# FIRE AND CRASH IN LOS ANGELES

**Big Hotel Burns and Street Cars Collide—Scores Are Injured.**

Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—In the largest hotel fire in the history of Los Angeles the Van Nuys Broadway hotel, one of the first-class hostelries of the city, in the heart of the business district, was almost completely destroyed yesterday. One hundred and ten guests, most of whom were still in bed at the time the fire broke out, escaped in their scant clothing to the street. Many of them got out in their night clothes and practically all suffered the loss of their entire baggage and personal effects.

Five firemen were injured by the collapse of the second floor. They were precipitated into the basement and all suffered more or less serious injuries.

**The Injured.**

J. Lawson, fireman Hose Company No. 9.

C. M. Stewart, fireman, shocked, bruised and cut.

J. L. Lainds, fireman, lacerated scalp and bruised about the body.

W. C. Phillips, fireman, bruised, burned and cut.

Thomas Lane, fireman, shocked, bruised and cut; still unconscious; may die.

Richard Hanley, fireman, bruised, cut and suffering from shock.

Altho a fire engine was on the ground four minutes after the first alarm was turned in, the building burned like tinder and there was not a chance to extinguish the blaze.

Fire Chief Lipps was seriously cut by broken glass, but he had his injuries dressed without leaving the scene of the fire.

The total financial loss will approximate about $200,000. The Martz estate and August Winstel, owners of the hotel building, will lose $100,000; insurance, $75,000.

**Street Car Crash.**

Forty or more persons were injured shortly after 6 o'clock last night in a collision of three street cars. The collision occurred at the corner of Second and Spring streets, one of the busiest spots in the business section of the city.

A West Second street car, descending the steep hill from Second and Olive streets down toward Broadway and Spring streets, got beyond control of the motorman, dashed three blocks down the steep incline at a tremendous speed, and crashed into the end of another Second street car, shoving the latter car into a Hollywood car which was at that moment crossing Second street at right angles on Spring street.

The Hollywood car was struck almost in the center, being crushed like an eggshell, and was turned completely over. The Second street car that was struck by the runaway was demolished at both ends and was thrown from the tracks and turned over. The runaway car was also badly smashed.

Hardly a passenger on the three cars escaped injury, some of them being very seriously hurt. The motorman and conductor of the runaway car and the motorman on the Hollywood car were not injured.

All the injured gave city and suburban addresses and it is not thought that any of them were visitors in Los Angeles.

**Street Car Held Up.**

Two masked men held up and robbed a Pasadena electric car, near Eastlake Park, about 9 o'clock last night. There were fifteen passengers on the car, mostly men, and these, together with the conductor, were forced to give up their cash. The two men then leaped from the car and escaped in the darkness.

Headaches and Neuralgia from Colds. Laxative Bromo Quinine, the world-wide cold and grip remedy, removes the cause. Call for the full name and look for signature of E. W. Grove. 25c.

# BARON ARRESTED ON A SERIOUS CHARGE

New York, Dec. 25.—Baron Frederick Seefeld, whose residence is at present in Philadelphia, was arrested here last night charged with securing money under false pretenses. The police say that Countess Ilka K. Palmay, who is living at a New York hotel, charges that several weeks ago she loaned the baron a large sum of money, taking his automobile as a security, and that she afterward learned that the auto did not belong to him.

# WEBSTER CITY FARMER DIES FROM EXPOSURE

Special to The Journal.

Webster City, Iowa, Dec. 25.—The body of Asa Jones, a prominent farmer living northwest of this city, was found about four miles from home, frozen to death.

Jones had gone to Duncombe and the supposition is that he fell from the buggy on his head and was too badly hurt to regain consciousness.

He leaves a wife and six children.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict stating that the man came to his death from exposure.

# OAKLAND GIRL SAID TO HAVE TAKEN $7,000

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 25.—Miss Lulu Bowen, a clerk employed at Substation No. 1, Oakland postoffice, was taken into custody Saturday night charged with embezzlement. Her accounts are, it is charged, short $7,000.

Miss Bowen is a daughter of Mrs. Mary F. Bowen and lives with her mother in a fashionable district. She has been employed at the substation for many months.

