SPECIAL NOTICES.

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE First Presbyterian Church, 4½ st. bet. C and D.—You are invited to the children's Christmas festival THIS (Tuesday) EVENING at 6 o'clock. At 8 p.m. there will be a musical service, participated in by Messrs. McFarland, Simons, Johnston and Rice, vocalists, and Mr. Woodward and Miss Stebbins of Boston, organists, at which Rev. WILLIAM DAYTON ROBERTS, recently called to the associate pastorate, will be present. 1t
DECEMBER 25, 1893.

Christmas dinner committee, G. A. R., will meet at G. A. R. Hall THIS TUESDAY EVENING, December 26, at 7:30 o'clock sharp.
1t T. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

HILLSDALE, D. C.—James T. Howard resigned from the deaconship and superintendency of the Macedonia Baptist Church December 24, 1893. 1t*

SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL—A STATED MEETING of Robert de Bruce Council, No. 1, K. H., will be held THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, December 26, 1893, at 7:30 o'clock.
HARRISON DINGMAN, 32 Deg., Commander.
A. H. HOLT, 32 Deg., Secretary. 1t

W. C. T. U.—CHAPIN AUXILIARY WILL HOLD its quarterly meeting TOMORROW (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. at headquarters, 622 Louisiana ave. n.w. Members are urged to be present. Mrs. M. E. COHEN, President. 1t*

I.O.O.F.—MEMBERS OF FRED. D. STUART ENcampment, No. 7, will meet this TUESDAY EVENING, December 26, 7:30, to make arrangements for the funeral of our late deceased brother, T. S. Bradford. By order of the encampment. (1t) C. H. CAMPBELL, C.P.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE BOARD of trade on WEDNESDAY, December 27, 1893, at 4 o'clock p.m., at the rooms of the board, Glover building, for election of officers for ensuing year.
d26-2t BRAINARD H. WARNER, President.

TO THE PUBLIC:
It gives me pleasure to inform my friends, patrons and the public generally that I have this day associated with me in my business my two sons,
EDWARD H. DROOP and CARL A. DROOP,
And that after January 1, 1894, the firm will be conducted under the name, style and title of
EDWARD F. DROOP & SONS.
Respectfully, E. F. DROOP.
December 25, 1893.

Referring to the above notice, I embrace this opportunity to heartily thank my friends and patrons for their many acts of kindness and the liberal patronage and favors they have bestowed upon me during the thirty-six years of my business career in this city. Feeling assured that, with the able assistance of my two sons, I may still further increase and enlarge the business, thereby enabling me to handle a larger and more complete stock of pianos, organs and sheet music and to fill the wants of my customers more promptly, I solicit a continuance of the appreciated patronage and trust that with your kind support the new firm may be as successful in the future as I have been in the past.
d26-3t Very truly, E. F. DROOP.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF National Metropolitan Bank will be held in the banking house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1894.
Polls will be open from 11 o'clock a.m. to 1 o'clock p.m. GEO. H. B. WHITE,
d19,26,ja2,8,4t Cashier.

NOTICE—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Second National Bank of Washington, D. C., for the election of directors, will be held at the bank on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1894, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 2 o'clock p.m.
ds,12,19,26,ja2&8 JOHN C. ECKLOFF, Cashier.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Ohio National Bank of Washington for the election of directors will be held at the banking house of said bank on TUESDAY, January 16, 1894, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p.m. d12-1awtd

▲ MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company, for the election of directors, will be held at the office of the company, Georgetown, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of January, 1894.
The polls will be opened at 10 a.m. and closed at 12 m. Transfer books will be closed on the 3d of January, 1894, and opened on January 11, 1894. G. T. DUNLOP, Vice President.
C. M. KOONES, Secretary. d25-14t

NEW YEAR. 1894. NEW BOOKS.
This is a necessity and the National Bookbindery is the place to fill the order.
Records, Ledgers, Journals, and Cash Books made at short notice.
NATIONAL BOOKBINDERY,
d25 511 9th st.

