

## PAIN IN THEIR CONSTITUTION.

### ODELL CLANSMEN STILL RUBBING AWAY WHERE IT ACHES.

Messrs. Roosevelt and Higgins Fairly Astonish Mr. Odell—When His Back Is Turned, Too—Mr. Merritt Notices Up-State Papers Back the Governor.

All the politicians who are interested in the fight for and against Odell in State politics took a day off yesterday, except Assemblyman Merritt of St. Lawrence county, who is Odell's candidate for Speaker of the Assembly, and Assemblyman Louis Bode II, who has been Odell's chairman of the Railroad Committee. Mr. Odell, it seems, has been in Ottawa, Canada, talking over with representatives of the Dominion of Canada the matter of passing uniform laws for the protection of food fish in the boundary waters and had thus been kept out of the fray.

Mr. Odell professed to be "amazed" at articles in the newspapers saying that "President Roosevelt and Gov. Higgins had attempted to usurp the constitutional functions of the Assembly and dictate that James Wadsworth, Jr., should be the Speaker of the next Assembly." He was also pained to hear that James S. Whipple, the head of the State Game and Forest Commission, had been down here taking part in the fight when he should have been in Ottawa helping to make laws to protect the American fisherman. Said Mr. Odell:

"Personally, I believe Mr. Wadsworth to be a bright, intelligent and straightforward young gentleman, but so far in his political career he has shown no special ability or fitness or ability to fill the important and difficult office of Speaker, and I believe I express the sentiment and opinion of honestly expressed of at least nine-tenths of the members of the last Assembly.

"His candidacy was not conceived in his own mind, but sprang into life by reason of the powerful influence of our Governor and certain associates of his. The Governor's advocacy by reason of the fact that he is in favor of the success or defeat of the measures of the individual members of the Assembly, has made many fair hearts fall to his side and say 'Amén,' when in their own minds they know the Governor's action is entirely unwarranted and unprecedented.

"What arguments have been produced against the older and tried members? Men who have demonstrated unquestionable ability and loyalty to the Republican party and its principles.

"Harmony and a reorganization of the Assembly are the open pleas. To my mind, underlying the movement is an attempt by the familiarization of members long in office to strike a blow at the man who has done more to bring about Republican success in our recent campaigns than any other one man.

In the evening Mr. Merritt got around to the Republican Club.

"I notice," said he, "that Gov. Higgins says he is not coercing anybody. At the same time I notice that all the papers up the State which print the Sessions laws are finding it convenient to support the Governor's candidate for Speaker. I am informed that the country papers that get the State printing find it to their interest to approve the Governor's position in this matter. And does not that patronage come through the Secretary of State? Another thing, the Governor is making all announcements in this matter as far as Wadsworth is concerned. Mr. Wadsworth himself isn't saying a word, and it isn't claimed that he is getting any of the pledges."

Then Mr. Merritt switched to other men and things. "There is Railroad Commissioner Aldridge for instance," he said. "He would not have had that bill passed for the very reason that he is trying to put out of business now. I notice that these people have nothing to say about the future investigation of the transportation companies, the traction companies, the trust companies and a lot of other things."

Another jump brought Mr. Merritt to the State Constitution. "I notice," said he, "that when the amendment was passed in 1904 giving the Governor power to veto separate items in the annual supply bill, it was done on a theory that it would stop logging in the Legislature. What it did do, as a matter of fact, was to institute log rolling between the Chief Executive and the Legislature—a far more dangerous custom."

Turning to the Hooker scandal Mr. Merritt threatened dire penalties to any one who attempted to revive the movement to retire that Judge from the bench. "If," he said, "the Wadsworth faction, which has been strongly anti-Hooker, attempts to bring that matter up again I am sure that they will have a lot of investigation on their hands. You remember, of course, that Mr. Jerome has said that the judiciary of New York county is 'rotten.'"