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# PASTOR CRITICIZES THE RIOTOUS RICH

**Pittsburg Preacher Condemns Millionaires Who Have Brought Reproach on City.**

Journal Special Service.

Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—Doings of wealthy men of Pittsburg, who have made the term "Pittsburg millionaire" a by-word all over the country, were severely scored from the pulpit yesterday by Rev. John I. Jayne, pastor of the Observatory Hill Christian church.

"Our newspapers," he said, "reek with the scandal of rich men smashing the tenderest of ties and violating for the sake of passion the holiest of obligations. We read of multimillionaires forsaking the wives of their youth, who toiled for them thru the days of their poverty, and lusting after the strange woman whose only ornament is her pretty face; whose only grace is her voluptuous way.

"We are reading today of fifteen so-called leaders of finance and fashion who are suing for divorce from their wives on the ground of incompatibility. Presumably a true-hearted woman is incompatible to her husband when she refuses to consent for him to intensify the bright light of Broadway with the flames of a degrading passion."

**"SINGERS NOT TO BLAME"**

**Mabelle Gilman Says They Are Not Home-Wreckers.**

Journal Special Service.

Paris, Dec. 25.—Mabelle Gilman arrived from Italy Saturday and is with her mother in the Rue Spontini. Today she and her mother started on an automobile tour of the Riviera.

"We haven't been in America for three years," said Miss Gilman, "and Mr. Corey has not been here. There is no more likelihood of my marrying him than any of the many other married men of my acquaintance. I once met Mr. Corey and his wife at dinner together with mumtual friend; they seemed negligent of each other. When married people get rich they quite frequently neglect to study each other's tastes. The cause of domestic troubles is more frequently found in the family circle than outside.

"I protest against the custom of making theater girls scapegoats for the domestic troubles of millionaires. If wives have difficulties with their husbands, lyric artists are rarely the cause. Our calling is too exacting to allow us time to be home-wreckers, even were we so disposed. Necessarily we are always before the public and often are good looking, and jealous women lightly point the finger of scorn at us. If these people knew how hard we work and how little time successful artists have for frivolity they would realize that our thoughts are occupied with subjects other than their husbands. Respectable artists should form a league for protection against the absurd attacks of unattractive married women.

"Millionaire Pittsburgers are too Parisian. They are nice people, but without sufficient culture to spend money except on pleasures of the senses. Mr. Carnegie is to be congratulated as a domestic peacemaker."

24th Annual Reduced-Price Sale.
The Great Plymouth Clothing House.

# SUBMITS PLAN TO REGULATE RATES

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by the government it would become legal on that account.

"It is devised from the standpoint of the receiver who pays the freight and is therefor most affected. Complaints may be made either by the individual direct to the court, or thru the interstate commerce commission. Either can present a complaint and ask that proceedings be instituted.

"At present the expense of fighting a complaint is heavy and prevents many just complaints. Under this system the small shipper can present his complaint to the commission, which will proceed for him at no cost to him. In the case of the larger shipper, who wishes to present his case direct to the court thru his attorney without assistance of the commission, such action is permissible, but the expense of attorneys' fees must be borne by him.

"I believe the plan is just and fair to both the carrier and the shipper and it leaves the power to make rates with the roads, where it should be."

Mr. Traxler has made a thoro study of the railroad problem and has evolved his plan after studying all other proposed plans. He has been brought unusually close to the subject in hand as attorney for the Northwestern Retail Lumbermen's association and for the Northwestern Retail Coal Dealers' association. Everything that has been published on the question has been studied and additional information has been secured thru extensive correspondence and discussion with men from other parts of the country. The plan has been enthusiastically approved by those to whom it has been explained. The correspondence with Washington has commended the plan and the author will doubtless be asked to go to Washington to further explain and discuss it. The provisions of the plan have never been fully published before.

# FATE OF RUSSIA HANGS BY THREAD

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the debate brought decided differences of opinion and some heat.

Suddenly the czar interrupted, saying with evident irritation and addressing himself to the prime minister:

"Your policy of conciliation is a fatal blunder, and will be responsible ultimately for the country's ruin."

Count Witte, smothering his indignation and mortification, replied:

"I have acted to the best of my ability for the czar and for Russia. But if a substitute is available I shall willingly give way."