TO MERCHANTS AND ALL FRIENDS OF ORGANized labor.—This is to give notice that no one is authorized to make contracts or collect money for advertisements in the "Labor Advocate," the official organ of the Federation of Labor and the District Assembly of the Knights of Labor of the District of Columbia, unless they can show credentials signed by the officers of those organizations, together with the seals attached. By order of the Federation. d23-3t

THE CABIN JOHNS HOTEL IS CLOSED FROM this date (December 19, 1893) until further notice on account of illness of the proprietress, Mrs. Rosa Bobinger. d19-tf

WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY.
The annual meeting of the Washington Market Company will be held at the office of the company in the Center market, in the city of Washington, at 12 o'clock noon on the first Monday, being the FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1894, for the choice of thirteen directors for the ensuing year, and to act on any other subject within the power of the corporation that may be brought before the meeting. SAMUEL W. CURRIDEN, Secretary.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 15, 1893. d16-tja1

WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY.
DIVIDEND, No. 34.
A dividend of forty cents a share has been declared on the capital stock of the company, payable at the office of the company in Center market on and after JANUARY 8, 1894. Transfer books close January 2, 1894.
PRESTON S. SMITH, Treasurer.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 15, 1893. d16tja8

JOHN MORAN, PLUMBING, TINNING, LATROBE and Furnace Work, 2126 Pa. ave. Entire stock of Ranges, Heating and Cooking Stoves reduced to cost for cash. Open evenings until 9 o'clock. Telephone, 984. d11-1m

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F. H. SMITH,
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25 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON WROUGHT-IRON candlesticks and novelties, to reduce stock. 10 per cent discount on andirons and other fireplace fixtures. J. H. CORNING, Tile Shop, 529 13th st. oc8

$4.50 PER TON COAL
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For range, latrobe and self feeder.
We have the sale of this Genuine Phila. Pea Coal.
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Is the price of
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Our No. 1 Furnace Coal, extra size, is superior for its lasting quality.
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"15 years at it." New perfection.
C. Fen Keyes, 916 F st. N.W.
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GEORGE SPRANSY,
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

Wins $50 For 35c.
The holder of the lucky key to the safe-box containing the $50 turns out to be a boy of 17 years, who bought a 35c. pipe. May his good luck stick to him!
I, THOS. STEADMAN, residing at No. 1236 4th st. n.w., Washington, D. C., hereby state that I bought from Geo. W. Scott Co., cor. 4½ st. and Penn. ave. n.w., one pipe for thirty-five cents and with said purchase was presented by said firm with one key. On December 25, 1893, I carried said key to Geo. W. Scott Co.'s store and was that fortunate that my key was the means of opening the box, and in return for same I was given the sum of Fifty Dollars.
(Signed) THOS. STEADMAN.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of December, A. D. 1893.
(Signed) OLIVER T. THOMPSON, Notary Public.
WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 25, 1893.
We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we saw Thos. Steadman open the box containing Fifty Dollars in the store of Geo. W. Scott Co., 4½ st. and Penn. ave. n.w., this 25th day of December, A. D. 1893.
(Signed)
MRS. ELLA JACOB, 322 4½ st. s.w.
MAY F. BLAIR.
OPHA JACOB, 322 4½ st. s.w.
LEWIS SILVERBERG.
W. R. KEESE, 1392 6th st. s.w.
THOS. P. HARTIGAN, 6th precinct sta.
ALONZO A. BRENNAHAN, 424 M st.n.w.
M. J. KEANE, 216 3d st. n.w.
LEE D. WOY, 342 Pa. ave. n.w.
GEO. T. PARKER, 6th precinct station.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of December, A.D. 1893, and I further state that I paid the money to the boy myself.
(Signed) OLIVER T. THOMPSON, Notary Public.

