

NINETY-THIRD YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1900.

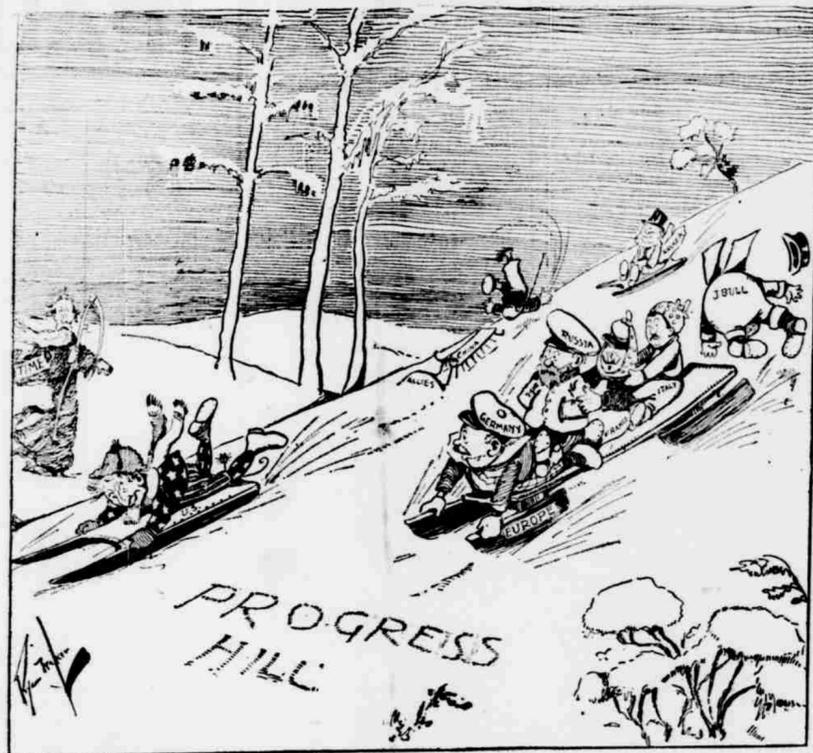
CHINA YIELDS TO PEACE DEMANDS OF POWERS.

Emperor Instructs Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching to Sign the Preliminary Joint Note.

They Are Authorized to Agree Fully to the Conditions, but to Endeavor to Secure Modification of Two Articles—The Prompt Acceptance a Surprise.

Pekin, Dec. 30.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note, and have notified the foreign envoys to that effect. The Chinese commissioners themselves were greatly astonished at receiving the imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under ten days. The Emperor's instructions are to agree fully to the note, but to endeavor to get the best terms possible, particularly in the matter of limiting the number of the legation guards and also as to the places where these are to be located. The plenipotentiaries are instructed to endeavor to limit the number of army posts along the line of railway to as few as possible, and finally to request the Powers not to destroy the forts, but merely to disarm them. Li Hung Chang's health is bad, and it is doubtful whether he will be able to do more than affix his signature to an instrument delegating his powers to Prince Ching until another plenipotentiary has been appointed. He was dressed this morning and carried in a chair to the residence of Prince Ching, with whom he held a long consultation. Prince Ching then called upon the dean of the diplomatic corps, the Spanish Minister, Senor de Colagan, and requested him to notify the other envoys that instructions had been received from the Emperor to sign the note. The Germans killed forty Chinese troops near Man-Cheng, northwest of Pao-Ting-Fu. They had no casualties. Among the natives a feeling of great

mistrust is being caused, apparently by the high-handed action of the Germans, as the Chinese suspect them of an intention to force a serious engagement with the Chinese troops. COURT TO RETURN TO PEKIN. Paris, Dec. 30.—Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, according to a dispatch to the Havas Agency, say that Emperor Kwang Su has expressed a desire that the court should return to Peking at the end of February. WANT TO HURRY NEGOTIATIONS. London, Dec. 31.—Wiring to the Times from Peking yesterday, Doctor Morrison says: "The Chinese have accepted all the conditions of the joint note. They are sending formal acceptance by an envoy and ask that negotiations should commence forthwith and military operations cease. "Li Hung Chang is much better, although greatly weakened." MINISTER WE IS PEZZLED. Washington, Dec. 30.—Mr. Wu, the Chinese Minister, is somewhat puzzled as to just what construction to place on the foregoing Peking dispatch. All along he has regarded the demands conveyed in the joint note as harsh and severe, and the statement that it has been signed causes him surprise. He is inclined to believe that in all probability what the Emperor has directed is that the Chinese plenipotentiaries proceed to discuss in a friendly manner with the envoys the terms of the agreement, with a view, as stated in the Peking dispatch, to obtain the best terms possible along certain specified lines.



