ASKED TO EXPLAIN

Gen. Miles' Interview on the Naval Controversy.

HIS ACCOUNT OF WHAT WAS SAID

Secretary Root Confers With the President.

TO STOP FURTHER TALK

Secretary Root has determined that the Sampson-Schley controversy, which has tormented the navy since the Spanish war, shall not invade the army. Therefore, when his attention was yesterday drawn to an interview published in a Cincinnati paper, wherein Gen. Miles is represented to have commended the special report of Admiral Dewey in regard to Admiral Schley, the Secretary immediately decided to call upon Gen. Miles for an explanation.

He did this through a letter, which was delivered to the general by hand. This morning Gen. Miles was at the Secretary's door almost as soon as the office opened. He had a verbal explanation to make, and this he accompanied by a letter.

Secretary Root took the letter to the White House and talked with President Roosevelt over the matter, with a view to deciding whether or not the explanation was satisfactory.

When the Secretary returned to the War Department, General Miles called again upon him, and supplemented his first letter with a further explanatory note. This was also sent to the White House.

What Gen. Miles Said.

General Miles was seen at his office in the War Department this afternoon, but was not disposed to discuss the matter for publication. When asked concerning the publication which is the basis for the official inquiry now directed to him, General Miles said that the interview occurred rather casually, not being prepared with any purpose of giving it formal authorization and that no notes were taken.

"I said," said Gen. Miles, "that I had no sympathy with the people who were apparently trying to destroy the reputation of a high officer by calling him a coward, poltroon and imbecile. The remarks made by me should not be considered as referring to any court or to any department of the government.

"They were intended more as an expression of deprecation that individuals should call in question the fidelity and courage with which an officer had executed the duties devolving upon him. I have the utmost confidence that in the end President Roosevelt will do full and impartial justice to all concerned in the naval controversy."

This is the only statement Gen. Miles would authorize on the subject, and he was loath to say even this much, feeling that one remark would lead to another and bring on a controversy which he did not seek.

View of the Explanation.

It was stated at the War Department this afternoon that the correspondence which has passed between Secretary Root and General Miles in regard to the subject will be made public later this afternoon.

Although not officially admitted, it is generally understood that General Miles' explanation of the circumstances of the interview and of the actual remarks made by him at that time is accepted as satisfactory to the President and the Secretary of War and that the incident is officially terminated.

MEDAL FOR ADMIRAL SCHLEY.

Presentation to Be Made by Junior Order U. A. M.

A committee representing the entire body of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will present to Admiral Schley the afternoon of December 30 a beautiful medal executed for that body and recently on exhibition in this city. It is expected the committee will represent chiefly the membership of the order in Baltimore and Washington, and will be headed by Mr. John H. Connor of the former city.

The presentation will occur at the Richmond Hotel, where Admiral and Mrs. Schley have apartments, and will be of an informal character.

This announcement is in comformity with a letter just received from Admiral Schley by Mr. Connor and Capt. D. F. Penington of Baltimore. The ceremony was to have occurred several weeks ago, but was postponed because of Admiral Schley's engrossing interest in the preparation of his case for the court of inquiry and his subsequent uninterrmittent attendance on the sessions of that court.

The admiral signified his desire to have the presentation occur as soon as the decision of the court was rendered, and fixed on the date given after some correspondence with the Baltimore committee.

The medal is a large and handsome work in gold, studded with jewels.

Its ornamentation consists of a view of the battle of Santiago, with the Brooklyn far in the lead of the other vessels, and of crossed ship's cannon and other insignia of Admiral Schley's service. The inscriptions designate both the donor and the recipient and are very simple in character. For several weeks the medal was exhibited in the window of J. Castelberg & Sons, jewelers, in whose workshops it was executed.

WARMER WEATHER PROMISED.

Mercury Will Begin Ascent of the Tube Tomorrow.

Good news was disseminated from the weather bureau late this afternoon. To a Star reporter the forecast official on duty declared that within the next twenty-four hours folks in this locality will be much more comfortable. The thermometer at 8 o'clock this morning registered twelve degrees above zero.

It will be just as cold at the same hour tomorrow morning, but by afternoon the mercury will have climbed up probably 12 degrees. It will not be any colder for the present at least.

Reports received today indicate a general warming up throughout the Mississippi and Ohio valleys and the west. In the south, however, this is the coldest day thus far this winter, 20 degrees being registered at Jacksonville and 24 degrees at Tampa, Fla.

Death of John J. Valentine.

OAKLAND, Cal., December 21.—John J. Valentine, president of Wells-Fargo & Company's Express, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning. He has been ill for some time and his death has been expected for several days.

Change in K. C., Ft. Scott & Memphis.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., December 21.—The Journal says: A report is current here that George Gould, working with Nathaniel Thayer, had secured the controlling stock in the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis railroad, and that the Memphis system will be taken out of the hands of the St. Louis and San Francisco, which has operated it for the past several months, and will be made an independent property, in which the Gould interests predominate.

