lusk asked that Lynn stipulate not to sue Lusk for malicious prosecution in causing his arrest, but Justice Pryor said:

"Certainly not. In view of the great indignity which has been placed upon a sister republic in the arrest of the brother-in-law and guest of its President, I am of opinion that Mr. Lynn would be perfectly justified in bringing such an action."

MARRIED TO A COURT DENTIST.

News of the Wedding of Miss Odeall of Toledo to Dr. Dodge of Austria.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 22.—Information was received here to-day that Miss Ellen Elvira Odeall, daughter of Mrs. Julia Odeall, was married in London on Dec. 15 to Dr. Frederick Dodge, dentist at the Austrian court. Miss Odeall had seen her husband only once prior to their meeting to take the vows of matrimony. The doctor met her brother at Ann Arbor four years ago. He visited his newly found friend here and became acquainted with his sister. After the doctor's departure, correspondence was kept up, and last summer Miss Odeall persuaded her mother that a trip abroad was necessary for the young woman's health. An aunt accompanied her.

The wedding was a surprise. The letter informed the family that a friend had been asked to cable the news of the marriage, but he forgot to do so.

Stabbed His Schoolfellow in School.

In Grammar School 83 yesterday Hans Tietze, 8 years old, of 200 East 109th street, tripped Samuel Jacobson, also 8 years old, of 1586 Madison avenue. Jacobson fell down. He jumped up and tackled Tietze. The other scholars screamed. The boys fought all around the room. The other scholars climbed up on the desks and benches. Jacobson was getting whipped when he pulled a penknife from his pocket and stabbed Tietze. The teacher, who had done her best to separate the boys, had by this time lost control of the school and she ran out and got a policeman. The boys were still at each other when the policeman arrived. Jacobson had dropped his knife. The policeman pulled the boys apart and took them to the Harlem Police Court. Magistrate Deuel scolded them and told them how bad they were. Tietze's wound was slight, and after the scolding and a warning the Magistrate sent them both home.

Golden Red, Bottled at the Brewery.

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GUINNESS GIVES $1,250,000.

BARON IVEAGH'S CONTRIBUTION TO MEDICAL RESEARCH.

Part of the Fortune Made by the Brewing Firm of Dublin Goes to the Jenner Institute—Lord Iveagh's Philanthropic Scheme for Dublin Will Also Cost Him $1,250,000.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Baron Iveagh, who was formerly the head of a brewing firm in Dublin, has presented $1,250,000 to the Jenner Institute of Preventive Medicine, a body which includes the leading men of medicine and the allied sciences in Great Britain. The purpose of the gift is to promote the highest research in bacteriology and other forms of biology as bearing on the causes, nature, prevention and treatment of disease.

Baron Lister, the distinguished surgeon, and Sir Henry Roscoe, a well-known chemist, in announcing the gift on behalf of the institute, declare that it will enable the institution to compare favorably with any similar establishment in the world, and will remove from the British Isles the reproach that their opportunities for research directed toward prevention of disease are not equal to those of other nations.

The particulars are also announced of a philanthropic scheme of Lord Iveagh, who contemplates a great improvement in Dublin. He proposes to purchase an area of about three acres between Bull alley and Bride's alley in that city, which has been condemned as insanitary, and to give parts of it to the corporation for street improvements. He will erect on the remainder workmen's dwellings and recreative buildings, including a concert hall, reading rooms, baths and a gymnasium. It is expected that this will cost $1,250,000. The control of the property will be eventually confided to the Guinness trustees.

The scheme requires the sanction of Parliament. A bill giving permission to purchase the property has already been drawn.

Baron Iveagh [Sir Edward Cecil Guinness] of Iveagh, county Down, in the peerage of the United Kingdom, and a Baronet for Dublin city, is the third son of the late Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness, and is one of the family so long identified with the brewing business in Dublin, now conducted under the corporate name of the Guinness Brewing Company, Limited. Sir Edward Cecil Guinness was created a Baronet on May 27, 1885, and elevated to the peerage on Jan. 19, 1891. His town residences are in Grosvenor place, London, and Stephen's Green, Dublin; his country seats, Elveden Hall, Thetford, Suffolk; Farmleigh, near Castleknock, county Dublin. His eldest son, Rupert Edward Cecil, was at one time the amateur champion sculler of England, having won the Diamond sculls at Henley, an honor captured by young Ten Eyck of Worcester in the Henley races in 1897.

DREYFUS MEETING BROKEN UP.

Speakers Attacked by Anti-Semite Mob—Several Persons Injured.

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PARIS, Dec. 22.—A meeting in favor of Dreyfus was held at Toulouse to-night and resulted in a serious disturbance. A large number of Nationalists and Anti-Semites attacked the meeting and broke it up. M. de Pressence, editor of the *Temps* and an ardent supporter of Dreyfus, was one of the speakers.

The rage of the mob was directed particularly against him, and he was compelled to seek refuge with the police. Several persons were injured, but not seriously.

The Anti-Semites rioted in the streets and smashed the windows of some Jewish shops. The Dreyfusites made a counter demonstration. Several arrests were made.

ANTI-SEMITE CRIES GREET GEN. SANNOIS.

The arrival here from Le Mans of Gen. Sannois, who will succeed Gen. Mercier as commander of the Fourth Army Corps, was made the occasion of an elaborate demonstration in favor of the army. Many of the crowd shouted "Down with the Jews!" "Down with the traitors!"

GERMANY'S INDIGNANT DENIAL.