FATHER TIME—"My, how Sammy is cutting ahead of 'em all!"

DEMOCRATIC ADVANCE GUARD ARRIVES AT JEFFERSON CITY.

Lively Contests in the Organization of the Forty-First General Assembly Are in Prospect—Fights for Speakership and Chief Clerkship of the House.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.—Most of the contests arising in the course of the organization of the Forty-first General Assembly were transferred from St. Louis to Jefferson City today. Every train, either from St. Louis or Kansas City, carried Senators, Representatives and candidates. W. D. Hamilton of Gallatin was the first candidate for the Speakership to reach Jefferson City. He arrived Saturday evening, Sunday morning a party of four from Madison, Mo., comprising J. N. Atterbury, J. R. Chowning, N. O. Brown and J. M. Noel, friends of Whitecotton, arrived at Jefferson City. Payton A. Park, an attorney of Clinton, Henry County, a strong friend of C. C. Dickinson, had been in Jefferson City for several days working in the interest of his fellow-townsmen, Dickinson, James T. Blair and E. E. Woodfolk reached Jefferson City at noon. Temporary headquarters were opened at once in a suite of rooms at the Madison Hotel by Dickinson's adherents, and it was announced that he would open permanent headquarters there Monday. The other candidates worked in the hotel lobbies. Whitecotton, Hackney and Stewart did not arrive during the day. Chief Clerkship Contest. The contest for the Chief Clerkship of the House also arrived in Jefferson City today. It threatens to become bitter and personal before it is ended. Editor Shepard of the Cass County Democrat, who has opened a fight on James T. Bradshaw for the clerkship, reached here this morning with a bundle of marked copies of his paper, in which he alleges against Bradshaw a breach of contract, involving the exchange of the Cass County Democrat for the Chitticothe Constitution. He spent the day working against Bradshaw and in favor of Joseph Tall. Friends of Bradshaw are similarly whispering unpleasant things about Tall, regarding his conduct of the office of Engraving Clerk, which he filled during the last session of the Legislature. Tall reached Jefferson City at noon today. Neither Cornelius Roach nor Major Newman, candidates for secretary of the Senate, has yet reached Jefferson City. This is the most interesting of the contests for Senate offices. Candidates on the Scene. Candidates for elective offices in Senate and House are arriving in swarms. Here is a partial list of those who were in Jefferson City Sunday: Assistant secretary of the Senate—Clark Dooley of Texas County. Enrolling clerk, Senate—Harry Fowler, Sergeant-at-arms, Senate—J. L. Pace of Jefferson City, formerly warden of the penitentiary; J. H. Dameron of Charlton, H. P. Farrow, Captain, Buck Tilden and James Shell of St. Louis. Doorkeeper, Senate—J. E. Crumbaugh, Boone County; Peter Kerth, Butler County; R. C. Arnold, Madison County; M. H. Whaley, Johnson County. Folders, Senate—A. J. Summers, Wright County; John Stagg, Pulaski; George Vaughn, Cole County. Assistant Chief Clerk, House—Sydney Wheeler of Saline. Engraving Clerk, House—L. D. Blankenship, Boone County; John E. Horriott, Caldwell County. Sergeant-at-Arms, House—Ed M. Bass,

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Boone County; H. J. Foster, Vernon County; J. W. Mosby, Maries County. Doorkeeper, House—J. E. Clark, Monticau County; R. F. Summers, Johnson County; John T. Mabry, Ralls County. Chaplain, House—Claude E. Hill, Cass County. Most of the Senators and Representatives who are now in Jefferson City are those who come from St. Louis. The principal work for the speakership candidates has therefore been done with not more than twenty-five out of the quota of 114 Representatives comprised in the House outside of St. Louis. The eighty-nine Representatives who have not yet been sounded in person by the speakership candidates will probably reach Jefferson City during Monday and Tuesday, and the principal work in all the contests is yet to come. Among those who arrived with the candidates for the speakership was G. Y. Crenshaw of Mayville, De Kalb County, who is working in the interest of James T. Blair of the Kall County for the speakership. Crenshaw has been represented as eager to secure the place of warden of the penitentiary and as making a fight for that place. "I am doing nothing of the sort," says Crenshaw. "I have not indicated to any one what place, if any, I prefer, and shall not do so until Mr. Lockery is ready to take these matters up." JOHN C. LEBENS.