Prominent Montana Men Arrested.

MISSOULA, Mont., December 21.—Frank and Arthur Higgins, the former lieutenant governor of Montana and the latter state game warden, were placed under arrest yesterday on a charge of assault in the second degree upon the person of Edward Booth on the morning of December 15. Both men were released on $500 bonds.

To Compete With American Steel.

GLASGOW, December 21.—Messrs. Stewart, cast-iron pipe makers, have ordered 20,000 tons of New Foundland iron from the Dominion Iron Company at a price which they believe will enable them to compete with the American and German makers.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York: Philadelphia, from Southampton; Phoenicia, from Hamburg.

At Philadelphia: Steamship Westernland, from Liverpool.

ANTICIPATING CHRISTMAS

SERVICES TO BE HELD IN MANY CHURCHES TOMORROW.

Some of the Musical Programs to Be Rendered by Choirs With Well-Known Musicians' Assistance.

Many of the churches in this city will celebrate the approaching Xmas with appropriate music tomorrow at both morning and evening services. Great care has been manifested in all cases in the preparation of the programs to be rendered, and it is promised that the music will be very much above the average generally heard on such occasions.

For weeks past the various choirs throughout the city have been assiduously rehearsing the music they will render tomorrow. Anthems, jubilees and te deums will be alternately sung by trained voices. The interiors of many of the churches have been elaborately but tastefully decorated with holly and mistletoe as emblematic of yuletide and present pleasing effects.

At the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, corner 4th and B streets southeast, a choice program will be rendered morning and evening by a quartet under the direction of Dr. F. J. Woodman, musical director.

First Presbyterian Church.

The choir of the First Presbyterian Church, 4½ street between C and D streets northwest, will also sing an elaborate program of music at tomorrow's services. There will be three anthems, and solos by Miss May McKenzie, soprano; Mrs. E. L. Williams, contralto; Mr. Lawrence, tenor, and Will E. Hopkins, bass. The choir, which will include thirty-five voices, will be under the direction of Mr. George Lawrence.

At the Calvary Baptist Church, 8th and H streets northwest, in addition to the regular Christmas anthems and solos, Mr. Anton Kaspar will render a violin solo. "Andante," by Godard, and at the evening service Miss Anita Cluss, harpist, will play Gruber's "Andante." In addition to the above musical numbers the chorus choir will render "The Holy City," with violin and harp accompaniments.

The Christmas music at the Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church promises to be beautiful as well as appropriate. Two special musical programs have been arranged for tomorrow, under the direction of Mrs. A. D. Melvin. At the morning service Mrs. Melvin will sing Stephen Adams' "Star of Bethlehem" and in the evening Van de Water's "Night of Nights."

There will also be solos by Miss Mary E. Pond and Dr. Charles L. Bliss. The latter will sing "The Christ Child," Coombs, with violin obligato by Miss Myra Chittenden.

Gunton Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church will render a fine program by a quartet choir, who will be assisted at both the morning and evening services by a full chorus. Among the notable musical numbers promised are Buck's beautiful anthem, "Sing, O, Heavens," and "Unto Us a Child Is Born," by Buck.

Foundry M. E. Church, corner 14th and G streets northwest, has also arranged an attractive selection of vocal numbers for the day, among them Reginald De Koven's "Christmas Song," which will be sung as an offertory. William R. Cohen is the organist and director of this choir.

At the evening service at Hamline M. E. Church, 9th and P streets northwest, Miss O'Neal will sing the offertory, and the chorus choir will render "Exalt Him," by Hanscom and "Angel Bands in Strains Sweet Sounding," by Wiegand.

Metropolitan M. E. Church.

Mr. Perry B. Turpin, the director of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, has arranged an interesting and highly pleasing selection of numbers, notable among them being Sir John Stainer's "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and Neidlinger's "The Birthday of a King." Miss Elizabeth Wahly, soprano, and Perry B. Turpin, tenor, will render solos.

At the E street Baptist Church the choir will be heard to advantage in Buck's beautiful anthem, "There Were Shepherds," and Gounod's "Praise Ye the Father." Miss Lillian Chenoweth will also sing "The Christ" and Miss Blanche Walcott will render a selection on the violin.

The Western Presbyterian Church choir, directed by Harry G. Kimball, have perfected a program of much excellence. Christmas solos will be sung by Miss Claflin and Miss Emma Brandenberg.

The Wesley Chapel choir, 5th and F streets, under Professor Theo. I. King, will also be heard to advantage at tomorrow's services.

C. P. BLOMBERG ACQUITTED.

He Killed W. S. Millspaugh in Mountains of Montana.

