

# Iron County Register

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

**JAY GOULD** has assumed the Presidency of the Wabash Road, vice Solon Humphreys, resigned.

**FRANCISCO ALAMILLA**, a Mexican political leader, lying in jail at Humarguillo, was shot without judge or trial.

At a meeting of leading citizens of Bismarck resolutions were adopted favoring a division of Dakota, the southern half to enter the Union as a State.

**SOUTH CAROLINA** planters are apprehensive that the colored exodus now taking place from that State will cause the loss of the cotton crop.

**THE Grand Society of Railroads**, of Russia, is insolvent. The misappropriation of 25,000,000 rubles of Government money on the Nicolas line is announced.

**THE formal leaving-taking** of the Chinese and Russian ministers occurred at the White House, Dec. 31, and the new envoy from China was presented to the President.

**JAMES GORDON BENNETT** has gone to St. Petersburg to confer with the Czar in regard to a polar expedition on a new plan, in which the base of operations will be at the mouth of the Lena.

**PRESIDENT ARTHUR** received New Year's callers at the Executive Mansion, assisted by the following ladies: Mesdames Logan, Cameron, Pendleton, Jones, James, Miller, Pierson and Robeson.

It is reported that a Col. L. M. Bell, residing in Ashley County, Ark., near the Louisiana line, has been hung by a mob. It is alleged that Bell habitually abused his wife, an estimable woman, and that on Christmas she died a victim of his cruelty. Her death aroused the neighborhood, and the sequel was the lynching of her husband.

**INFORMATION** has been received from Chihuahua, Mexico, of the extirpation of the Apache Chief Nana and his murdering band. Nana and some of his principal fighters were drawn up in line and shot by order of the Mexican authorities. The remainder of the band were sent to the City of Mexico, where they will be compelled to work in the mines for the remainder of their lives.

**FORTY or more students** of the Keokuk (Iowa) Medical College have been taken down with small-pox, the result, as is believed, of handling a cadaver brought from Chicago for dissection. The college faculty admit that such a body was received, but say the disease was detected before it was placed upon the dissecting-table. The college has been quarantined by the Board of Health.

**SMALL-POX** in its most virulent form prevails in the vicinity of McCauleyville and Fort Abercrombie, Dakota Territory, and is spreading rapidly. The disease seems to be singularly fatal, some victims dying within twenty-four hours of the attack. It is said that before death blood gushes from the ears, eyes and nose of the patients. These symptoms suggest that the disease is not simple small-pox, but is in the nature of the plague.

**THE County of Douglas**, in Southern Dakota, was organized last winter, fraudulently, it is claimed, it having only about forty votes and some \$12,000 of taxable property. It now transpires that some \$200,000 in bonds have been issued by the officers of the county and put upon the Eastern market. Charles T. McCoy, a prominent politician of Bonhomme County, is supposed to be at the bottom of the fraud, and he has been arrested.

**A DISPATCH** from Augusta, Ga., 27th, says: Between 500 and 600 negroes from Edgefield County, South Carolina, passed through this city to-day on their way to Arkansas. They are under the leadership of a colored preacher named Hammond, who promised to have a chartered train waiting for them at Augusta, but failed to do so, and the party had to pay full rate to Atlanta. They say they found it too hard work to make a living in South Carolina, and determined to go elsewhere. Hammond went to Arkansas some time ago to examine the country, and on his return advised the negroes to go out there. It is expected 1,000 altogether will go.

**ESON BOLIN**, his wife and four young children not long since emigrated from Stone County, Mo., to Benton County, Ark., taking up their residence at the village of Rogers. A few days ago Bolin was shot and killed while asleep in bed, and his wife was suspected of the murder, which she thereupon confessed, alleging as a justification therefor that he had frequently threatened her life, that he had murdered two men, was a horse-thief and a bad man generally. She was taken to Bentonville and lodged in jail to await trial, where after a few days' confinement she cut her throat from ear to ear, using for that purpose a knife which she had borrowed from the jailer for the ostensible purpose of ripping up a dress. Mrs. Bolin's maiden name was Johnson, and her brother, now Mrs. Gibson, and other relatives reside in Andrew County, Mo.