Card.
We shall go right along with our liberal business methods—selling finer Cigars and Tobacco for less money than any tobacconist in town. Cut prices prevail—so lay in your New Year's supply.
Geo. W. Scott Co.,
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At Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 12, J. P. Bliss rode
1 mile, standing start, in 1.54 4-5.
¾ mile, standing start, in 1.26 2-5.
2-3 mile, standing start, in 1.17.
At same place, Dec. 12 and 14, M. F. Dirnberger rode
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—Get one of our Little Brown Jugs of Fine Old "Pennsylvania Club" Pure Rye Whisky—full quart for $1.50. 'Tis grand! Everything good in liquid refreshments.
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Hot Cakes Free.
Quality tells. Maryland and Pennsylvania Mountain Rolan Buckwheat Cakes will be served at the following stores, and the public is cordially solicited to call and partake: Dec. 26—L. F. Palmer, 6th and E sts. n.e. Dec. 27—J. T. D. Pyle, 412 4th st. s.e. Dec. 28—H. I. Meader, 535 8th st. s.e. Dec. 29—E. O'Neill, 480 E st. s.w. Dec. 30—Emil Spahn, 6th and L sts. n.w.
d26-6t*

We've Just Time Enough
—to turn out that Full Dress Suit by New Year's if you come in right away. You'll certainly need it to wear New Year's. We're following fashion to a "T."
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Tomorrow's weather forecast for the District of Columbia and vicinity—Fair and colder.

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Larger assortment and lower prices than ever.
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OFF FOR RIO JANEIRO.

The New York Leaves the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

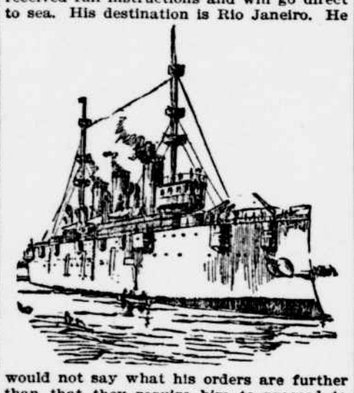
BOUND FOR THE BRAZILIAN CAPITAL,

Aided by a Strong Northwest Wind.

CAPTAIN PHILIP RETICENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The cruiser New York sailed for Rio Janeiro today. She finished taking on coal at the Brooklyn navy yard at 10 a.m. and without waiting to remove the coal stains from her white sides she was swung out into the stream by three tugs.

Capt. J. W. Philip said that he had taken 1,100 tons of coal on board, sufficient for fifteen days' steaming, and he had stores for a six months' cruise. Capt. Philip has received full instructions and will go direct to sea. His destination is Rio Janeiro. He



would not say what his orders are further than that they require him to proceed to sea. The officers of the ship have told their friends and relatives to address their mail to Rio Janeiro and no reason for the sailing of the New York at this time has been suggested.

Admiral Gherardi and his staff officers went down on the dock and said good-bye to Capt. Philip and the officers of the New York.

A strong northwest wind was blowing and when the three tugs pulled the New York out into the stream and let go of her the wind, aided by the flood tide, drove her stern foremost toward the Cobb dock and she seemed about to collide with the dock. Her engines were started at slow speed, but they did not stop her progress. The tugs were not in a position to aid her.

When she was 150 yards from the shore the starboard anchor was let go. This stopped her sternway, and her engines were started up so that she was soon moving ahead out of danger.

The anchor was taken aboard, thirteen guns were fired in honor of the admiral, and as the shore guns gave a parting salute for Capt. Philip the New York went down the East river under her own steam. She passed Governor's Island at 11:10 a.m.

McKANE GRANTED A STAY.

The Gravesend Chief Can Appeal to the Higher Court Now.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Judge Edgar M. Cullen of the supreme court, this city, has granted a stay to John Y. McKane and others concerned in the Gravesend contempt cases, on the ground that there is doubt as to the validity of the injunction order which Justice Barnard issued and the defendants disobeyed. If the injunction be invalid, Justice Cullen says, McKane and his associates cannot be punished for contempt.

Justice Cullen says that in his mind there is no doubt about the validity of the injunction; that Justice Barnard did right in issuing it, in the first place, and that he properly found McKane and the others guilty of contempt on the facts; but that as the whole question of the validity is a matter of law, on which the decisions are of a doubtful character, he thinks the stay should be granted so that the general term can rule on the issue.

E. M. Grout, W. J. Gaynor's lawyer, said: "If Justice Cullen is in doubt at all as to the law, I'd much rather he'd grant the stay now and have McKane punished after appeal than to have him punished now and the judgment reversed on appeal."