HELENA, Mont., December 21.—C. P. Blomberg, who killed W. S. Millspaugh, a Chicago mining millionaire, last October, during a quarrel, was acquitted by a jury at Virginia City, after being out but twelve minutes. Blomberg had been employed by Millspaugh, but disagreed over some trivial affair. Blombery met Millspaugh in the mountains, and considering the latter's attitude threatening, picked up a stone and crushed his skull. The plea of self-defense was sustained by the jury.

Millspaugh was formerly general solicitor of the Southern Pacific and an intimate friend of the late C. P. Huntington.

BONA-FIDE CIRCULATION.

A reference to the statement below will show that the circulation sworn to is a bona-fide one.

It is easily possible for a newspaper with an elastic conscience to swell its legitimate circulation enormously, in order to deceive advertisers, by sending out thousands of papers to newsstands which are returnable, and which are, in fact, returned, but nevertheless are included in what purports to be an honest statement of circulation.

Intelligent advertisers, however, judge by results, and bogus circulations don't give them.

The family circulation of The Star is many thousands in excess of any other Washington paper.

Circulation of The "Evening Star."

SATURDAY, December 14, 1901	43,638
MONDAY, December 16, 1901	35,246
TUESDAY, December 17, 1901	35,242
WEDNESDAY, December 18, 1901	35,316
THURSDAY, December 19, 1901	34,667
FRIDAY, December 20, 1901	34,605
Total	218,694
Daily average	36,449
Corresponding week last year	33,121
Increase	3,328

I solemnly swear that the above statement represents only the number of copies of THE EVENING STAR circulated during the six secular days ending Friday, Dec. 20, 1901—that is, the number of copies actually sold, delivered, furnished or mailed for valuable consideration, to bona-fide purchasers or subscribers, and that the copies so counted are not returnable to or remain in the office unsold.

J. WHIT. HERRON,
Cashier,
The Evening Star Newspaper Company.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this twenty-first day of December, A. D., 1901.

CHAPMAN W. FOWLER,
Notary Public, D. C.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3, G. A. R.

Gen. Torrance Announces the Appointment of Committees.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., December 21.—General orders No. 3, issued by Commander-in-chief Eli Torrance of the Grand Army of the Republic, today contain besides the appointments already made public, the following:

Committee on legislation for veterans in the public service—Jos. W. Kay, Brooklyn; Leo Rassieur, St. Louis; J. P. S. Gobin, Lebanon, Pa.; H. A. Castle, St. Paul, Minn.; George H. Patrick, Washington, D. C.; O. H. Coulter, Topeka, Kansas; B. F. Bingham, Washington.

Committee on erection of monument to the loyal women of the war—Washington Gardner, Albion, Mich.; S. S. Burdette, Washington, D. C.; Ira M. Hedges, Haverstraw, N. Y.; W. C. Johnson, Cincinnati; George A. Newman, Cedar Falls, Ia.; Newton Hacker, Jonesboro', Tenn.; John E. Gilman, Roxbury, Mass.

Committees are also named on school histories, on Fredericksburg battlefield national park, fraternal relations with Sons of Veterans, national sanitarium at Hot Springs, S. D., and a committee to foster public sentiment in favor of honoring the flag and preventing its desecration.

There is also a list of thirty-three special aids in charge of military instruction and some 250 aids to the commander-in-chief, assigned to duty in their respective departments and ordered to report by letter to A. Noel Blakeman, chief of staff, Vernon, N. Y.

TEXAS CONVICTS TO MAKE SUGAR.

State Will Buy a Mill to Cost at Least $250,000.

HOUSTON, Tex., December 21.—Governor Sayers has returned from a visit to Brazoria county, where a meeting of the penitentiary board was held. He announces that it was definitely decided to purchase for the penitentiary the Clemens farm of 2,500 acres and to erect thereon a sugar mill to cost between $250,000 and $300,000.

The plantations owned by the state, now comprising 8,000 acres, are to be devoted solely to the raising of sugar cane, and convict labor to be employed in the mill. This will remove all convict labor from railroads and other contract employment. The mill will be built next year.

Missing From His Home.

The police have been asked to look out for T. W. Lord, fifty-five years old, who is reported to have disappeared from his home, No. 937 New York avenue northwest, yesterday afternoon. According to the report received by the police the missing man was ill and had intimated that he would end his life.

He is described as being of slender build, with dark gray hair and mustache and wearing an artificial leg. He was last seen between 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday evening, when he boarded a westbound car on F street.

At his home this afternoon it was stated that nothing had been heard of him since he got on the street car.

Train Derailed in Jersey City.

NEW YORK, December 21.—A passenger train on the Erie railroad was derailed at the tunnel in Jersey City today. The engineer and fireman and three passengers were injured, but none of them was fatally hurt.

Gen. Alger Improving.