**A SENSATIONAL episode** in the Guiteau trial occurred on the 28th, when he was placed in the prisoner's dock, by order of the Court, on account of his persistent forcing this decision Judge Cox said in effect that the extreme latitude hitherto permitted the prisoner had been for the purpose of affording the experts in court the fullest opportunity to judge of his mental and moral characteristics, and that the District-Attorney has expressly desired this freedom be granted the prisoner. The expert testimony being now about concluded, the Court said no further good could result from these unseemly exhibitions of the prisoner, and he should therefore be put in the prisoner's dock. In effect the greatest reluctance to being removed to the prisoner's dock, promising to keep quiet if allowed to remain inside the bar. The order was, however, enforced, and the prisoner took his place in court for the first time as a common criminal.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The bodies of Feriander Pollock and wife, proprietors of the Toll House, Six Mile Canyon, Nevada, were found in the charred ruins of their house. The heads of both were crushed. They were evidently murdered and the house fired to conceal the crime. They were supposed to have drawn a considerable sum of money during the day from the sale of real estate.

**PHILIP E. GLEY**, of Venango, Ellsworth County, Kansas, on the night of the 28th was murdered and robbed and his house burned. The perpetrators of the deed are not known.

**THE Riley County Bank**, of Manhattan, Kans., has suspended, following upon the suicide of the Cashier, Jesse K. Winship.

**OLE THOMPSON**, a wealthy Norwegian farmer of Jacksonville Township, Chickasaw County, Iowa, was found murdered on the farm of his son-in-law, John Attleson, the head being nearly severed from the body. When last seen Thompson was in company with his nephew, of the same name. The best apparent feeling existed between the uncle and nephew, and no cause can be assigned for the horrible crime except that the latter is "cranky."

**A SINGULAR accident** happened the other day at Colusa, Cal., which resulted in the death of Prof. G. A. Kern, Principal of the Public School. He was taking a book from the shelf of his library, when he knocked down a pistol. The weapon struck the lower shelf and went off, the bullet entering the Professor's abdomen, passing through the bowels and lodging in the left hip. He died within twenty-four hours.

**A SON** of Dr. T. P. Russell, a prominent surgeon of Oshkosh, Wis., shot and killed the son of A. H. Turner. The boys were fooling with a gun supposed to be unloaded. The former was twelve years old; the latter six.

**THE cowboys** who raided the town of Caldwell, Kans., and killed ex-Mayor Meagher, have been captured in the Territory by Indian scouts and turned over to the Sheriff of Sumner County, who was in pursuit of them. Among the prisoners is Comanche Bill, at one time a celebrated Indian scout under Custer, but now known as a desperado.

**MR. H. C. WENTWORTH**, for many years General Passenger Agent of the Michigan Central Railway, is dead.

**AT Powee Valley**, near Louisville, Ky., a pistol in the hands of a 14-year-old daughter of Judge Muir was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking Miss Blanche Wessinger, resulting in her death in a short time. The girls were cousins, and about the same age.

**REV. CHARLES WESLEY HEWES**, pastor of the Fifth Baptist Church, San Francisco, Cal., committed suicide by cutting his throat. He had recently shown symptoms of mental derangement.

**ROBERT L. LINDSAT**, the Missouri land swindler, convicted at Steubenville, O., has been sentenced to nine years in the Penitentiary.

**AT Kansas City**, on the night of the 30th, Police Officer Martin Hynes undertook to arrest Clay Crenshaw, proprietor of the White House Saloon, for maltreating his wife. Crenshaw, who was crazed with drink, drew his revolver and the officer did the same. Several shots were exchanged. The officer was shot through the heart and fell dead upon the floor. Crenshaw was shot in the right side and neck, but managed to run for some distance, when he was captured. His wounds are serious, if not fatal.

**FOUR cowboys** undertook to "run" the town of Trinidad, Colo. Marshal Krogers interfered, when they opened fire upon him, which he returned with effect, killing one of their number. Krogers was unhurt.