If McKane, Newton et al. want to, they can now appeal their case to the court of appeals.

SPORTSMEN'S PROPERTY BURNED.

Destruction of Club House and Grand Stands at Homestead, Pa.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 26.—The three-story club house and two grand stands of the Pittsburg Driving Park, located at Homewood, were entirely destroyed by fire of incendiary origin at an early hour this morning. Loss about $15,000.

Edward Morris and family, who lived in the house, had narrow escapes from being burned, and saved none of their household effects. The stables were saved.

An attempt was made about two weeks ago to burn the buildings, which were erected in 1881.

COMPLETELY SUBJUGATED.

The Matabeles Beaten and Lobengula Has Fled.

CAPE TOWN, Africa, Dec. 26.—A dispatch received here from Maj. Forbes, commanding the field forces of the British South Africa Company, says that the Matabeles have been completely subjugated. It is added that King Lobengula has fled and that he apparently has no intention of returning.

Toledo and Ohio Central Deal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—In regard to the reported acquisition of the Toledo and Ohio Central railroad by the Vanderbilts Director J. S. Stanton says: "Such a transfer would be impossible. There has been some talk among the combined roads of Ohio to make traffic arrangements with our road, and no doubt some settlement has been reached whereby the Big Four will have direct communication with Detroit and Columbus."

Russell Sage and the New England.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Russell Sage says: "I firmly believe that New England January interests will be paid on January 2. It would be very poor financiering not to pay this interest. I am a large holder of New England stock and bonds, and this is not idle gossip that McLeod has his stock. The control has not passed into strange hands. I think that the original program will eventually be carried out."

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued by the clerk of the court to the following: Dr. Jefferson D. Bradfield and Flora Johnson; Bender Nivers of Baltimore county, Md., and Mary F. Contee; Frank P. Clark of Philadelphia and Maria Marshall of Happy Creek, Va.; Julius C. Owen and Mary Helen Garden.

The Repairs to the Resolution.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 26.—The British warship Resolution, which put back to this port after having been damaged in a gale in the Bay of Biscay, sailed this morning for Portsmouth, where she will repair. She is leaking, and her steam pumps are kept constantly at work.

A Church Social Gathering.

A musicale will be given this evening at the Church of the Covenant, to be followed by a social hour. The arrangements for the evening are in charge of the social committee of the ladies of the congregation. Prof. Bischoff will play organ selections and Mrs. Shir-Cliff, Mrs. Rheem, Mr. Clark and Mr. Toof will contribute to the program.

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Dyeing, cleaning and dry cleaning.
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TO BOOM GEN. HARRISON.

Plans Revealed by One of the Alleged Promoters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Daily America this morning says: It has just leaked out that the friends of ex-President Harrison have perfected an organization, and have formally gone to work to make him the republican standard bearer in 1896.

Major E. G. Rathbone of Ohio is in charge of the movement. Major Rathbone was fourth assistant postmaster general under the last administration, and he was one of Harrison's lieutenants at the Minneapolis convention.

"We have not consulted the ex-President about the matter," said the informant, "but we have gone ahead on our own responsibility and have mapped out a plan of campaign. We are willing he should believe that the people are clamoring for him if he wishes to. There is no use in disturbing his peace of mind.

"At the same time, we are doing all we can, in a practical way, to pave the way for the 'clamoring' which is to assist in securing his nomination. This can only be accomplished by thorough and complete organization. That we are getting as rapidly as possible. In six months we will have an organization which will have ramifications into nearly every state in the Union.

"Of course, we are relying on the old Harrison office holders to form the neucleus of our strength, but we hope to gather in many converts. We are thoroughly organized in Indiana already.

"The south is a prominent field. In that section, you know, there are very few republicans, outside of the office-holding class. The ex-Harrison officials can easily dominate the party organizations in all of the southern states. Therefore, I think we can count, with reasonable certainty on a majority of the southern delegates for Harrison."

SHEEHAN DENIES IT.