Coming back to the Governor again Merritt said:

"You will remember that Mr. Higgins all of a sudden was anxious about taking a strong position in the annual supply bill. In the light of this fact I would like to know why he did not take a strong position when New York city wanted the price of gas reduced. He could have procured the passage of a bill for cheaper gas. If he had called an extra session of the Legislature to consider the question of cheaper light instead of the Hooker matter, New York would have possessed all voted for cheaper gas. Why, Gov. Higgins himself used to be a member of the Senate where all these dreadful things are done and he surely should know how to manage affairs."

By this time Mr. Merritt's voice was a trifle husky, but he kept right on talking, his next subject being President Roosevelt.

"I am not surprised," said he, "clearing his throat 'about this Wadsworth matter. I see what the President did with Jack Davies. Mr. Roosevelt was going to appoint him to the Federal bench, but Senator Platt wanted Ray, who was on the Judiciary Committee of the House, and he got him.

"Then Roosevelt insisted on having Davies put up for a Supreme Court justiceship in this State and Rogers, who has just tried Abe Hummel and sentenced him to beat him in his own district. Then Higgins was good enough to take care of Davies by appointing him a member of the new State Gas Commission.

"There is no use in talking. People are getting on to Roosevelt's interference in State politics. He is doing the same thing in other States. He certainly is stirring up trouble enough."

Mr. Merritt sprayed his throat, but after thinking for a moment announced that he would not have any more to say about the political situation until this morning.

## THORNE COACHMAN DEAD.

Michael Cudahy, Who Served the Family 40 Years, Dies of Injuries.

NEW ROCHELLE, Dec. 25.—Despite the efforts of specialists who operated on him, Michael Cudahy, the New Rochelle coachman whose skull was fractured in a runaway accident while he was trying to save his employer, Thomas W. Thorne, the broker, and his brother, Newberry Thorne, at their country place at Davenport's Neck yesterday, died to-day in the New Rochelle hospital. The specialists removed part of the skull, which was pressing on the brain, but the patient never regained consciousness.

Cudahy had been in the employ of the Thorne family for nearly forty years, and the brokers made every effort to save his life. They brought some of the best surgeons of New York to New Rochelle to assist in the operation. Mr. Thorne and his brother, who were thrown from the carriage, are still confined to their home, suffering from bruises. They received a number of callers to-day, who came to congratulate them on their escape. Among them were C. Oliver Ivelin, the yachtman, who had Newberry Thorne as one of his advisers in the international cup race.

## MRS. HARRY THAW ON SAUSAGE AD.

Pittsburg Face Used to Exploit Lard and Such—Pittsburg Society Shocked.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Mary Thaw objects to the use of the face of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry Kendall Thaw, formerly Evelyn Nesbit, the actress, for the purpose of advertising sausages, lard and bologna. The butcher shop owned by Hauschild & Co. issued a calendar for 1906 and portrayed Mrs. Thaw's historic daughter-in-law as the beauty in a picture of "The Beauty and the Beast."

The winsome actress is seen in her best countenance, with her reclining on the massive head of a white polar bear. It is a perfect picture to be preserved, because of the winning expression of the lady.

Mrs. Thaw received one of the calendars. She recognized the face of her daughter-in-law.

She visited the butcher and gave that enterprising man a piece of her mind. He tried to call in all the calendars that had been issued. The picture is copyrighted by the Alfred S. Campbell Art Company of Elizabeth, N. J.

## Mrs. Harry Kendall Thaw now mingles with the high society folk here and the use of her countenance to advertise fine sausage has created a profound sensation.

## HOPE HALL MAN GOES WRONG.

Arrested for Stealing From a Man Whose House He Was Kalsomining.

William Hicks, colored, of High street, Flushing, 40 years old, and Edgar Shimault, also colored, were arraigned before Magistrate Conorton yesterday and held for further examination to-morrow in \$500 bail each, on a charge of grand larceny.