**An important arrest** has been made at Rincon, N. M., of Wm. Hayden, Wm. Wambaugh, Dr. Paxton, James Eate, McClintock, and Samuel Broctor, hotel-keeper at Rincon, part of an alleged or ganized gang of Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe freight-train thieves. Their depredations are large in value, and extending over several months.

**COL. E. W. FILES**, a well-known citizen of Ashley County, Ark., was recently shot and killed in cold blood by James Stephens, a neighbor, for the alleged offense of killing some hogs belonging to the latter. Stephens admitted the murder. He is in jail.

**A NEGRO** named Gabriel White was hanged at Waltersboro, S. C., on the 30th, for the murder of Frederick Bellinger, another negro, in 1879.

**AT Gore, O.**, an unknown man opened the door of the residence of Mary Terrell, a widow, and sent a bullet through her brain. Two of her daughters were in the room when she was killed, but failed to recognize the assassin. Morgan Richards, a farm hand employed upon a neighboring farm, has been arrested charged with the murder. No motive for the crime has been developed.

**GOTTLIEB ENGEL**, a prominent young lawyer of Milwaukee, formerly Probate Clerk, has committed forgeries and peculations to a large amount. He was Treasurer of several Jewish societies.

**HERMAN WELSHING**, ex-Treasurer of Lee County, Iowa, has been indicted by the Grand Jury for the embezzlement of county funds. His deficit is said to be \$10,000.

**WM. H. ERB**, the St. Louis wife murderer, was hanged on the 30th.

**JOEL JOHNSTON**, a well-known citizen of Baldwin County, Ala., was shot from behind a tree by a negro as he was returning home recently. Though mortally wounded, Johnston managed to crawl to his house and told his brother of the assault. The brother started out, and in an encounter with the murderer both were fatally shot.

**Mrs. CRUSE**, living at Florence, Los Angeles County, Cal., recently gave birth to six perfectly formed female children.

It is now believed that the recent triple murder at Ashland, Ky., of the Gibbons family, was committed by Gibbons, the father of two of the murdered persons, and that he drowned himself after committing the terrible crime. Mrs. Gibbons, who had separated from her husband on account of his violence, tells a tale that would warrant this conclusion.

**PAUL PRINGLE** and Edward Butler, both colored, were hanged at Mansfield, La., on the 30th. The crime of which they were convicted was robbery and attempted murder, their victim being also a colored man. He is not yet dead, but his physicians say he can not live.

**A LARGE** frame boarding-house near Richburg, Allegany County, N. Y., owned and occupied by Garret Abers, was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 1st and Mr.

Abers's three children, aged from 10 to 13, perished in the flames. Mrs. Abers was sick with fever at the time, and her husband, who was watching by her bedside, had fallen asleep. He was awakened in time to seize his wife in his arms and carry her out of the burning building. He then endeavored to return for his children, but the flames barred his ingress.

**HON. THOMPSON MCKINNEY**, late Chief Clerk of the Choctaw Council, was killed by Reuben Lucas, between whom an old feud existed. It is said Thompson was literally shot to death.

**R. T. ADAMS**, proprietor of the Southern Hotel at Selma, Ala., interfered to stop a quarrel between Babe Burns and George K. Keipp, and was shot in the cheek by a bullet from Burns' pistol, intended for Keipp. Adams then drew a revolver and shot Burns three times, killing him on the spot.

**JOHN H. RUSSELL**, the murderer of John T. Smarr at Kansas City, died in jail on the morning of the 1st from the effects of morphia, presumably taken with suicidal intent. It is not known how he procured the poison, but it is supposed through the connivance of outside parties.

**THREE lives** were lost and some sixty persons injured at Shanesville, Tuscarawas County, O., on the last day of the year. Knights of Pythias were holding a fair and festival, the floor gave way and a red-hot stove and oil in the lamps came together. Many of the wounded can not recover.

**EMMETT CLOUD**, a negro, was lynched in Southampton County, Va., for having murdered John Murrell and Thomas Glover, clerks in a Prince store. The double crime was committed for the purpose of robbery, the store then being set on fire.