DETROIT, Mich., December 21.—Gen. R. A. Alger, ex-Secretary of War, who is suffering from a severe attack of gall stones, passed a very comfortable night, and it was reported at his residence that he showed distinct improvement this morning.

Funeral of Nathaniel Sardo.

Funeral services over the remains of Nathaniel Sardo, formerly of the government printing office, will take place from the residence of his son-in-law, T. G. Moseby, 717 3d street northeast, at 9 o'clock Monday morning. Later, at St. Aloysius Church, requiem mass will be said.

Japs to Reorganize Chinese Army.

A dispatch from Pekin yesterday says:

Yuan-Shi-Kai, the new viceroy of Chi-li, has engaged Japanese officers to train the Chinese army. As a result of Gen. Fukushima's visit to the southern viceroys last summer, a party of Japanese officers joined Yuan-Shi-Kai at Poa-ting-fu yesterday. These officers wore Chinese clothes.

The government of Japan has offered to detail a Japanese general to reorganize the Chinese army. Yuan-Shi-Kai is using his influence with Chinese officials in favor of accepting Japanese tutelage.

According to advices from Shanghai, dated December 19, Yuan-Shi-Kai intends to employ British and American officers to reorganize the Chinese navy.

News Briefs.

George W. Morgan of Birmingham, Ala., has been held in $3,000 bonds on a charge of embezzling $25,000 from a security company.

Church Incorporated

Articles of incorporation of the First Colored Baptist Church of Georgetown have been placed on record. The board of trustees comprises Robert D. Duffins, Albert T. Newman, Peter T. Harris, Sanford Hazard and Lewis Scott.

Temperance From Natural Causes.

From the New York World.

Two items of foreign news are of curious import as bearing on the question of temperance. One paragraph deals with the falling off in the consumption of wine in France, a very "land of wine and song." The other notes a movement to exclude beer from the factories in Germany, it being claimed that the regular indulgence in the favorite Teutonic beverage has proved detrimental both as to quality and quantity of work turned out by the employes. It has been a matter of statistical fact for several years that the American people as a whole are growing more moderate in their use of alcoholic beverages. The increase in consumption has not begun to keep up with the increase in population. The change going on both at home and abroad is the result of no special crusade of intemperate temperance agitators. It is an orderly evolution of the kind that eventually regulates all questions of civilization.

A Lost Gold Cradle.

From the London Globe.

In 1720 a certain German prince sent to Queen Ulrica Eleonora of Sweden a cradle of solid gold as a christening present for her child. The ship containing the gift was driven by a terrible gale onto the shores of the Island of Tjorn, where it became a total wreck. The inhabitants of the island massacred the shipwrecked mariners and pillaged the ship, but the cradle, by a curious chain of circumstances, was saved and now lies buried in a lonely part of the island. The story having been by some means revived the present King of Sweden (says the Traveller) has offered 10,000 kronen, about £500, to whoever recovers Queen Ulrica's cradle of gold. Now, needless to say, every inhabitant of the Island of Tjorn is seeking for the concealed prize.

Tunnel Juneau Mountain.

From the San Francisco Chronicle.

Juneau advices received here state that the Alaskan Juneau Gold Mining Company is preparing to bore a tunnel 3,000 feet long, eight feet wide and seven feet high through Juneau mountain, one mile below Juneau. The company has just filed notice of its reservation of a tunnel site, and its intention to commence boring not later than next spring. Preliminary work in the way of surveying will be done this winter. The object of the tunnel is to crosscut rich gold-bearing mineral which parallels Juneau mountains, and at the same time open up the company's properties in Silver Bow basin beyond. Next spring buildings will be constructed and compressed air drills placed in operation. The cost of boring the tunnel and opening the gold veins which it will pierce is estimated at $1,000,000. The company is composed of Juneau, Puget sound and eastern men. The Alaskan Perseverance Company has commenced a tunnel on the opposite side of the mountain, but its tunnel is 1,100 feet above the site selected by the Alaska-Juneau company, which is only slightly above the sea level.

In a duel with desperadoes at Russellville, Ala., Frank McClurg, a merchant, was wounded. One of the desperadoes was killed and another wounded.

OFFERED TO CRANE

Massachuetts Governor May Succeed Gage.

CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT

Report of Proffer Confirmed in Boston.

GIVEN UNTIL NEXT MONDAY

There are many good reasons for believing that President Roosevelt has tendered to Gov. William Murray Crane of Massachusetts the position of Secretary of the Treasury to succeed Secretary Gage, who has notified the President that he desires to leave the cabinet. Neither denial nor confirmation of the report that Gov. Crane has the tender under consideration has been given at the White House, but all that can be learned there goes to indicate that Gov. Crane can be the next Secretary of the Treasury if he has the inclination.