ST. LOUIS TO GLADLY WELCOME NEW CENTURY.

Plan to illuminate the City To-Night Will Probably Be Carried Out—Midnight Church Services—Watching Parties—World's Fair Meeting.

The departure of the Nineteenth and the dawn of the Twentieth Century will be celebrated by all St. Louisans at 12 o'clock to-night in a manner which will be appropriate to the epoch that it marks in the city's history. The passing century saw the birth of the Louisiana Purchase Celebration movement, and the advent of the Twentieth will probably witness the completion of the World's Fair Fund, which is to insure the success of the greatest celebration the world has ever witnessed. All the committees which have been working hard to complete the fund are ready to announce the success of the undertaking to-night. The Republic's plan of greeting the new century with an elaborate illumination in church, store, dwelling and street has met with approval from all the leading business men, members of the Finance Committee and kindred organizations, city officials and citizens, and it is believed that the new year's arrival will see the city brilliantly lighted. "The Republic's idea of a general illumination is a good one," said City Treasurer Scudder. "It will, indeed, be a grand sight if every house in the city is illuminated." FAIR FUND TO-NIGHT. The meeting to-night at the Mercantile Club of the World's Fair Committee is expected to be a memorable one. The committee is expected to procure subscriptions necessary for the completion of the Fair fund have been working with might and main to secure the necessary subscriptions. Mr. Rice, a member of the Finance Committee, has announced that he is confident that the fund will be completed at to-night's meeting, and that the occasion will be celebrated in an appropriate manner. "The completion of the fund will be a matter of the greatest interest to every citizen and business man in the city," he said, "and a general illumination at this time will not only celebrate the completion of the new century, but also celebrate an epoch in business history, and in remembrance of the completion of the local World's Fair Fund. Nearly all the churches will be open to-night for worshippers and supplicants, and the advent of the new year and century will be celebrated in a joyous, but solemn manner. The St. Louis churches will, in common with those all over the world, in some way mark the closing of the Nineteenth Century and the opening of the Twentieth. In many of the churches the celebration will take the form of midnight service to-night, while others will hold sunrise meetings on the morning of New Year's Day, and others still will hold watch-night services to usher in the new century's dawn. The First Pilgrim and Hyde Park Congregational churches and the Compton Hill Congregational Church will hold watch-night services at the latter church to-night. The Mount Calvary Episcopal, Tyler Place M. E., and Presbyterian and Lafayette Park M. E., and Baptist, and the Compton Heights Christian churches, have been invited to take part in the service. Lunch will be served at 11 o'clock. The Reverend N. Luclock, the Reverend James T. Coffey, Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle, the Reverend William S. Jones, the Reverend C. H. Patton and the Reverend W. W. Newell will address the congregation. Watch night service will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fortieth and Washington avenue. The service will be commenced at 11:45 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. George C. Carle will sing. In every Catholic Church in the world midnight mass will be said to-night, as the period marks the close of Holy Year. The midnight services will be held at the residence of the Archbishops and Bishops that he expects them to say mass at midnight on the last day of the century. MIDNIGHT SERVICES IN VARIOUS CHURCHES. Not many years ago watch night service was held only in the Methodist Church. This year the advent of the new century has led many Presbyterians, Baptists, Episcopal and other churches to arrange watch meetings. The services in the Catholic churches will be like those at midnight last New Year's Eve, very elaborate. Solemn high mass will be celebrated and the music in the churches will be the grandest of the year. The choirs of all the Catholic churches throughout the city have been augmented for the midnight mass, and special arrangements have been made for the