**GEORGE S. REED**, a young business man of San Francisco, in a fit of insanity shot his mother-in-law, Mrs. Smith, his little daughter, and himself, all fatally. Grief at the death of his wife, augmented by overwork, was the cause of his morbid condition.

**THREE prisoners** attacked their keepers at Graham, Texas, and were killed by citizens. One Deputy Sheriff lost his life and another was mortally wounded.

**ANOTHER explosion**, caused by the careless handling of dynamite, occurred on the Pennsylvania Railroad extension, near Beaver Falls, Pa., on the 31st. Wilford Cunningham was fatally injured, John Burns seriously, and others slightly.

**A PASSENGER** train crashed through a viaduct at Kennebec, Me. Two persons were instantly killed and several fatally injured.

**A WABASH** freight train dashed into an Indianapolis street-car, the other day, killing a Sister of Mercy and dangerously injuring another passenger.

**EDWARD F. RYAN**, Michael Ryan and Richard Adkins, employed on Paradise Tunnel, eighteen miles from Silverton, Colo., were buried 100 feet deep in a snow slide.

**THE attention** of Congress is about to be called to the irregularities in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency in winding up insolvent national banks. It is alleged that exorbitant fees have been allowed to receivers and attorneys, and that one bank in New York has been favored with the sale of all bonds belonging to wrecked institutions.

**CITY MISSOURI** River closed at Sioux City Dec. 29th. Ice gorged around the pile bridge of the Omaha road, and swept away three hundred feet of the structure. An express messenger crossed on the ice.

**J. D. WOLCOTT**, said to have been a substantial citizen of San Francisco, committed suicide at the Gault House, Chicago. The death is announced at Philadelphia of ex-Congressman Edward Joy Morris.

**A FIRE** in the Waterfall building, Philadelphia, destroyed the three upper floors, inflicting a loss of \$150,000.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

**SENOR ROMERO** has been appointed by the Mexican Government as a special envoy, charged with power to negotiate a treaty of commercial reciprocity with the United States. Senor Romero has been repeatedly Secretary of the Treasury in Mexico, and he has lived many years in this country as Mexican Minister. He is a progressive man.

**GEN. GRANT** is said to have reached the conclusion that Gen. Fitz John Porter was deeply wronged by dismissal from the Army, and will address an earnest appeal to President Arthur for the prompt restoration of the disgraced leader.

**REDUCTION** of public debt during December last, \$12,793,623.

**GEORGE W. SHOEMAKER**, ex-Chief of Police of Terra Haute, Ind., committed suicide at the Spruer House, Indianapolis, by taking morphine. P. N. Kimball, proprietor of the Kimball House at Maquoketa, Iowa, ended his existence on account of business reverses.

**W. E. GRAHAM**, who killed, robbed and burned Philip Eley at Venango, Ellsworth County, Kans., on the night of the 28th, was hanged by a mob in front of the Court-house Jan. 2. W. C. Rose would have met the same fate, but was taken from the jail and secured by the Sheriff during the excitement.

**THE business** of New York for the year, as exhibited by the returns of the Clearing-house, reached the unprecedented total of \$49,400,000,000.

**GEN. BREWSTER** has assumed charge of the Department of Justice.

**MEMBERS** of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Board of Aldermen who voted away the streets to elevated railroad corporations over the Mayor's veto, and in disregard of an injunction, have been arrested for contempt of court.

**In Sing Sing** prison, New York, the other morning, Daniel Cash was killed by Angelo Corleto. Not a word was spoken, and the cause of the crime is a mystery.

**UNDER** the presidency of Thomas Davis, a company has been organized in Boston to build steamships which are expected to cross the Atlantic in less than a week. Nearly \$2,000,000 stock has been taken.

**WILLIAM HOWARD**, aged 13, hanged himself in a wood-hed at Buffalo, N. Y. He was an orphan and adopted son of Lawrence Moore. The boy had complained that his adopted parent ill-treated him and this is believed to have been the cause of the suicide.

**A SALOON** kept by two Germans at Pale-tine, Kosciusko County, Ind., was blown up by dynamite by unknown persons. This is the second building lost by these men in this way within the past three months.

### MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

**St. Louis tobacco market** (Dec. 31): Dark lugs, common to good, \$4.00 to \$5.25; bright smoking, common to good, \$3.00 to \$4.00; bright red leaf, \$6.00 to \$7.75; half-bright wrappers, common to medium, \$10 to \$20.

**The St. Louis Republican** has gathered from official sources the following statistics regarding Missouri railroads:

No. of miles of railroad in Missouri Jan. 1, 1881..... 4,007  
No. of miles of railroad in Missouri Dec. 31, 1881..... 4,250  
No. of miles of railroad in Missouri built in 1881..... 243  
Cash value of all railroads in State Dec. 31, 1881..... \$5,000,000  
Total capital in same represented by stock and debt accounts, about..... 200,000,000  
Gross earnings on 4,250 miles in 1881, (estimated)..... 24,000,000  
Average earnings per mile of road..... 5,600  
Number of counties in State without railroads..... 12; 1880, 22; 1881, 17.  
All of these 17 counties are in the southern part of the State.

**The State Bar Association**, in session at St. Louis, adopted a resolution endorsing the bill of Senator David Davis for the relief of the United States Supreme Court, now pending in the United States Senate. The opinion of the association is that no plan of relieving the Supreme Court, of which an essential feature shall be the establishment at Washington City of another Appellate Court, whether inferior to or co-ordinate with the Supreme Court, will be either efficient for that purpose or satisfactory to the people at large, nor, in the opinion of the association, would an adequate or satisfactory relief be afforded to the Supreme Court by the number of Judges thereof being increased, such plan being open to grave constitutional objections.

**Arrangements** are about completed for the establishment of a signal-service system on the part of the Government throughout South Missouri. Springfield is selected as the central, or distributing, station for the system, which will comprise an area of nearly two hundred miles. All the railroad stations on the "Frisco" line from Rolla and St. James to Fredonia and Augusta, Kans., will be bulletined at every prospective change of weather, and when the Fort Scott & Gulf Railroad is completed extensions will be made to the southeast as far as the Iron Mountain Railroad, and on the northwest as far as Sedalia, thus placing the larger portion of Southwest Missouri in connection with the Weather Bureau at Washington City.

**James McHenry**, alias Dr. Simly, was arrested and lodged in jail at St. Joe the other day, charged with having secured money on a forged check. He went to the President of the St. Joseph Female College and wanted to place two daughters in the school. The terms were offered, and McHenry, after handling a number of checks, drafts, notes, due-bills, etc., finally selected one from a Jefferson City firm, which he gave to the President and took the difference, some \$60, and left. He got drunk, or probably would have gotten away. He claims to be an editor, is rather smart and well liked, but certainly is a slick-tongued villain.

**Alexander Mitchell**, of Joplin, a miner in the Wells' Mine, on the Lone Elm Company's land, recently met with an accident which resulted in his death. Mitchell was acting as backer, his duties consisting in taking the shaft dirt from the head of the drift to the shaft, where it is hoisted to the surface. While passing along the drift a vast deal of earth and stone caved in from the side, pressing Mitchell to the other side, crushing four of his ribs into his lungs and breaking his collar bone. He was rescued as soon as possible, and medical assistance summoned, but of no avail. He soon expired. He was a young man, unmarried.

**Gov. Crittenden** denies explicitly the assertion of Mr. Dowd, President of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, that the State paid the last July interest on the bonds issued by the State to that road, as telegraphed from New York some days ago. He says the railroad company paid that interest, and repeats his former statement that if the railroad makes default in the January interest on these bonds the State will advertise the road for sale under the law covering the case.

**The year 1881** has been a remarkable one for fires in St. Louis. There have been more fires than in any previous year, and also more large fires, and the aggregate losses amount to more than the total loss of any previous year since 1849. Estimating the losses for December at \$100,000, the aggregate for 1881 is \$1,819,896, with insurance at \$1,717,818.

**A Washington dispatch** says: The Federal offices in Missouri that are to be filled by appointment or reappointment will be attended to and the matter disposed of about the second week in January; also the Marshals'hip for the Western District of Arkansas.