Frank P. Heard of 610 Sanford avenue accused Hicks to do some kalsomining in his house, and Hicks engaged Shimault as his assistant. They took a mandolin worth \$25, a gold ring valued at \$10, and several small articles. They were arrested on Sunday, and on Hicks was found a pawn ticket for the mandolin. The gold ring was found in one of his pockets.

Hicks told the policeman who arrested him that up to a month ago he had been an inmate of Hope Hall. He said he had only been out of prison a short time, where he was sent for killing a man.

## SCHWAB DINES IN NEW HOUSE.

Entertains a Christmas Party in Half-Finished Home to Win a Bet.

Charles M. Schwab and Mrs. Schwab ate their Christmas dinner in their new house, which is under construction at 200 Riverside Drive and West End Avenue and Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth streets. The dinner was a family affair, Mr. and Mrs. Schwab entertaining a few relatives and friends.

Several months ago, when it seemed that labor troubles would delay indefinitely the opening of the new house, Mr. Schwab made a bet with a friend that he would eat his Christmas dinner in it. He won the bet, but kept his servants busy last evening running backward and forward between 323 West Seventy-fourth street, his present residence, and the new house.

## RAYMOND PREFONTAINE DEAD.

Canadian Minister of Marine Meets Sudden End in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Canadian Minister of Marine, died suddenly here this evening of heart disease.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 25.—Mr. Prefontaine left here several weeks ago, on a special mission, in connection with the work of his Department. He spoke at a dinner of the Paris Chamber of Commerce on Saturday night and the news of his death therefore came as a startling surprise to his family and friends.

Mr. Prefontaine was for many years Mayor of Montreal and was one of the most prominent and energetic members of the cabinet, having done considerable for the improvement of the St. Lawrence route.

## TRIED TO KILL A CARDINAL.

Then Captured Spanish Anarchist Committed Suicide in His Cell.

BARCELONA, Dec. 25.—An anarchist of the name of Salascomas murderously attacked Cardinal Casanovas Pages, Bishop of Urgel, while he was leaving the cathedral last night. Bystanders saved the Cardinal's life.

Salascomas was arrested and went to prison. To-day he committed suicide in his cell by taking poison, which he had hidden in his clothes. While dying Salascomas declared he tried to kill the Cardinal to avenge the victims of clericalism.

## TO SAVE TOGO'S FLAGSHIP.

Japanese Will Raise the Sunken Mikasa at Sasebo To-day.

TOKYO, Dec. 25.—The Admiralty announced that it expects to float the battleship Mikasa, the flagship of Admiral Togo, which was sunk by an explosion at Sasebo shortly after the close of the war, to-morrow. The new battleship Teukaba will probably be launched about the same time.

Preliminary arrangements were made to-day for the opening of the Diet. The opening session will probably be held next Saturday.

GOLD SEAL CHAMPAGNE—the wine of the champion and connoisseur, possesses all the qualities of the French product at half the cost.—Ad.

## DADY WAS FOR BOSS RULE.

### WOODRUFF TELLS HOW HE AND ODELL'S MAN FELL OUT.

He Says He Recently Learned That Odell and Dady Had Been Representing to "Those High in Authority" That Dady Was the Leader in Kings County.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Timothy L. Woodruff to-night made the following statement concerning his split with Michael Dady: "There have been misrepresentations and misunderstandings of what I have said and what Mr. John R. Smith, secretary of the Republican county committee, stated in Brooklyn in my absence and on my behalf last Saturday. For instance, Mr. Dady is reported in to-day's New York papers as declining to notice the statement of a secretary who charges him and his political associates with using the party for personal profit."

"What Mr. Smith said that he understood that I had determined to act for the best interests of the Republican party solely to the exclusion of all other considerations, the lines of reform and progress without reference to the desires of Mr. Dady. In this he said I believed I would have the support of every man in the party who believes in its well being and progress, and he concluded by saying: 'This action on my [my] part meets with the approval of the President, the Governor and all the leaders of the party in New York State who are opposed to the use of the party for personal profit.'"