last mass of the old century and the first mass of the new century. In many churches the choir will sing the Christmas music with additions. The music at the large Catholic churches on Christmas eve is to be sung by the churches many who are not Catholic. To-night several choirs will sing in the largest of the Catholic churches. At St. Alphonsus's (Rock) Church on Grand Avenue and at St. Xavier's (College) Church, the mixed choirs will be assisted by supplied choirs of girls and boys. For many years these choirs have been a feature of the service at the Rock Church on Christmas eve. They will sing the "Adeste Fideles" and the "Venite Adoremus," without which the music programme of a Catholic Church would not be complete on Christmas. At midnight masses last year immense numbers of people could not get into the churches after 11 o'clock, an hour before the services commenced. This year greater numbers are at the churches, and in the churches, and seats have been placed in every available place. NEW YEAR'S SERVICES. The services in some of the churches to-night will be as follows: At the St. Louis Cathedral solemn high mass will be celebrated at midnight by the Reverend Eugene Coyle, assisted by the Reverend P. James, deacon, and the Reverend M. J. Taylor, subdeacon. The Very Reverend Father Robert, O. P., provincial of the Passionist Fathers, who is conducting a mission at the cathedral, will deliver the sermon. The music programme has been prepared by Professor De Lisle. Archbishop Kahn will celebrate mass at the new cathedral chapel. There will be services at St. John's M. E. Church, South, commencing at 10 o'clock. The Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church will hold its fifty-seventh watch-night service, beginning at 8 o'clock. The pastor, the Reverend J. H. Young, will make an address, "The Form and Movement of the Twentieth Century." George A. Baker and Richard Moore will speak of "Past Benevolence and Future Charity." At the "Forward Movement of the Centenary Church." The Christian Endeavor Society will hold a watch meeting at the Central Congregational Church. The pastor, the Reverend J. H. Young, will give a ball at the Country Club for the younger college set. There will be a subscription ball at Muller's, arranged by the debutantes. The patronesses are: Miss Eranois, Malinckrodt, Davis, Wickham, McKittick, McKittick Jones, Potter, James T. Drummond, Thomas H. West, Jr., and Mrs. Howard Bennett. The Standard Club hall will be given at the Odeon. Miss Julia McDowell, No. 462 Berlin avenue will give a euchre party. The advent of the new year will find many persons in full enjoyment of social functions. Miss Louise Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Little, will give a ball at the Country Club for the younger college set. There will be a subscription ball at Muller's, arranged by the debutantes. The patronesses are: Miss Eranois, Malinckrodt, Davis, Wickham, McKittick, McKittick Jones, Potter, James T. Drummond, Thomas H. West, Jr., and Mrs. Howard Bennett. The Standard Club hall will be given at the Odeon. Miss Julia McDowell, No. 462 Berlin avenue will give a euchre party. The advent of the new year will find many persons in full enjoyment of social functions. Miss Louise Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Little, will give a ball at the Country Club for the younger college set. There will be a subscription ball at Muller's, arranged by the debutantes. The patronesses are: Miss Eranois, Malinckrodt, Davis, Wickham, McKittick, McKittick Jones, Potter, James T. Drummond, Thomas H. West, Jr., and Mrs. Howard Bennett. The Standard Club hall will be given at the Odeon. Miss Julia McDowell, No. 462 Berlin avenue will give a euchre party. The advent of the new year will find many persons in full enjoyment of social functions. Miss Louise Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Little, will give a ball at the Country Club for the younger college set.

WORLD'S FAIR ROLL OF HONOR.

Close the Capital Stock Subscription Before the New Year Opens Next Tuesday.

Table listing names and amounts for the World's Fair Fund subscription. Includes names like Ellen Alexander, Adelaide Alexander, and William C. Alexander with their respective contributions.

SUBSCRIPTION BLANK.