In a calmer tone, but with a tinge of severity, the czar observed:

"No. Your responsibility cannot be transferred now. You must go on working out the problems of the national assembly and the election law."

Among the liberal statesmen the belief is strong that the czar is only awaiting the word from Trepoff to sweep away all the promised concessions, relying solely on force to restore the autocracy. It is admitted that at one time the czar really did think that a liberal policy could be desirable, but it is said that he now attributes to it all Russia's misfortunes and disorders, and has become more than ever reactionary at heart.

Trepoff pretends to have great sympathy with the constitutional reform party, but the party knows him to be the czar's evil genius.

# KAISER OPPOSED TO TARIFF WAR

**Efforts of German Emperor Point to Delay, at Least, of Tariff Crisis.**

Journal Special Service.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Walter Wellman, in a Washington special to the Record-Herald, says:

Thanks to the good sense and patience of Emperor William, there is now at least a fair chance that the threatened tariff war between the United States and Germany may be deferred for some months, possibly for a whole year. The kaiser and his advisers are said to have a strong belief that if the people of the United States are given a little time to gain a full understanding of the question involved public opinion in this country will force the government to act in a reasonable spirit and to reverse the policy which now dominates the republican leaders.

Observers in this country are not so sanguine. To the German emperor and his cabinet it may appear a reasonable and natural proposition that the Americans, noted the world over for their practical common sense, will not persist in biting off their noses to spite their faces. But the Germans do not as yet fully realize the extent to which the tariff fetich has taken possession of the republican leaders, nor do they understand how eastern manufacturers, eager to shut out the slightest hint of German competition with their wares, are determined to exercise their "pull" in congress and sacrifice the interests of the west for their own advantage.

**Modus Vivendi Discussed.**

At any rate, Baron von Sternburg, the German ambassador to the United States, some time ago suggested to Secretary of State Root that a modus vivendi should be agreed upon if possible, so that the threatened imposition of the maximum duties of the German tariff law upon American imports need not be put in force next March, as would be the case if no agreement were reached. Secretary Root and Baron von Sternberg have had several conferences on this subject and the outlook is better than it was that something may be accomplished toward postponing the crisis and giving American public opinion an opportunity to dictate a more enlightened policy in congress.

**West Already Shows Position.**

Already American public opinion, especially in the west, is beginning to make itself felt on this subject. The idea of promoting our foreign trade with a club and of meeting the concessions Germany is willing to make with an increase of the Dingley duties does not appear to strike the country with much favor. Many letters are pouring in upon senators and representatives from their constituents in the west, asking that something be done to avert the ruinous effect of Germany's threatened action. Probably some of these letters are due to the influence of the American Reciprocal Tariff league. The secretary of that organization, Mr. Skinner, is sending out from his Chicago office a great number of circulars which contain some highly interesting reading.

# POLICE HOLD TWO MURDER SUSPECTS

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he was shot down. Butterfield turned around to see what had become of his beer and saw Bader on the floor, and at first he thought that his friend had simply slipped and fallen.

A moment after, Anna Force, one of the dining-room girls, put her head thru the rear door to ask Mr. Bader a question.

"Dig back there!" shouted a masked man, standing at the front door with a leveled gun in his hand.

Anna, instead of drawing back, waited a moment in wonder. She saw the men with their hands in the air, the masked man at the door, Mr. Bader on the floor and another masked man behind the bar rummaging in the cash drawer.

Then it dawned on her that robbers were in possession and she fled to the rear of the house. Rushing into the dining-room she tried to tell what was going on. Byron Coller ran into the barroom and was commanded to throw up his hands by the robber with the gun. He dodged back and hurried out of the house by the rear door in search of a telephone.

**Ran for the Police.**

The dining room girls were greatly excited and did not know what to do. Mary Rustad ran out of the rear door and crossed the railroad tracks. She was stopped by a switchman, who inquired what was the matter. While she was trying to tell him two men suddenly appeared in the darkness from the direction of the hotel, and ran with all speed up the tracks toward First street.

Mary hurried over toward Third avenue and near Second street found a policeman, who promptly turned in a call for help from the patrol box on the corner.