"No one, not even Mr. Dady, has the right to assume that this reference to 'the use of the party for personal profit' was other than general, and that Mr. Smith intended it as applicable to some particular person or persons. On the morning after the last election at Republican headquarters in Brooklyn, when asked by the reporters for a statement about the result, I said that I would be taken immediately to give the people a broader participation in party management and in nominating conventions and greater security at elections. Among other remedies I suggested direct primary nominations as a way of careful study and consideration. A few days later I received a letter from Mr. Dady in which he said: 'I shall certainly oppose this,' and then informed me that we were entering too much to public clamor raised by so-called reformers."

"I replied to him under date of November 17 that the spirit of revolt against bossism was rampant and that just as the Democratic party in New York city had got it this fall the Republican party in the State would get it next fall, 'unless something is done to meet the popular demand for a broader participation in nominations and elections.' I concluded my letter by saying: 'The defeat of the Republican party in New York State next fall would produce less effect upon me than upon almost any one you know that has anything to do with politics, because I am actively engaged in business and deeply interested in it and find it difficult to give even the attention I do to political matters.'"

"On the other hand I am deeply interested in the success of the Republican party and the success of my friends and when I feel that I know the situation as I have set it forth in this letter I consider it my duty to utter a warning and do all I can to get you and everybody else to heed it."

"Instantly some of Dady's closest political associates got very busy appealing to one leader to join the Dady forces, as he would make eleven out of the twenty-one and give Dady control of the executive committee, threatening another leader with Dady's vengeance if a court clerkship he was supposed to have some influence in directing to me, and to do so and so forth, till I called the Assemblymen-elect together at their request to advise with them in relation to the Speakership."

"I had not the slightest intention of committing them to any candidacy, our sole purpose being to discuss the question, and I so stated as soon as we met. After this meeting, at which no action was taken or contemplated by me, D. H. Rabston, the executive member of the first district, of which Dady is the leader, announced that he had, at Gov. Odell's instigation, prevented the Assemblymen from taking any action in cooperation with Woodruff."

"Then Mr. Dady returned from Cuba, announced his unalterable opposition to Wadsworth and his loyalty to Odell, and trying to play upon Assemblyman Dowling's sentiment over representation he sought to prevent his going to the Legislature in the Legation by siding with President Roosevelt, Gov. Higgins and the great majority of the most highly respected party leaders in the State."

"On Thursday evening last the Assemblymen met at Republican headquarters. I did not go there as I understood they wanted to thresh it out by themselves, as was altogether proper. Dady attended and made one last effort to hold the party against him and Gov. Odell. Their action in favor of Wadsworth was then simply known by them to be in accord with my judgment of what was best for the party and the people but taken in the face of great pressure exercised by Dady and Odell."

"Before I left New York last Friday morning for Albany, where I had an engagement with Gov. Higgins, I thought that Dady and I had come to the parting of the ways. After my visit to Albany I know it, for on the way there and while there I learned that for some time Gov. Odell and Mr. Dady had been representing to those high in authority in the public and political life of the State that Dady was the leader of the Republican party in the county of Kings."

"It is plainly for the Republicans of Brooklyn, and of the entire city, and of the State, to decide whether they prefer Mr. Dady as leader and political factor in the party to the success of the programme I outlined at the meeting of the county committee on the fifth of this month, when a committee of twenty-one was appointed to confer and advise with various independent organizations and committees with a view to the management of such reforms and party management as would bring back those who have strayed away or ceased to take part in party work and who, as I then pointed out, only a little coaxing to come in and feel at home and partake of the labor, the honor and the glory of the household of our political faith."