Governor Crane reached Washington before 8 o'clock yesterday morning, held a conference of an hour with the President in the private apartments of the White House, left the building shortly after 9 o'clock and had departed from the city before his presence was known. It is thought he came here to receive the offer.

Governor Crane is an intimate personal friend of Senator Lodge, with whom he has been associated in political work, and the probability is that his name was suggested to the President by the Massachusetts senator.

At St. Louis in 1896 Governor Crane, who was a Reed delegate, struggled hard to have the word "gold" inserted in the republican platform.

A Difficulty in the Way.

One of the difficulties in the way of Governor Crane's acceptance is understood to be his connection with the paper company at Dalton, Mass., which furnishes the paper for government notes. This paper is prepared by a secret process and the government's contract with the Dalton company is a large one.

Should Governor Crane accept the treasury portfolio it is considered probable that he would dispose of his interest in the paper company.

Out of this enterprise and other investments he has grown rich, and is one of the wealthiest men in his state.

A Three-Time Governor.

Governor Crane will enter upon his third term as governor of Massachusetts in January. He is exceedingly popular in his state, is a business man of fine executive abality and has had wide financial experience. He is not an orator, and it is said can hardly make a speech because of his modesty.

Secretary Gage has gone to New York, where he will be the special guest at a dinner at the Metropolitan Club tonight given by Frank Vanderlip. The dinner will be a private affair. He expects to be at his desk in the Treasury Department next Monday morning.

Inclined to Accept.

BOSTON, December 21.—A close friend of Gov. Crane today confirmed a report from Washington that the governor had been offered the treasury portfolio by President Roosevelt. He said that the governor had asked for time until next Monday before deciding whether or not he would accept.

A telephone message from Dalton, Governor Crane's home, received today, says that Governor Crane is considering the question with great thoroughness and is inclined to accept the position. Family and personal considerations are the cause of the governor's hesitation.

SIXTEENTH ST. EXTENSION

CHAIRMAN BABCOCK'S STATEMENT AS TO THE ASSESSMENT.

Excessive Award of Damages Over Benefits Not What Was Intended by Congress.

In the opinion of Representative Babcock, chairman of the House committee on the District of Columbia, Congress will authorize no more streets to be opened in the District if it is the popular view of the citizens that the award of the jury in the 16th street opening case is correct.

Mr. Babcock believes that in assessing damages seven times greater than benefits the jury has entirely failed to be guided by the terms of the law which authorizes the opening of this street. "It was clearly the intention of this law," continued Mr. Babcock, "that the damages and benefits should be equal. The benefits were to be assessed against the property, and payable in yearly installments; the damages were assessed against the District, and as the District had to pay its share in a lump sum, Congress provided the arrangement whereby the general government should advance this money, the same to be paid back as the installments came in from the benefited property owners.

"This plan worked out as intended in the opening of 11th and other streets, but it is obvious that the award in the 16th street case entirely defeats it, and if it should be approved and a precedent set, the conclusion is plain that the District would have no means of paying the advances by the general government.

Key to the Situation.

"This 16th street case is the key to the whole District situation so far as its financial condition is concerned at the present time. Congress would simply be legislating the District into insolvency by authorizing street extensions if the unequal proportion of the expense assessed to it in the 16th street case is to be the result."

Mr. Babcock also criticised the action of the jury in its method of assessing benefits only to property within 250 feet of the proposed street. It was evident, he believed, that great benefits might and no doubt would result to property beyond this 250-foot limit, and where such benefits were apparent an assessment in proportion should have been made. As the head of the committee which framed the act under which this work was authorized, it was most clear to Mr. Babcock that neither its spirit nor its letter had been observed by the jury of award.

It is held by legislators that should the Commissioners disapprove or fail to approve the finding of this jury, no other jury can be authorized for this work, and no further step taken in the matter without further action by Congress.

Withhold Approval.

Thomas G. Steward and others have written to the District Commissioners urging prompt action in regard to settling the condemnation proceedings for the extension of 16th street. The Commissioners are withholding their approval of the award of the jury until they can secure an expression from Congress on the subject. This course has been pursued because of the unusually heavy damages which will have to be paid by the District and the comparatively light assessments for benefits.

MRS. DALE OUT ON BAIL.

Woman Who is Accused of Poisoning Her Daughter.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Mrs. Elizabeth Dale, who was held in custody at St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, pending the result of an investigation into the death of her five-year-old daughter Emmeline, was taken before Judge John A. Blair in Jersey City today. Application for Mrs. Dale's release on bail was made and Judge Blair fixed the sum at $5,000. This was furnished in cash and Mrs. Dale was released.

TRAVELING IN CHINA.

Precautions Necessary to Be Free From Molestation.

Mr. Conger, the United States minister to China, has reported to the Department of State certain correspondence between himself and the Chinese government regarding the precautions to be taken by foreigners traveling in the inland districts of China to insure their personal safety.