How lonely and isolated the hotel is is revealed by the fact that the switchman not forty feet away from the front door did not realize what was going on until the excited girl ran across the tracks. There were a number of people in the dining room, which is just across a narrow corridor from the barroom, but not one heard a sound thru the door, which was closed.

**JAILBREAKERS CAPTURED.**

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 25.—Fred Gillette, W. B. Warner and Fred Englebrecht, three men who broke jail in this city last week, have been captured near Holdredge.

**Warning! ! Don't Go to California.**

It would be a great mistake to arrange for a trip to California at this time of the year without first looking into the new sleeping car service to kansas city over the minneapolis and saint louis railroad, making close connection in kansas city union depot with the fast and luxurious California limited trains. No other road offers such through service—lowest rates. Consult john gee rickel, four twenty four nicollet ave.

Do not suffer from sick headache a moment longer. It is not necessary. Carter's Little Liver Pills will cure you. Dose, one little pill. Small price. Small dose. Small pill.

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"Wisely Economical"—If you like the best whiskey, call for Pickwick Rye. It costs most but is worth most.

# PRESIDENT OUSTS ANOTHER OFFICIAL

**Irving Baxter, U. S. District Attorney, Removed by Roosevelt.**

Special to The Journal.

Omaha, Dec. 25.—Irving Baxter has been summarily removed from the office of United States district attorney for this district by order of the president. Mr. Baxter refuses to confirm or deny the statement. He has made public a letter, however, which he sent, Dec. 21, to the attorney general, in reply to one asking for his resignation. In his reply Mr. Baxter said:

"Having faithfully and honestly performed the duties of the office to which I was appointed in April, 1904, for a four-year term, and being in no way responsible for the sentence imposed in the Richcards and Comstock case, out of which the request for my resignation has come, I decline to resign.

"While I am mindful of the president's power to summarily remove me, I cannot, under the circumstances, recognize the justice of such act by tendering my resignation."

**Result of Long Fight.**

The removal of District Attorney Baxter is one of the results of the prosecutions started by the government three years ago of Nebraska cattlemen for illegally fencing the public domain. Bartlett Richards and W. E. Comstock, two of the wealthiest cattlemen in the state, were indicted on the charge of unlawfully fencing about twenty-two thousand acres of public land.

They recently entered a plea of guilty and were fined $300 each by Judge W. H. Munger and sentenced to six hours in the custody of the United States marshal.

United States Marshal Matthews deputized the attorney for the prisoners to carry out the latter part of the sentence and the time is said to have been spent at the Omaha club.

The president is said to have been dissatisfied with the results of the prosecution and week before last Marshal Matthews was removed and last week the resignation of District Attorney Baxter was asked for.

# HOLIDAY GREETING FOR SHIPS ABROAD

**Dewey Sends Christmas Word to American Vessels in Foreign Ports.**

Washington, Dec. 25.—Aboard the ships of the American navy scattered in foreign and home waters, today will be observed as a holiday. The Christmas greeting sent around the world last night by Admiral Dewey will be communicated to the officers and men of all the vessels in the service that can be reached. On the ships the only work required today is the necessary cleaning and by 9 o'clock this morning most of the officers and men were left free to celebrate the day as they choose. Liberal shore leave has been granted according to custom and as many as can be spared from a ship will celebrate ashore. Thousands of pounds of turkey, cranberries and plum pudding and other things that make up the Christmas dinners aboard the vessels have been laid by and will be served in generous fashion on board each ship. The men will have their Christmas dinner at noon and the officers in the evening. On many ships the captain will be invited to dine in the wardroom and join the officers in making merry.

**Month's Pay for Employees.**

Journal Special Service.

Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—The Westinghouse Air Brake company yesterday presented each employee who is on a salary with a month's pay for a Christmas present. All of the employees in the general office, the department clerks and the foremen were included in this gift. It is estimated that $25,000 was distributed. More than $111,000 was paid to the employees of the company yesterday, making the largest pay roll in the history of the concern. This does not include the money presented to the salaried men. Accompanying the checks was a note telling each how much his services were appreciated by the company.

**Castro's New Year Wish.**

Journal Special Service.