Report That She Is Aiding the Filipinos Is Attributed to British Selfishness.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Official circles here deny the report from Washington, which appeared in the London press, that Germany is suspected of encouraging the Filipinos to resist the Americans and of supplying them with arms. The newspapers, especially the *Post* and *National Zeitung*, are indignant, and accuse the English newspapers of trying to embitter the relations of Germany with the United States.

SAGASTA'S CONDITION WORSE.

Spanish Funds Fall on the Report of the Illness of the Premier.

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MADRID, Dec. 22.—The condition of Prime Minister Sagasta, who has been ill for several days, has become worse and the febrile symptoms have increased. His temperature this afternoon was 100.4. Upon this news reaching the Bourse home funds fell from 56.25 to 55.30.

M. CONSTANS FOR CONSTANTINOPLE.

Distinguished French Statesman the Successor of M. Paul Cambon.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Ex-Minister Constans will succeed M. Paul Cambon as French Minister at Constantinople, the latter having been appointed Ambassador to Great Britain.

BARK AUBURNDALE ASHORE.

Struck the Jersey Sands in the Fog, but Not in Much Danger.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 22.—The bark Auburndale, from Buenos Ayres, freighted with salt and bound for New York, ran hard aground on a bar a mile and a half east of Ship Bottom Life Saving Station to-day. She is about midway between Beach Haven and Barnegat. The crews from Harvey Cedars and Ship Bottom are now aboard of the craft. She struck just at dusk and immediately set signals of distress, bringing the life savers to her assistance.

Four members of the life saving crews have returned and say that the vessel is not in a very dangerous position. She carries a crew of eleven men. When she struck there was a heavy fog prevailing and night was just setting in.

Her Captain lost his bearing and did not know his whereabouts until informed by the life savers. An effort will be made to float the vessel at high tide. Part of the cargo may have to go overboard to lighten her.

KANSAS "POPS" ON A TAX HUNT.

Will Make Insurance and Loan Companies Pay for the Extra Session.

TOPEKA, Dec. 22.—The Populist Legislature now in extra session, ostensibly to pass a law reducing freight charges on the Kansas railroads, intends to make the insurance companies pay the expenses of the session. Superintendent of Insurance McNall was notified today that he would be invited before the caucus early next week to discuss a bill taxing foreign insurance companies doing business in Kansas. Bills are being considered which will, if passed, impose a tax on these companies aggregating over $60,000 a year. A tax of 1 per cent. on all loan companies doing business in Kansas is also proposed.

Political Refugee from Peru.

Among the passengers who arrived yesterday by the steamship Alliança from Colon was Victor Fridian, who is a political refugee from Peru. He says that he had to escape from the country for his life and that he is an American citizen.

THIEVES ROB AT WILL IN CHICAGO.

A Dozen Hold-Ups Within Twenty-four Hours—100 Burglaries.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Within twenty-four hours more than a dozen hold-up robberies have been reported to the police. In a majority of cases the amounts secured were small, and the victims escaped injury by promptly giving up their valuables. In several cases the robberies were audacious. Highwaymen of the old school variety fell upon C. W. Young of 113 Hobbie street, under the glare of many electric lights at the busy corner of Madison and Halstead streets early this morning, beat and robbed him, throw him out of his buggy and drove off in his rig. Mr. Young lost $40 and his watch and chain. His rig was found later two miles away.

Robbers attacked James Robinson of 2807 Wentworth avenue in broad daylight on Forty-fourth street, relieving him of all his cash. Francis M. Williams of 4232 Oakenwald avenue, a Board of Trade man, was attacked by two robbers last night near his own home. The highwaymen got $300 in bank notes and allowed Mr. Williams to keep his watch and jewelry. Gertrude Stall of 24 Plum street was held up at Twelfth and Throop streets and robbed of her purse, containing $5. Margaret Quirklan, a clerk at Marshall Field & Co.'s retail store, lost her purse and contents. H. B. Hayes, a student in the Bennett Medical College, and W. G. Smedley of 59 Grant place were robbed by highwaymen, losing small sums of money and their watches. Several other cases are reported.

More than one hundred houses have been visited by burglars within the past three days, and losses ranging from $200 to $3,000 have been reported.

LONG'S INTENDED RETIREMENT.

A Washington Paper Publishes an Unauthorized Contradiction of the Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The *Star* to-day published the following:

"Secretary Long appeared at the Navy Department this morning for the first time since his return from his trip to the South with the President. He effectively disposed of the report of his intended retirement from the Cabinet by saying that no such step was in contemplation."

THE SUN has authority for the statement that Secretary Long did not say this to the *Star* reporter or to anybody else. He has for some time contemplated resigning, and the President and several personal friends are well aware of his feelings on the subject of his leaving the Cabinet. The Secretary has not resigned, nor has he made up his mind to do so, but he has had such a step under advisement and may or may not take it in the near future.

MONKEY WELCOME TO GOMPERS.

Chicago Labor Union Men Have Fun with the Federation President.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, met with a novel reception when, accompanied by a score of delegates to the Federation Convention in Kansas City, he stopped from the Rock Island train to-day. An assemblage of local labor union men was on hand to meet the party. A brass band was apparently not good enough for the occasion, so two organ grinders with monkeys were employed to furnish music.

At the critical moment when hand clasping was in vogue the coats of the reception committeemen were brushed back and badges were exposed to view upon which was printed "Organ Grinders Union No. 3. Welcome,