## FLORIDA'S FAMOUS TURTLES.

Pls. & West Indian Lid., 225 A. M. A. C. L. Ex. Bldg., 225 P. M. Unexcelled service, all Florida, Atlantic Coast Line, 1161 B'way, N. Y.—Ad.

## WIRELESS RECORDS BROKEN.

The Washington Navy Yard Gets a Message Direct From Guantanamo, Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The results of the wireless telegraph tests which were made by the Navy Department last night cannot be determined until all of the reports are in. The indications are, however, that some records were broken. The station at the Washington Navy Yard received a message direct from Guantanamo, Cuba, and from Colon, Panama, through Guantanamo. The sending of the message from the Cuban station clear to Washington just about breaks a record. New Orleans was heard from in a roundabout way, which the officials here have not yet figured out. The station at Key West apparently broke down and for that reason the work was somewhat hampered.

The instructions which were sent out to those in charge of the stations up and down the coast and in Cuba and Panama were to make reports to the Bureau of Equipment of the Navy Department at once. It is expected that these reports will be all in within a week or two. They will be carefully studied by the experts here.

## HAUNTED BY VICTIM'S MOTHER.

Woman Convicted of Murder Made Insane By Fear.

DIORY, N. S., Dec. 25.—Hope Young, convicted of the murder of May Ward, and now in jail here awaiting a new trial recently ordered by the Supreme Court, became violently insane last night, and before she could be secured had broken the glass out of the window in her cell, smashed the rusty jail furniture and wrecked the stove.

In her ravings she declared that she was haunted by witches, who were trying to murder her, but said she had succeeded in hanging them all except Marie Ward. The last named is the mother of the child for whose murder Hope Young is now under sentence of death.

Until yesterday no actual symptoms of insanity were noticeable. To-day she was examined as to her mental condition, and has been placed in a straitjacket. Sheriff Smith will probably take steps to secure her removal to the Provincial Insane Asylum.

## FEARS BLACK HAND THREATS.

Charles M. Crouse of Syracuse Calls Upon the Police to Arrest Blackmailers.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Alarmed by the receipt of two threatening letters from men said to be members of a Black Hand society, Charles M. Crouse, a real estate owner and president of the Syracuse Faucet and Valve Company, has notified the police and asked their aid in arresting the men who demanded he should put \$2,000 in a cigar box and leave it at the curb in front of his house, where it was to be called for during the night.

Various threats have been made against Mr. Crouse, his property and members of his family in an effort to extort money. Unless the money were left as directed, it was said that dynamite would be used to certain I know the situation as I have set it forth in this letter I consider it my duty to utter a warning and do all I can to get you and everybody else to heed it."

## FIRE THREATENS GAS WORKS.

Fire Chief's Foot Pierced by Splinter of Iron Piano Burned.

Chief Devanney of the Ninth battalion had his foot pierced with an iron splinter at an early morning fire yesterday. The wound was dressed at Roosevelt Hospital and the chief went home. The fire completely gutted the upper three stories of the six-story building at 534 to 538 West Fifty-eighth street.

Chief Croker ordered a third alarm rung as the proximity of the gas works made the blaze very dangerous.

The first floor of the basement of the building were occupied by the Steekenreiter Iron Works. The second story was vacant, the third was used by N. Saner for the manufacturing of pianos. The gas works on the upper stories were rented by the H. Baumgartner Piano Works. Fifteen new pianos ready for shipment were ruined, together with forty piano cases and other parts. The loss is estimated at about \$45,000. Baumgartner and Saner were insured for sums aggregating about \$31,000.

The fire was discovered by a person bound for early morning mass. It had gained considerable headway when the engines arrived. The cause is not known.

The tenement house at 533 was threatened so seriously when the blaze was at its worst that the tenants were all cleared out.

## BURNED FROM HEAD TO FOOT.

No Hope of Saving Mrs. Lyons, Who is Congressman Sullivan's Niece.