New York, Dec. 25.—Cipriano Castro, president of Venezuela, sends the following greeting to the American people:

"I write with hat in hand to salute the industrious American people and wish them health and prosperity in the new year."

# ITALIAN PREMIER FORMS NEW CABINET

Rome, Dec. 25.—Prime Minister Fortis has formed a new cabinet composed as follows:

Prime Minister and Minister of Interior—Alessandro Fortis.

Minister of Foreign Affairs—Marquis San Giuliano.

Minister of Treasury—Paolo Carcano.

Minister of Finance—Signor Vaccsezli.

Minister of Agriculture—Signor Fortis (ad interim).

Minister of Public Works—Signor Tedesco.

Minister of Instruction—Signor de Marinis.

Minister of Justice—Signor Finocchiaro Aprile.

Minister of Posts—Signor Marsengo.

Minister of Marine—Admiral Carlo Mirabello.

Minister of War—Signor Mainoni.

Marquis San Giuliano is a Sicilian and belongs to an ancient noble family of Norman extraction.

**ROBBERY AT WASHBURN.**

Special to The Journal.

Washburn, N. D., Dec. 25.—Brown's store was robbed last night. The safe was blown open and articles valued at $500 stolen. It was the work of experts and they left no clue.

**BOILER EXPLOSION INJURES TWO.**

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 25.—A railroad locomotive was partly blown to pieces and two members of the train's crew were badly injured here today by the explosion of the engine's boiler. Charles De Barr of Stroudsburg, Pa., fireman, and Conductor Mable, of Butler, N. J., were terribly scalded. De Barr is expected to die.

**WILL TEACH JEWS ENGLISH.**

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Classes to give instruction in English to the Russian Jews who are expected to come to America as refugees, will be started at once by the Chicago Hebrew institute.

**THREE KILLED AT CROSSING.**

Alma, Kan., Dec. 25.—Chris Andreson, his son Morton and his mother-in-law, Mrs. L. J. Woodward, of Altavista, Kan., were killed here yesterday while crossing the railway tracks, their carriage being struck and demolished by an engine.

**DAYTON'S**

THE SILK LEADERS OF THE NORTHWEST — THE LINEN STORE OF THE NORTHWEST

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**Grand Clearing Sale of All Holiday Goods**

**Beginning Tuesday and Lasting the Entire Week.**

The entire stock, regardless of cost or value, will be marked

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from regular selling prices.

**Remember** The above discounts will be in effect upon every line mentioned below.

**Toys, Dolls, Sleds, Skates, Skis, Games, All China, Cut Glass, Art Pottery, Lamps, Bric-a-Brac, Chafing Dishes, Carving Sets, etc.**

# LEOPOLD TAKES A MORGANATIC WIFE

**Belgium Monarch's Marriage to Caretaker's Daughter No Longer Doubted.**

Journal Special Service.

Brussels, Dec. 25.—According to the Reviel de Bruges, the report that King Leopold has married morganatically can be no longer doubted.

The paper says the ceremony was performed a year ago in the private chapel of the chateau at Laeken, in the presence of two of the king's aides by the court chaplin, acting with the authority of the archbishop of Mechlin.

The bride was a widow of the name of Vaughan, nee Lecroix. She is the daughter of a caretaker at Louvrain and a niece of M. Lamgendolck, a socialist member of the chamber of deputies. The king has created her a baroness, and she now lives at his estate at Cap Verat, near Nice. They have a son.

# WIDOW LEAVES MEXICO WITH CONSUL'S BODY

Journal Special Service.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 25.—Mrs. J. R. Parsons, Jr., leaves the City of Mexico today for New York with the body of her husband, the late American consul general. The interment will be at Hossick Falls, Mass.

Consul General Parsons was killed on the evening of Dec. 5 by being thrown from his carriage in a collision with an electric car. Mrs. Parsons, who was in the carriage with him, is still suffering from the shock and from the delay in extricating the body of her husband from the wreckage. The accident occurred before 7 o'clock in the evening and the local police allowed the body to lie in the wreckage until long after midnight.

Charles C. Eberhardt, the vice deputy consul general and J. C. Lipz, a baseball player formerly of Los Angeles, assisted by several Americans, rushed Mrs. Parsons to the American hospital in a carriage and prevented the police from subjecting her to unnecessary annoyance.