Subjoined will be found a subscription form ready for your subscription. Fill it out and send to the Republic office at once by mail or messenger, as you prefer. The Republic will make a prompt and prominent acknowledgment of the names and subscriptions of all who qualify for its Roll of Honor. We, the undersigned, for the purpose of organizing a corporation under the laws of the State of Missouri to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase, such corporation to be known as "St. Louis World's Fair, celebrating the Louisiana Purchase Centennial," or by such other name as may be designated in the Articles of Association, hereby agree, each in consideration of the other subscriptions hereto, and each separately for himself, and not for any other, to pay the amounts below, or upon copies hereof set opposite our respective names, to William H. Thompson, Chairman, Committee on Finance, in the manner and upon the conditions following, to wit: First.—Ten per cent of the amount of said subscriptions shall be payable upon demand of said William H. Thompson, Chairman, which sum may be called in such amounts as may be required by said Committee on Finance, and used in its discretion for preliminary expenses incurred or to be incurred in the organization of each corporation and promoting the enterprise for which it is to be formed, and the remaining ninety per cent thereof shall be payable upon the call of the Board of Directors of the aforesaid corporation, when organized, in sums not to exceed twenty (20) per cent during any six months subsequent to the payment of the ten per cent call above mentioned. Second.—These subscriptions shall not become binding until the full amount of \$5,000,000 shall have been subscribed. Name.....No. of Shares (\$10 each).....Amount, \$..... Address.....

STRONG BRITISH POST CAPTURED BY BOERS.

Kitchener Reports His Losses as Fifty Killed and Wounded and Two Hundred Taken Prisoners.

After Striking the Blow the Burghers Retired and Helvetia Was Reoccupied—British Commander Says a Small Force "Is on the Track of the Enemy."

London, Dec. 31.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener: "Pretoria, Dec. 29, 1:50 a. m.—General Lettendon reports that our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About fifty were killed and wounded and 200 taken prisoners. "Colonel Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy, Helvetia being recaptured by Reeves, who has been re-enforced from Belfast. "Helvetia was a very strong position on the Machelorsburg Railway and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool Regiment. An asking for further information. "While Lord Kitchener sends bad news for England on the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a surprisingly hopeful view of a grave situation and of revelations of an enormously wide field of Boer activity. "General De Wet is still at large. Kimberley is isolated. The Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position, Helvetia, in the Lydenburg district, while, according to Lord Kitchener's very recent despatches, no progress is being made against the Boer invaders in Cape Colony. ZEMT WE BESEGLED. BET WET BEPROVED. According to further telegrams received yesterday, Zulu is practically besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months. The garrison at Ottosmoup has been withdrawn to Lichtenburg. A dispatch from Carnarvon, dated yesterday, reports that the Boers who have been threatening that point, were driven off, and are being pursued. It is evident, says a belated message from Kruger, dated December 29, "that the Boer commissariat in the direction of Magaliesberg is well supplied, and that until the conflict between here and the Magaliesberg is properly cleared of Boers they will continue to concentrate there, the Boers being particularly adapted to their methods of warfare." The Boers admit that in their fight with General Clements at Noodig-lach they lost 120 men. "It is understood that Lord Kitchener cannot attack the colonies officially to send troops," says a Durban dispatch dated December 29, "but he desires it to be known in Australia and Canada that Australian and Canadian arriving in Natal will be eligible for immediate enlistment in the irregular corps, which is proceeding to Johannesburg for five months' service." FRESH COMMANDERS ENTER CAPE COLONY. To emphasize Lord Kitchener's covert admission that no progress is being made against the Boer movements, a correspondent at Burghersdorp, writing Saturday, reports as follows: "Two fresh commandos are entering the colony. One recently crossed near Kruandiar and the arrival of another is momentarily expected in the Steynsburg district. The Boers are said to have two or three horses each, though in bad condition. They have no guns or transport, but are well supplied with Lee-Metford rifles and ammunition. Captured Boers say that the attention of these commandos is to roam about and wait until General De Wet appears upon the scene." All dispatches arriving in London agree that the Cape Dutch show no inclination to rise, but on the contrary, appear to be tired of the war and desirous of peace. Many refuse to supply the Boers with food and are willing to give information to the British regarding Boer movements. Details of the Greylingdorp affair show that while Colville's column was pursuing the Boers a second force of 400 of the enemy was seen moving toward the camp, where the British transport was ensconced. The small British force made a plucky stand until reinforcements arrived, with artillery and after a severe and bloody struggle were defeated. The British losses altogether were nine killed and sixty-three wounded and missing. The Boers are said to have had thirty-one killed.