The board of foreign affairs has requested that in accordance with treaty provisions travelers in the interior of the country and away from the vicinity of the treaty ports should always be provided with passports, to be shown on demand. It is further desired that travelers give the local authorities notice in advance of their intention to go further, in order that the authorities of the province toward which they are traveling may be notified and a suitable guard be dispatched with them to protect them from harm.

In replying Mr. Conger expressed the hope that order might soon be so fully restored that a guard for travelers might cease to be necessary. He assured the foreign office that American citizens in China should be advised of the treaty requirements, and to that end he addressed letters to the heads of the various mission stations in China calling their attention to the necessity for travelers to carry passports and to give advance notice of their intended movements.

THE WORK OF RELIEF.

Agents of Associated Charities Seeking Cases of Destitution.

The agents of the Associated Charities are continuing today their work of relieving distress among the poor. The protracted cold spell has brought about a very greatly increased demand upon the resources of the organization, but it may be safely stated that all cases of extreme suffering have been taken care of.

The school children of the city are assisting the charities in collecting food stuffs and clothing and small sums of money for distribution among the sufferers.

The children have been instructed to bring these donations to the school buildings which they attend, and the charities have had wagons out making rounds of collection. In this manner quite a good deal of material has been secured. The wagons will continue their rounds Monday.

No new cases of pitiable suffering have been brought to the attention of the authorities today. The Associated Charities has succeeded in comfortably providing for the unfortunate man and his wife and four children, as mentioned in The Star yesterday.

The family has been supplied with a new bed, warm bed clothing and a heating stove. The man is working on the substitute list of street sweepers and hopes to make enough in that way to provide food. The Star has received a check from M. J. Simpkins for $10 to be turned over to the Associated Charities for the relief of the family mentioned.

The Associated Charities is at present providing for another man who, while gifted in many ways, has been unable to secure employment and is compelled to exist solely by charity.

He was formerly in the consular service of the government and speaks five or six languages fluently. Mr. Weller, secretary of the Associated Charities, is particularly interested in the case and has been to the State Department and elsewhere seeking employment for the man, but so far without success. Mr. Weller is very anxious to help him secure self-supporting work.

THE BLACK DIAMOND DISASTER.

Believed Now That All the Victims Have Been Found.

PITTSBURG, December 21.—Work of clearing away the ruins at the Black Diamond steel works was prosecuted vigorously this morning, and one fact was demonstrated and that was that no bodies were in the wreckage. It was feared that the habit of tramps of snuggling close to mill boilers during bitter cold weather had resulted in one or more being around the fatal boilers night before last, but nothing whatever to indicate the presence of any unknown stranger was found.

Fully 150 men were at work among the ruins today.

After a careful inspection the management was able to state that according to their list all the men have been accounted for. The injured are all doing well.

MISS ELENA GRACE MARRIED.

Daughter of Former Resident of New York Weds an Earl.

LONDON, December 21.—Miss Elena Grace, daughter of Michael P. Grace, formerly of New York, was married to the Earl of Donoughmore at St. Michael's Church, Cester square, today. The service was fully choral. The bridesmaids were Margarita and Gladys Grace, sisters of the bride; Juanita Eyre, a cousin of the bride, and Ladies Evelyn and Norah Hely-Hutchinson, sisters of the bridegroom. The best man was the Earl of Malmesbury.

Owing to family mourning the reception at Mr. Grace's house following the wedding was attended by only the immediate relations and friends.

The Countess of Donoughmore will be the center of joyous festivities at Christmas on the part of her husband's Irish tenantry.

Will Present Medal to Schley.

The Junior Order United American Mechanics of Baltimore has arranged to visit Washington on the 30th instant for the purpose of presenting a medal of the order to Rear Admiral W. S. Schley. The medal is described as an exquisite specimen of the jeweler's art.

Col. Forney Ordered to Cavite.

Col. James Forney of the United States marine corps, who is now in command of the marines at the League Island navy yard, Pennsylvania, has been ordered to Cavite, Philippine Islands, to assume command of the 1st Brigade of Marines.

Christmas Gift to Boer Children.

UTRECHT, December 21.—The Rev. Mr. Schaeffer, a Protestant clergyman of Remscheid, Rhenish Prussia, presented to Mr. Kruger today a purse of 10,000 marks, subscribed as a Christmas gift to the Boer children by the children of the Rhine provinces and Westphalia.

Bulgarian Cabinet Crisis Past.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, December 21.—The cabinet has agreed to remain in office and the ministerial crisis is ended.

These Counts Are High Rollers.

LONDON, December 21.—A dispatch to a news agency from Vienna, published here this evening, says that at the Vienna Jockey Club, this afternoon, Count Potocki lost £100,000 during three hours' card playing. Count Pallavicini won most of the money.