# CHRISTMAS SHOPPER STABS A MERCHANT

Wathena, Kas., Dec. 25.—Because John Schalz, a prominent merchant of this place, said to Edward Morris, a farmer, when the latter inquired the price of a pair of shoes and then complained that it was exorbitant, "Those shoes are much too good for you to wear," Schalz was stabbed to the heart with a pocketknife.

The murder occurred on the threshhold of the store, in front of a half-hundred horrified Christmas shoppers, Saturday night.

Schalz is survived by a widow and eight small children. Morris, who is in jail, has a family of six.

# HER FATHER FOUGHT IN THE REVOLUTION

Northampton, Mass., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Drusilla Hall Johnson, the daughter of a soldier of the American revolution, died at her home in this city yesterday, aged 100 years. Her father, Aaron Hall, was taken prisoner by the British during the struggle for independence and carried to England. Up to within a few days Mrs. Johnson's health had been remarkably good.

**CARBARNS ARE LOOTED.**

Toledo, Dec. 25.—A daring robbery and safe-blowing job was committed by seven bandits at the office of the Central avenue carbarns of the Toledo Railway & Light company at 2:45 o'clock yesterday morning. The robbers secured about $700 and missed $7,000 which was in the strong box of the safe, which they failed to force open. Two employes, who were in the office, were overpowered before the robbers began the work on the safe.

**WIFE DID NOT DESERT**

**Winnebago Indian Denies the Report of Separation.**

SIOUX CITY, IOWA.—John Blackhawk, a Winnebago Indian, denies the story published to the effect that his wife had deserted him, and has sued a local paper for $6,000 damages. The dispatch from Dakota City, Neb., stated that Blackhawk's wife, a white girl, had left him because he would not give up native dances. She has gone to California. Both she and her husband deny they have separated.

# BAD MAN HEADED FOR WASHINGTON

**Arizona "Bill" Leaves Phoenix with Gatling Gun and Money Order.**

Journal Special Service.

Washington, Dec. 25.—There is a bad man with a gun on his way here from Arizona, and the money order clerks in the local postoffice are wondering if they cannot borrow the president's secret service guard till the bad man leaves.

The man is coming to collect a money order and with the letter of advice, the postmaster at Phoenix, Maricapo county, Ariz., wrote this letter to the postmaster here:

"In reply to a note, the payee of this order presented the original for payment and demanded enough more to make up the price of a beer, threatening to back his mild request with a 44-gatling gun. Naturally we felt some aggrieved, as we had to descend from our natural dignity and duck under the counter. Ours was in a drawer and we were somewhat pressed for time.

"Later in the day, when we were better fixed for such peevish outbreaks, we were unable to find Mr. Troubleman. We found out later than 'Coffee' Al, Poker Gibson and a few other of our progressive and influential citizens, had bought him a ticket east. They were somewhat interested in his welfare and thought the climate there might be better for his rugged constitution.

**Too Strong for Mild Climate.**

"He was getting too strong for a mild climate, particularly after getting outside ten or twelve of the rust-proof, non-explosive, copper-riveted essence of trouble dispensed over the bar at the Palace, under the misleading name of bottled sunshine.

"As I was saying, the last I hear of Bill, he was headed east, way-billed to your village, going easy at the usual rate of the Sunset limited, fifteen miles a day—and is due to arrive in the near future if New Mexica isn't whipped off the map again.

Kindly inform the postmaster general, the janitor, or whoever is boss of the round-up of the present whereabouts of this money order. If he doesn't want it all at once, insist (mildly, of course, remembering that a gun in the hand is worth ten at home in your Sunday clothes) that he take at least half cash."

# HUNDREDS OF CHINESE PERISH IN BIG FIRE

Special to The Journal.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 25.—Mail advices from Shanghai tell of a great fire at Hankow, known as the Chicago of China, in which about 5,000 houses were destroyed and a large number of lives lost, variously estimated at from one to five hundred.

# JOHN MAKES RECORD BY HANGING HIMSELF

Journal Special Service.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Life was a failure to Moy Sam, but in his death he established a record. He hanged himself in the back room of his laundry. This is the first case ever reported to the local police of a Chinaman committing suicide.