TRAINS HELD UP ON THE STANDERTON LINE. Lord Kitchener, writing from Pretoria Saturday, December 29, says: "There is not much change in the situation in Cape Colony. The eastern force of the enemy appears to have broken up in small parties at Utrecht and to be moving about rapidly in the same district, evidently waiting for support from the north. The last report states that the western force is moving to Carnarvon. De Lisle and Thorneycroft are in close pursuit. "French has occupied Ventersdorp. Clements reports that he is opposed on the road to Rustenburg. The eastern line was blown up near Pan, and a train was held up this morning on the Standerton line near Vasil Station. "White's column has arrived at Senekal. Knox's column and Boyer's brigade are holding on Wet from breaking south."

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri—Cloudy Monday; probably snow, cold wave. Tuesday, fair, cold and northerly winds. For Illinois—Cloudy Monday; probably snow, cold wave. Tuesday, fair, cold and northerly winds. For Arkansas—Fair, colder Monday, with cold wave at night. Tuesday, fair and cold, with northerly winds.

COLD WAVE ROLLING TOWARD ST. LOUIS.

Temperature Will Fall Many Degrees and the First Real Touch of Winter Will Be Felt. There is a cold wave coming. In St. Louis the temperature is expected to reach 10 degrees above, and possibly lower. Weather bureau has sent from the United States weather bureau to the entire district west of the Mississippi advising of the approaching cold. It is expected that the coldest weather of the season for this vicinity will be experienced in St. Louis within the next two days.

SENT WITH CHILDREN TO CITY HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Kate McNamara's Little Ones All Suffer From Diphtheria and One May Die. Father's Meager Earnings as an Extra Transit Conductor Not Sufficient to Provide for Family's Needs. Mrs. Kate McNamara, with her five children, ranging from 4 months to 8 years, are at the City Hospital, the little ones under treatment for diphtheria. The mother has shown no symptoms of the disease, but it was deemed best to place her with her children, as Grace, the child, who is 4 years old, is in a very critical condition. Mrs. McNamara is the wife of Joseph McNamara, an extra conductor on the Transit Company lines. He has had very little employment lately and the physician in attendance advised the family to go to the City Hospital. Their home is at No. 512 Easton avenue. McNamara is a stranger in the city and was thrown out of work three months ago. He attempted to find something to do, but without success. A month ago he was put on as an extra conductor by the Transit Company. The draft which the purchase of his outfit made upon the little savings of the family made it imperative that he must earn something soon, but work was very scarce. There were some expenses at Christmas time and two of the children attended school. Just the day after Christmas Grace, the little girl, when Doctor Townsend considers very seriously ill, complained of a headache. In the evening her throat hurt her and the next day her parents called a physician. Meanwhile, the other children, Edna, 3 years old; Joseph, 7 years; Mary, 2 years, and Jessie, the baby, who is 4 months old, developed symptoms of a similar attack and the physician pronounced it diphtheria. The mother was suffering from bronchitis from which she had not entirely recovered. McNamara told the physician of his trouble and that destitution stared him in the face if the bill would be very large. The physician explained to him that his family would have better attendance at the City Hospital, with sufficient nutritive food if they would go there, and so the mother and children agreed. The policeman on the next day notified yesterday morning and he called an ambulance. All but Grace are doing very well at the City Hospital.

CHILD KIDNAPED TO WREAK REVENGE.

Five-Year-Old Eddie Thierly Stolen—Determined Michigan Posse in Pursuit.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Houghton, Mich., Dec. 30.—Eddie Thierly, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thierly, resident of Dollar Bay, a few miles from this city, was kidnaped late Saturday afternoon by William Sullivan, who has been around Copper country for several years. The crime is supposed to have been committed out of revenge because Mr. Thierly would not place Sullivan in a position of trust. A Sheriff's posse is scouring the country, and the escape of the abductor, who is well known, seems improbable. The child was playing near the home of its parents when Sullivan appeared and, in the promise of candy, succeeded in inducing the little fellow to follow him. He was last seen a distance of several blocks from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thierly, who are prosaically at the loss of their son.

BLIZZARD IN NEBRASKA.

Street Car Traffic in Omaha Is Badly Blocked.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 30.—A furious blizzard began in the eastern part of Nebraska at 8 o'clock this morning, continuing throughout the day and to-night, and as far west as Cheyenne. In this city the street-car traffic was badly blocked. There are a high wind and heavy snow, which cleared the streets of pedestrians at an early hour. Several signs were blown down, but so far as known no person has been injured.