Fatal Street Duel in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, La., December 21.—Wm. Haschell, alias Wm. O'Day, who has been here three months, was shot and killed by Finch Gerard in a street duel today. Gerard has served a term in the Texas penitentiary. Gerard was also wounded.

Collision on Italian Railroad.

ROME, December 21.—Two trains were wrecked today in a collision near Melegnano, ten miles southeast of Milan. Six persons were killed and fifteen were seriously injured.

Arrival of Sousa and His Band.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Among the passengers who arrived today on board the steamer Philadelphia, from Southampton, were John Philip Sousa and his band, Mrs. Sousa, Miss Dorothy Hoyle, violinist, and Miss Maude Reece Davis, vocalist.

Street Car Run Down in Lyons.

LYONS, France, December 21.—The Geneva express today cut a street car in two in the center of the city. Four persons were killed and twenty were injured.

Senator Sewell Holds His Own.

CAMDEN, N. J., December 21.—Senator Sewell's condition remains unchanged. He passed a restful night and is easy this morning.

CONDITION GROWS BETTER

MRS. DENNIS EVIDENTLY ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY.

Not Regarded as Out of Danger, However—Suggestion That Police Offer Reward.

Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, who has been under treatment at Garfield Hospital since she was so mysteriously assaulted at her home, No. 1117 K street northwest, a period of eleven days, was in better condition this morning than she has been at any time since the assault was committed. Last night she failed to take the nourishment offered her and the physicians were somewhat alarmed, but this morning this difficulty was overcome and the result was regarded as highly encouraging. Mrs. Dennis was able last night to recognize Dr. Wade H. Atkinson, who has been her attending physician for several years.

While it is believed she is in much better state than she was several days ago, it is nevertheless stated that she is far from being out of danger, and a change for the worse may occur at any time. No effort has been made in the past three days to obtain from Mrs. Dennis a statement bearing on the tragedy, and until her mind is fully restored to its normal condition no further effort in this direction is likely to be made. Mr. E. B. Hay, who was Mrs. Dennis' legal adviser, has returned home from a business trip to South Carolina. He states he never knew of anybody bearing her ill will and is unable to account for the attempt made upon her life. Mr. Hay was at police headquarters today.

The police have not yet learned anything in the case which will assist them in apprehending the assailant of Mrs. Dennis. The overcoat found in the sewer at 13th and N streets two days after the assault was committed has not yet been identified as having belonged to any person known to the officers. Yesterday afternoon the colored member of the sewer department who found it called at headquarters and claimed the garment. He was told by Capt. Boardman that the coat would be held for identification, possibly for several weeks.

Maj. Sylvester has not yet heard from the Louisiana or Texas authorities concerning the former life of Samuel C. Presley, who committed suicide in the house adjoining that in which Mrs. Dennis was assaulted, and about whom inquiry was made.

Recommends a Reward.

The District Commissioners have received a letter from a citizen suggesting that Major Sylvester, the superintendent of police, be authorized to offer a large reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailant of Mrs. Dennis. Continuing, the writer, who is a clerk in the Treasury Department, says:

"I write this not from any morbid interest in the case, but because of the fact that ladies of my acquaintance are nervous and frightened on account of the mysterious assaults and robberies of recent occurrence. As long as the available appropriations hold out, money should not be spared in the investigation of the Dennis case. It is a sad state of affairs when neither man nor woman is safe at home in bed, either in a family hotel or a private residence.

"If the detectives have no important information additional to what has been published, the theory of attempted robbery should not be entirely eliminated from the Dennis case. The police department is severely, but (in my opinion) unjustly, criticised. I suppose everything possible has been done except the offering of a reward. Some say that information in a case of this kind should not be given to the press, but I am not sure as to that. Newspaper reporters have done excellent service in detecting crime, and they might aid in this most mysterious case. Now is the time for Gaborian, Old Sleuth, Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes, Foxy Quiller and Anna Katherine Green to come forward and do something practical to solve an actual mystery. It is time there should be 'something doing.'"

Building Permits Issued.

Building permits were issued today as follows:

G. Hartig, to make repairs to 509 and 511 H street northeast; cost, $250.

Wm. C. O'Meara, repairs to 1225 E street northwest; cost, $5.

Ida A. Brown's sub, to build a two and a half story frame private stable in rear of Howard avenue, Mount Pleasant; cost, $1,000.

Jas. L. Parson, repairs to 320 and 322 10th street southeast; cost, $40.

Wm. A. Hutchinson, repairs to 1019 and 1021 O street southeast; cost, $75.

Col. Harrison's Denial.

Russell B. Harrison, son of the late President Benjamin Harrison, has been admitted to practice in the Court of Claims. Colonel Harrison, in reply to an inquiry concerning the reason for his presence in Washington, said: "I have been here entirely on legal business. The report that I am opposing the granting of a pension to Mrs. Benjamin Harrison is absolutely without foundation. I have hesitated to make reference to this matter, even to deny the truth of the idle rumor earlier, simply from a disinclination to make reference to family matters."