He Says There Was No Money Shortage in His Office.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—In connection with the recently published report that Mr. John C. Sheehan, the brother of Lieutenant-Governor Sheehan, was short in his accounts while holding the office of controller of the city of Buffalo, the Times prints a special dispatch from Buffalo giving additional facts in the case.

According to the Times' special Sheehan's shortage when he, on January 1, 1883, turned the controller's office over to his successor, was $5,900. This shortage was made good by Sheehan on November 8, 1883.

The Times prints copies of documents now in possession of Timothy J. Mahoney, who was Sheehan's successor as controller, in proof of these statements. They include a communication from Sheehan to Mahoney in which the shortage is acknowledged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Police Commissioner Sheehan today denied the story published in the New York Times to the effect that he was a defaulter while controller of the city of Buffalo. The commissioner said: "This is an old story that was thoroughly exposed by an investigation in 1883. T. J. Mahoney was city auditor of Buffalo when I was controller, and I helped him to get the nomination for controller.

"A year or so after his election he stated that there was a shortage in the controller's office during my term. I demanded an investigation, and in 1883, when the republicans were in charge of the city government, an expert accountant went over the books of the office and found that during my term $100 worth of coupons had been lost or mislaid in the office.

"There was no money shortage and the loss of the coupons was made good.

"That is all there is in the matter, and the facts were all published at the time and have been published several times since."

TO MAKE GIBRALTAR USELESS.

The Scheme Advocated by a French Pamphleteer.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—A pamphlet written by Col. De Polignac, published today, attracts considerable attention. The writer proposes that France should ally herself with the Moors in order to extend her influence in Northern Africa. Col. De Polignac declares that if an alliance should be established France could compel the Moors to live at peace with the Spanish. Then, he says, an alliance could be formed between France and Spain. France would thus become mistress of the western Mediterranean, while Spain would be able to place sufficient artillery along the Bay of Algeciras to render Gibraltar untenable by the British.

GOV. WAITE DETERMINED.

A Call Issued for an Extra Session of the Colorado Legislature.

DENVER, Dec. 26.—Gov. Waite has issued a call convening the legislature in extraordinary session January 10. The call is characteristic of the governor. He claims that this session will give the legislature the best opportunity it ever had to do something for Colorado.

Mass meetings were held in this city and various towns and cities in the state, at which strong resolutions were passed against the proposed action, and committees of prominent men have daily visited the governor's office to protest against an extra session. The movement was strongly opposed in Gov. Waite's home town, Aspen, but to all appeals made the governor has given unsatisfactory answers, and has indicated all along that he would convene the legislature.

GOV. LEWELLYN'S GUESTS.

Depredations Committed by Tramps Throughout Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 26.—Reports of depredations committed by tramps continue to come in from all parts of the state. Along the eastern and southern borders tramps are thick and generally travel in gangs of a half dozen. They are crowding into the larger towns of the state, where they say they will have the protection of the police under the governor's order.

Every day a number of tramps call at Gov. Lewellyn's office and beg for money with which to buy something to eat. The governor has found this a burden and is compelled to refuse further aid to them.

Sunday night seven tramps broke into a Methodist Church and took a big supply of eatables and candies which the ladies of the church had prepared for the children.

Fatal Duel in an Alley.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A special dispatch from Urbana, Ohio, says that Grant Jackson, a notorious colored tough, and S. Platt, a son of ex-Postmaster Platt of East Liberty, met in an alley in that place yesterday, while under the influence of liquor, and renewed an old quarrel. Platt struck Jackson a blow with a small club, crushing his skull. Jackson died soon after and Platt was arrested. About a year ago Jackson was tarred and feathered and ordered to leave town, owing to his alleged fondness for white women. He failed to obey the command, and the trouble of today is an outgrowth of the affair.

Platt is said to be a nephew of Col. Don Platt and brother of the desperado, Rivers Platt.

A Crook Charged With Murder.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 26.—Wm. M. McWhirrell, alias McGuire, a crook, with a provincial reputation, was arrested at Woburn, a few miles east of here, this morning on the charge of murdering James Williams and his wife at Port Credit on December 14. The clue which led to McWhirrell's arrest was furnished by John Walker, the younger of the two men, who sold the horse and cutter of the murdered couple. He was arrested yesterday and made a clean breast of his connection with McWhirrell, but claimed absolute innocence of all knowledge of the murder.