Mrs. Annie Lyons, 30 years old, of 401 East Seventeenth street, a niece of Congressman Timothy D. Sullivan, was standing beside a gas stove cooking Christmas dinner for her family when her dress caught fire. Her mother threw a pail of water over her and then called for help. Before the flames were extinguished Mrs. Lyons was badly burned from head to foot.

The fire started in a fire alarm and also stopped a Bellevue ambulance which was passing. Mrs. Lyons was taken to the hospital. Florrie Sullivan, who called last night to find out how her niece's condition, was told that she could not live.

He then went to the Lyons home and did his best to comfort the six children. Mrs. Lyons's husband died a few months ago.

## AN ACTUAL BROKEN HEART.

Caused the Death of Mrs. Mary McCord on Christmas Eve.

Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon performed an autopsy yesterday afternoon on the body of Mrs. Mary McCord, 60 years old, of 330 Tenth avenue, who dropped dead in a Tenth avenue butcher shop Saturday night while buying a Christmas turkey. He found that she had died of a rupture of one of the ventricles of the heart.

An hour later neighbors of the dead woman who called to see her body said that she had been deserted by her husband for some time and that she had been grieving constantly since.

## By Mareoni Wireless.

The Red Star liner Zeland, from Antwerp and Dover, was 110 miles east of Nantuxet lightship at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and probably will be up to her deck early this afternoon.

## Insist upon having Burnett's Vanilla.—Ad.

## FIREMAN'S CLIMB FOR LIFE.

### TRAPPED BY FLAMES ON FOURTH FLOOR FIRE ESCAPE.

Man to Top Story and Clung by Toes and Fingers to Narrow Ledges Till Comrades Hauled Him to Next Roof—Six Hurt in \$300,000 Mercer St. Blaze.

One fireman rescued himself by wonderful skill and nerve from a desperate peril of death, and several firemen were injured last evening in a fire which gutted the six story brick business building at 102, 104 and 106 Mercer street, causing a loss that Chief Croker estimated would approximate \$300,000.

Those most seriously hurt were Chief Edward Worth of the Third battalion and Fireman John McGrath of Truck 20, both of whom stepped into a hole that had been made in the cellar lights by the firemen. Chief Worth hurt his right knee and wrenched his leg. McGrath's legs were hurt, and it was feared that he also sustained internal injuries. Both were removed to St. Vincent's Hospital.

The other firemen injured were Darcey Burns of Engine 33, arm out; Joseph Ketchum of Engine 35, burned on hands; John Ryan of Engine 30, fell and injured his knees; Mike Hart of Engine 13, whose eye was hurt by a live cinder.

The fire apparently started in the cellar. It was discovered just after 5 o'clock by Lieut. John Hughes of Engine 13, the quarters of which are directly opposite. Hughes ordered out his company and sent in an alarm. The firemen found that the fire had already gained great headway at the rear of the building, so a second and third alarm were sent.

These brought Chief Croker, who had just sat down at his home to enjoy his Christmas dinner. The fire burned fiercely at the rear but no flames were seen in front after the first few minutes until an hour after the fire was discovered. Then they began to show on the upper floors.

Chief Croker then sent in fourth and fifth alarms and ordered his men out of the building and down from the front fire escapes. Three companies were on the fire escapes, the crew of Engine 27 being uppermost and at the fourth floor when the flames began bursting from the windows.

Fireman John Cronin had the nozzle and he held it to it to prevent it swirling while his comrades were descending. He lingered too long and flames got below him before he could get down.

Cronin clambered up the fire escape to the top balcony and, crawling over the railing, held on with one hand while with the other he reached over and got hold of the casing of an adjoining window to the south. A strip of ornamental stone work gave him a two inch foothold, and, stretching out as far as possible with one leg, he let go the railing and swung himself into the window.

With less difficulty, because the stone was shorter, but with scarcely less risk, he swung himself to a second window. He was then within about four feet of the roof of the adjoining building, the projecting cornice of which was about level with the sixth story window sill upon which he stood.