Fortifying Hawaii.

From the Honolulu Advertiser.

For more than twenty miles the Kona coast of the Island of Oahu will be fortified in such a manner as to make the island practically impregnable. The report of the board of fortifications, which has been investigating the coast line for the purpose of locating needed batteries, is now completed and signed.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—regular call, 12 o'clock m.—U. S. Reg. 3s, $800 at 108⅝. Metropolitan Railroad As, $1,000 at 106, $1,000 at 106, $1,000 at 106, $1,000 at 106, $300 at 106, $700 at 106. U. S. Electric Light Deb. 6s, $500 at 105. National Fire Insurance Co., 87 at 8. Columbia Title Insurance Co., 50 at 4⅞, 10 at 4⅞. Lanston Monotype, 5 at 11¼, 50 at 11, 40 at 11. Greene Copper, 100 at 30, 100 at 30, 100 at 30. After call—Metropolitan National Bank, 3 at 740.

District of Columbia Bonds—3.65s, funding, 125 bid.

Miscellaneous Bonds—Capital Traction 4s, 106½ bid, 107 asked. Washington Traction and Electric Receipts, 70 asked. Metropolitan Railroad 5s, 117 bid. Metropolitan Railroad Cert. Indebt., A, 105⅝ bid, 106¼ asked. Metropolitan Railroad Cert. Indebt., B, 105⅝ bid, 106¼ asked. Columbia Railroad 6s, 117 bid, 120 asked. Columbia Railroad 2d mort. 6s, 105½ bid, 108 asked. Washington Gas Co. 6s, series A, 107 bid. Washington Gas Co. 6s, series B, 107 bid. U. S. Electric Light Deb. Imp. 6s, 104½ bid, 106 asked. U. S. Electric Light Cert. Indebt. 6s, 104½ bid, 106 asked. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 106¼ bid, 107 asked. American Security and Trust 4s, 100 bid. Washington Market Co. 1st 6s, 110 bid. Washington Market Co. Imp. 6s, 110 bid. Washington Market Co. Exten. 6s, 110 bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 104 bid, 108 asked. American Graphophone Deb. 5s, 92 bid, 100 asked.

Safe Deposit and Trust Companies—National Safe Deposit and Trust, 150 bid, 160 asked. Washington Loan and Trust, 190 bid, 192 asked. American Security and Trust, 220 bid, 225 asked. Washington Safe Deposit, 60 bid. Union Trust and Storage, 106 bid, 107 asked. Washington Savings Bank, 100 bid.

Railroad Stocks—Capital Traction Co., *105⅞ bid, 106¾ asked.

National Bank Stocks—Bank of Washington, 375 bid, 430 asked. Metropolitan, 275 bid, 300 asked. Central, 235 bid. Farmers and Mechanics', 265 bid, 300 asked. Second, 175 bid. Citizens', 185 bid. Columbia, 180 bid, 188 asked. Capital, 150 bid, 170 asked. West End, 125 bid, 130 asked. Traders', 135 bid, 150 asked. Lincoln, 130 bid. Riggs, 600 bid, 700 asked.

Insurance Stocks—Firemen's, 25 bid. Franklin, 44 bid, 50 asked. Metropolitan, 75 bid, 85 asked. Corcoran, 62 bid. Potomac, 67 bid. Arlington, 25 bid, 30 asked. German American, 250 bid. National Union, 8 bid, 8⅝ asked. Columbia, 10¼ bid, 12 asked. Riggs, 7½ bid, 8 asked. People's, 6¼ bid, 6½ asked. Commercial, 4 bid, 5 asked. Colonial, 119 asked.

Title Insurance Stocks—Real Estate Title, 90 bid, 100 asked. Columbia Title, 4⅞ bid, 5 asked. Washington Title, 2 bid, 3 asked. District Title, 7¼ bid.

Telephone and Graphophone Stocks—Chesapeake and Potomac, 66 bid, 70 asked. American Graphophone Com., 3½ bid, 4½ asked. American Graphophone Pref., 7⅞ bid, 8 asked.

Gas Stocks—Washington Gas, 66 bid, 68½ asked. Georgetown Gas, 75 bid, 80 asked.

Type Machine Stocks—Mergenthaler Linotype, 166⅝ bid, 168 asked. Lanston Monotype, 10½ bid, 10¾ asked.

Miscellaneous Stocks—Greene Con. Copper Co., 29½ bid, 30½ asked. Washington Market, 15½ bid. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 180 bid, 200 asked.

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Grain and Cotton Markets.

CHICAGO, December 21.—Grain:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	80⅝	81⅛	80⅝	81
Corn—May	67	67¼	66⅞	67-67⅛