Extensive Fire at Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 26.—Fire started in the store of J. H. Baumfield about midnight. The damage sustained is as follows: B. Goldstein, $5,000; H. Baumfield, clothing, $5,000; Christopher Caramigs, restaurant, $2,000; George La Zratti, $2,000; East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia railroad ticket office, $2,000. Loss on buildings, which are owned by W. T. Underwood, $20,000. Francis Cheneworth's big hardware store caught fire and was burning at midnight.

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PARIS, Dec. 26.—It having been reported that a British colony was to be founded at Tamaris, on the Gulf of Lyons, the Figaro today makes a strong protest against the formation of a British colony there. It bases its objection principally on the fact that the colony could easily become the center of a system of espionage on the French Mediterranean defenses.

The Obnoxious Italian Correspondent.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Signor Crotti, the correspondent of an Italian paper who a few days ago was given a week's notice to quit France, has asked and received permission from the government to proceed to London.

CHARLIE MITCHELL HERE.

He Makes a Short Stop on His Way to Florida.

Looking Well and Feeling Well—Sure the Big Fight Will Come Off—His Party.

Charlie Mitchell, the famous English pugilist, passed through this city this morning. For the space of about twenty minutes things around the Pensylvania station had a very English air. After that the porters went around sweeping up the h's that had been dropped by the prize fighter's party. Will it be Mitchell or Corbett? This is the question that is agitating the minds of the sporting fraternity in Washington as well as elsewhere. That there will be a fight of some sort, or rather in some place, Mitchell expresses himself as absolutely confident.

The "blooming" Englishman who is to put up his "dukes" against the champion from the Pacific slope left Philadelphia this morning at 7:20 o'clock. His train arrived in this city at 10:42, on time to the minute. As the train came to a standstill Mitchell's car was boarded by Mr. Brown of the Richmond and Danville railroad, who had made preparations for the journey from here on to Jacksonville, and by a Star reporter, who were waiting the arrival of the English slugger.

There were five members in his party. They were Mr. Harry Darrin, the English mile runner, who is English, looks English and talks English; Mr. Jack Fogarty of Philadelphia, who, on Saturday, made an agreement to act as a trainer; Mrs. Sense, a German woman, who is going along to act in the capacity of cook, so that there shall be no change of diet until after the great contest is over, and a young gentleman, who was "me man-servant," as Charlie expresses it.

The party, and Mitchell especially, at once became the cynosure of all eyes in the station, for the story had spread rapidly that the great man was expected. Station employes, conductors and porters managed to have business somewhere in a direction that would lead them past the Englishman, so that they might feast their eyes on his athletic figure. He had only a short time to stay in this city, as accommodations had been secured for him in the train that left at 11:01 o'clock for Jacksonville. He occupied his time in a stroll up and down the platform and in a brief visit to the telegraph office, whence he sent a telegram or "wire," as he called it, to his friends in Florida. One of his backers came in to speak with him for a few moments, but requested that his name be not published, as he already had about as much notoriety out of this business as he cared for.

Looks Finely.

Mitchell seemed to be in the very pink of condition. He looked all of the 179 pounds that Mr. Fogarty said he weighed. He was clad in a long, rather rusty brown overcoat, with velvet cuffs, and had on a pair of broad English tan shoes that would have left a track like a snow shoe. His face was as bright as could be and his complexion was clear and healthy, though slightly sallow. This, his trainer said, came from the use of a preparation which was intended to harden the skin. He is not a big man, but he gives evidence of being possessed of all the quickness and agility with which he is credited. He was carrying a big, yellow Gladstone bag, which seemed to be about as heavy as he cared to handle, and he dropped it on the platform for his man servant, a little chap, to carry along.

The Program.