Meanwhile Cronin's plight had been seen below and the members of his company, headed by Lieut. Cronin, raced up to the adjoining building to aid him. They reached the roof to find Cronin edging along his two inch foothold toward them. Several strong arms reached out and caught his arm and the next instant he was yanked out of danger.

Assistance reached him just in time, for although he was uninjured he was fast losing his strength owing to the dense hot smoke that every moment or two enveloped him. Two minutes later, gas was fanned out from the windows from which he had escaped.

There were about forty windows in the front of the building and for nearly half an hour every one of them spouted flame. One portion of the building at 102 Wooster street was connected up to the second floor with the building at 93 and 95 Greene street. To prevent the spread of the fire the firemen, aided by the hardest kind of work, held the flames in check. Three companies in the cellar worked in ice cold water waist deep. The firemen also broke into 97 and 99 Greene street and fought the fire from the rear windows and roof.

It was nearly 8 o'clock before Chief Croker felt that he had the fire under control. Then he said that the firemen had been greatly hampered by insufficient water pressure.

Some of the engines had to try two or three hydrants before they got any water," he said, "and I had to send two companies home because they could not get to work. I had four big engines on the water tower and only got sixty-five pounds water pressure when there should have been from ninety to 125 pounds. There were also four engines on the deck pipe of the tower and the steam was poor at the time, so that the water was poor at the tower and telephoned to headquarters to notify the water department, but I did not notice any improvement."

After the fire was under control inspectors from the water department with gauges appeared and tested the normal pressure at several hydrants. They reported 20 and 25 pounds. Most of the companies had then stopped work, Chief Croker said.

The chief said he believed he could have prevented considerably the spread of the fire if the water pressure had been adequate.

Among the occupants of the burned building were: H. Damsky, manufacturer of paper boxes; Cohen & Mulendroff, shirt waists; Goldsmith & Knopf, cloaks and suits; L. Mendelson & Co., silk belts; I. Brandt & Bros., millinery and braids; A. Jentes, furs, and F. A. Straus & Co., yarns. The latter concern occupied the basement and first floor of the street.

Water in the adjoining cellars on each street did considerable damage.

The three upper floors of the building were badly damaged by fire about thirteen years ago.

## Woman's Strange Malady Baffles Doctors.

ERSON, N. H., Dec. 25.—For nearly a month Mrs. Fena Marden of this town has been lying in a comatose condition, suffering from some strange injury which baffles the physicians.

Her injuries are known to be the result of a fall sustained while returning from church on Thanksgiving Day.

She apparently partakes of nourishment, and at times slightly recognizes those about her, but most of the time she remains in a semi-conscious state and realizes but little of what is going on around her.

## Deerfoot Farm Sausages.

With increasing knowledge of the danger to health through carelessly prepared food, consumers grow more fastidious in their selection. Deerfoot's means purity, distinctness, cleanliness.—Ad.

## SHOT DEAD HOLDING HER DOLL.

Bullet Crashes Through Window as Child Takes Toy From Christmas Tree.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 25.—While standing at the window caressing a new baby doll this morning nine-year-old Mary Kennedy, only daughter of James Kennedy, superintendent of the Hazokirk coal mines, dropped dead with a bullet through her forehead.

Two minutes before she had been carried downstairs in her nightgown by her father to see the work of Santa Claus.

In childish glee she ran to the Christmas tree, picked off the doll and went with it to the window. She was gazing into the wax face when the bullet crashed through the window.

Four men are in jail, suspected of possessing information that would indicate the man who fired the shot to revenge himself on Kennedy for discharging him recently.

## TWENTY INJURED IN WRECK.

Chair Car Hits Broken Rail and Races Over Embankment.