According to the figures of the census bureau, but fifteen Chinese committed suicide in this country from 1890 to 1900, and one of these was a woman. Poison is apparently their favorite method for killing themselves. Moy Sam had a wife and boy in Canton, and was anxious to visit them this year. Poor business prevented and he hanged himself.

**TAX LEVY IS $242,476**

**Stutsman County, North Dakota, Is in Flourishing Condition.**

JAMESTOWN, N. D.—J. J. Latta, treasurer of Stutsman county, has prepared his annual statement to the taxpayers. It shows a total levy of $242,476 and does not include the road tax levied by the several civil townships. Of this amount the state will receive $34,661.69.

The county general tax is $49,703.56; sinking fund, $6,539.94; roads, $12,854.87; bridges, $4,513.28; emergency, $1,307.99; gopher destruction, $2,262.46; cities and villages, $18,795.48; school districts, $83,190.55; school roll, $3,233; board polls, $3,888.

The total amount to be collected the present year in Stutsman county for school purposes, is $106,043.37.

**A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

to all our friends and patrons who have helped us make this year the most prosperous in our business.

Home Trade Shoe Store
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**BLOCKS ELOPEMENT**

**North Dakota Farmer Catches Daughter and Lover at Courtenay.**

COURTENAY, N. D.—Some excitement was caused here when Charles Reecks came to town late and announced that Fred Reisler was trying to elope with his daughter, Rosilla. He says that Reisler had been stopping at his home the greater part of the summer and on Friday morning he asked Reecks to take him to Wimbledon as he wished to catch the train for Superior, Wis. Reecks said he complied with his request, but as soon as they arrived at Wimbledon, Reisler engaged a livery team and drove back to the farm of a neighbor where the girl had arranged to meet him and the two drove to Courtenay, intending to take the train east in the evening.

When Reecks was on his way home from Wimbledon, his son met him and informed him of what had happened. The father and son then drove back to Wimbledon thinking they might find the couple there. Failing, they came here and for a time there was something doing around this town. Reisler was taken into custody, but as Reecks refused to swear out a warrant for him, he was given his liberty. The girl was persuaded to return to her home. Reecks says that the girl is only 15 years of age.

**FOR POULTRY SHOW**

**Display at Sioux Falls Will Be Best Ever Held.**

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—Preparations are about complete for the state poultry show to be held here Jan. 8 to 12. Everything indicates that it will be the greatest affair of the kind ever held in South Dakota. The premium list shows that many special prizes are being offered this year, making it certain that a greater number of birds will be exhibited than at any former display.

The association has secured two of the best judges in the country to place the awards and everything will be conducted on a business basis. Every evening there will be pit game contests, which will be simply sparring matches. The game cocks will be muffed so they cannot hurt each other. This has become one of the most interesting features of the annual poultry shows.

**WAR ON LIQUOR**

**South Dakota Town Arrests Several Violators of Law.**

ELK POINT, S. D.—Beresford, this county, is enforcing the liquor law against its violators. Within a few days, warrants were sworn out against Jake Ganz and George Howard for selling liquors without a license. Ganz pleaded guilty and was fined $100, which he paid. Howard gave a $100 cash bond for appearance, which he forfeited. Later, Mrs. Peter Newroth paid a $100 fine on a similar charge and Ganz was arrested on a second charge and is in the county jail here. Howard has disappeared. Other prosecutions are likely to follow.

**Jones Family Hires a Hall.**

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WIS.—The Jones family of this city has outgrown any house in the city and in order to accommodate the large number of relatives today, a hall has been hired in which to celebrate the day. Five of the Jones brothers and a sister settled here forty years ago. Today, more than threescore relatives are here. It is the most extensive family gathering ever held in the city.

**BARGAINS IN MEDICINE.**

A woman once wrote us that she was not going to buy Scott's Emulsion any more because it cost too much. Said she could get some other emulsion for less money. Penny wise and pound foolish. Scott's Emulsion costs more because it is worth more—costs more to make. We could make Scott's Emulsion cost less by using less oil. Could take less care in making it, too. If we did, however, Scott's Emulsion wouldn't be the standard preparation of cod liver oil as it is to-day.

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