Quarters had been secured for the party on the through sleeping car. They consisted of the drawing room and two lower berths. Mitchell will not attempt to do any training while en route, as the length of time is not sufficient to warrant the trouble. They will be in Jacksonville at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. On the way he will use the dumb bells and will be careful in the matter of diet. Yesterday in Philadelphia he took a deal of exercise and a "heavy sweat," with the result that he had a slight cold today. While waiting for his train Mitchell chatted pleasantly and courteously with The Star reporter.

A Bit Tired.

"How am I feeling? Why, first rate, me good man. I am a bit tired from 'aving got up early this morning, but that will not last long, and I tell you I am feeling right up to the limit. I would like to see Washington again, for it has been five years, since I was 'ere least, but unfortunately I must hurry through. I feel all right and ready for the fight, and could get in condition with ease within three days. Wot do I think of Corbett? Iv'e met him but I cahn't say that I am tremendously stuck on him, ye know. I imagine he used to be a decent enough fellow, but lately 'e's got the swelled 'ed. I know all about 'is length of reach and I am going into the fight, knowing just exactly wot I've got to do. I cahn't say what the chances are as to the result, for I make practice, ye know, never to commit myself in this way. I expect to do the best I can, and that will be pretty good. I would be very glad to tell you any news if there were any, but really I don't know anything more than has been already printed."

Sure of the Fight.

Harry Darrin, who is looking after Mitchell's comfort, said that his principal had never felt better than he does now. According to this authority Mitchell is a good, steady eater and is not particular. Steaks, chops and eggs furnish the bulk of his diet, and with his dinner he drinks a bottle of claret. Members of the party expressed themselves as satisfied that no effort would really be made to prevent the fight being held in Jacksonville next month. They thought that the fact that they had been allowed to go so far with their expensive preparations was enough to prove that the fight would really be held. Mitchell says that if they do not meet at Jacksonville he understands they can go to New Orleans and have it out there. In an interview yesterday in Philadelphia he said: "If we do not meet at Jacksonville you can depend upon it that Corbett and I will fight somewhere else. We will surely fight, for it has come down to a personal matter now, and if necessary I will forego the purse and fight in private. I believe that Corbett feels the same as I do about fighting, but I do not believe that he will meet me without a purse."

St. Augustine His.

While they were in this city this morning Mitchell received the following telegram:

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., December 25.
To Charles Mitchell, Washington, D.C.:
As you are aware, Mr. Thompson has selected quarters for you here. St. Augustine is yours. Your comfort is ours.
SENATOR FRANK B. GENOVAR,
Chairman Committee.

Billy Thompson, Mitchell's manager, who is now at Jacksonville, is said to be greatly pleased with the training quarters secured for Mitchell on Anastasia Island, near St. Augustine. A large force of men is at work putting the place in good condition, and when Mitchell arrives there tomorrow he will find everything prepared for his comfort. He will also meet with a hearty reception from St. Augustine people. Jim Hall and Steve O'Donnell, the Australian heavy weights will join Mitchell on Anastasia Island next week.

The Italian War on the Dervishes.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Central News says that quantities of war material are being shipped from the Italian arsenals to Massowah, on the Red sea, to be used in the operations against the Dervishes. The dispatch adds that two regiments of irregular troops will be raised for service in Africa.

In the Sheriff's Hands.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The sheriff today closed up the store of Catherine B. Thompson, importer of millinery ornaments, at No. 634 Broadway, on executions for $14,154. She is the wife of John Thompson, who failed in 1887, and who has since been doing business in her name.

The sheriff has taken charge of the place of business of Jacob Tarlow, jobber in knit goods, on a confessed judgment for $3,975 in favor of Bertrand Feiber. Mr. Tarlow failed in 1890 as Tarlow & Hutchings, settled at 40 cents and started the present business in February, 1892. His trade was principally in Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans and Boston.

Mrs. Southworth's Birthday.

James V. Lawrence, jr., is spending the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth.

Today is the seventy-fourth anniversary of Mrs. Southworth's birthday. She is in better health than she has been for the past three years.

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SANTA CLAUS' CHARITIES.

Relieving the Poor With the Funds of "The Star" Club.

The Evening Star Santa Claus Club is making its presence felt among the poor people of this city today. All day long the representatives of the club have been making the rounds of the city distribut