DURANGO, Col., Dec. 25.—A score of persons were more or less injured by the wrecking of northbound Denver and Rio Grande passenger train No. 110 three miles north of Durango. The accident was caused by a broken rail and the chair car, which was heavily loaded, rolled down an eight foot embankment, carrying the other cars with it. The engine and tender remained on the rails.

Among the more seriously injured are Miss Katie Porter, Silverton, hand torn from arm, arm crushed, internal injuries; George Seefield, Silverton, three ribs fractured, internal injuries; H. C. Harris, mail clerk, internal injuries, may die; James Horick, head and neck hurt; Hugh Ferguson, Silverton, internal injuries; Mrs. Stephen Rogers, Silverton, internal injuries.

## HER ENGAGEMENT RING.

Alice Roosevelt Wearing Finest Gift of Husband and Diamonds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President and fiancée of Representative Nicholas Longworth, is wearing her engagement ring. It is set with three fine pigeon blood rubies surrounded by diamonds. For some weeks she has been wearing a ring of much value both intrinsic and sentimental to the Longworth family, it being an ancient heirloom.

This is a single sapphire set in a plain, dull gold band. The new ring is about the most precious piece of jewelry Miss Roosevelt ever has worn.

At all State functions and brilliant private affairs the President's daughter has appeared practically without jewelry. She never has worn earrings. When she appeared, therefore, with the sapphire to wear until Mr. Longworth should have purchased a suitable emblem it attracted much attention.

## MARTIN FUNERAL TO-MORROW.

Daniel Bacon Has a Broken Rib, Besides His Other Hurts.

The funeral of James E. Martin of 803 Fifth avenue, who was killed by the upsetting of his automobile in Flushing on Sunday, will take place to-morrow.

The physician in attendance upon Daniel Bacon made a more thorough examination of his patient yesterday, and found that Mr. Bacon had one broken rib, in addition to the other injuries he suffered in the automobile accident. It was said at their home in West Fifty-seventh street last night that Mr. and Mrs. Bacon were doing as well as could be expected.

## MISS WALSH ON CRUTCHES.

Sister of Young Man Killed in Auto Accident Able to Walk About Room.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh and their daughter, Miss Evelyn Walsh, who was seriously injured in the automobile accident at Newport in which her only brother was killed, will remain at the Shoreham in this city about three more weeks. They will then go to Santa Barbara, Cal., for the winter and to Colorado Springs for the spring and summer. Miss Walsh is able to walk about her room with crutches.

## BRIDGE COPS CHRISTMAS.

Something Came His Way, So He Dropped Into Departmental Postery.

"Did any man give you anything?" said a man whose Santa Claus had overlooked to the stout bridge cop at the south roadway yesterday afternoon.

"Well," the officer replied with a faraway look, "there was an old buck up here 'a' chuckin' away a lot of pennies. Some of the newsboys got as much as 77 cents."

Just then several letter carriers off duty came along.

"Have a smoke, officer," said one, handing over two fat perfectos.

"Thanks, gent, I'll think of you," chirped the cop, as he stowed away the smokes inside his helmet.

"You know the poet says about this holiday: The day's most gone!  
The presents few!  
Yet we must work  
For Me—"  
"Merry Christmas, boys!"

## AFTER BRITISH REFUGEES.

Steamship Freda Is Chartered to Go to Riga.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The steam ship Freda has been chartered by the British Government to go to Riga and embark British refugees.

Fears for Overdue Vessel.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Considerable anxiety is felt for the safety of the three masted schooner Willie H. Child, which is three weeks overdue on a passage from Apalachicola, Fla., for this port with a cargo of lumber. The overturned craft passed by the Clyde liner Onondaga on December 12 between Boston Island and Five Farham Bank lightship, has never been identified, and it is thought by many that she is the Willie H. Child.

The Child is commanded by Capt. Lincoln Watts of Jonesport, Me., an experienced navigator, and she carries a crew of seven men.

## Latest Marine Intelligence.

Arrived: S. S. Alghayyeh, Carthage, Dec. 13.

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