**The number** of scholars enrolled in the St. Louis public schools is: boys, 21,841; girls, 23,862; total, 45,703. Average daily attendance, 36,592, or about 93 per cent.

**A firm** in Indianapolis, engaged in manufacturing a patent hub for buggies and wagons and possessed of about \$500,000, is talking of establishing a branch somewhere in Southeast Missouri.

**Two teachers** in the St. Joseph High School bantered each other for a walk the other day, and both of them nearly died after walking eight miles.

**Cock-fighting** is a favorite holiday amusement among the St. Louis sporting-men.

**Wah Gee**, a Chinese laundryman, was buried in St. Louis the other day with Christian ceremonies.

**A little St. Louis boy** swallowed his Christmas present, and unfortunately instead of being candy it was a jack-knife.

**Small-pox** still continues in St. Louis. Jack Hawkins, alias Charles Wilson, charged with burglary and robbery, recently arrested in St. Joseph, had hardly been placed behind prison bars when Sheriff Johnson, of Page County, Iowa, arrived in search of him. He was wanted on a half dozen counts, having robbed a number of parties, besides having broken jail.

**Jim Dooley**, who was shot and killed at Poplar Bluff by the Marshal of that place, was a reckless character, and had been shooting off his pistol and swearing he would kill the Marshal if he tried to arrest him.

**A number** of fashionable St. Louis ladies have organized a gymnastic class.

### GROWTH OF THE UNITED STATES IN TEN YEARS.

The Population According to the Census of 1890, Showing the Increase in the Last Decade.

The following table presents the final official figures of the population of the United States at the tenth census, with a column showing, for comparative purposes, the population of 1870. The figures for Indian Territory and Alaska are omitted, as their inhabitants are not considered citizens. All Indians not subject to taxation are also omitted, in conformity with the Census law. The column headed "Colored" comprises only persons of African descent.

State or Territory	1870	1890	Increase
Alabama	1,055,000	1,500,000	445,000
Arizona	—	20,000	20,000
Arkansas	1,100,000	1,500,000	400,000
California	1,200,000	3,500,000	2,300,000
Colorado	—	350,000	350,000
Connecticut	1,100,000	1,300,000	200,000
Delaware	200,000	250,000	50,000
District of Columbia	100,000	150,000	50,000
Florida	500,000	700,000	200,000
Georgia	1,200,000	1,800,000	600,000
Idaho	—	20,000	20,000
Illinois	2,500,000	3,500,000	1,000,000
Indiana	2,000,000	2,500,000	500,000
Iowa	1,500,000	2,000,000	500,000
Kansas	—	1,000,000	1,000,000
Kentucky	1,800,000	2,200,000	400,000
Louisiana	1,200,000	1,500,000	300,000
Maine	1,000,000	1,200,000	200,000
Maryland	1,000,000	1,200,000	200,000
Massachusetts	1,800,000	2,200,000	400,000
Michigan	1,800,000	2,500,000	700,000
Minnesota	—	1,500,000	1,500,000
Mississippi	1,200,000	1,500,000	300,000
Missouri	2,000,000	2,500,000	500,000
Montana	—	20,000	20,000
Nebraska	—	1,000,000	1,000,000
Nevada	—	20,000	20,000
New Hampshire	1,000,000	1,200,000	200,000
New Jersey	1,800,000	2,200,000	400,000
New Mexico	—	20,000	20,000
New York	4,500,000	5,500,000	1,000,000
North Carolina	1,800,000	2,200,000	400,000
North Dakota	—	20,000	20,000
Ohio	3,000,000	3,500,000	500,000
Oklahoma	—	20,000	20,000
Oregon	—	20,000	20,000
Pennsylvania	4,500,000	5,500,000	1,000,000
Rhode Island	800,000	1,000,000	200,000
South Carolina	1,000,000	1,200,000	200,000
South Dakota	—	20,000	20,000
Tennessee	1,800,000	2,200,000	400,000
Texas	—	1,500,000	1,500,000
Vermont	800,000	1,000,000	200,000
Virginia	1,800,000	2,200,000	400,000
Washington	—	20,000	20,000
West Virginia	—	20,000	20,000
Wisconsin	1,800,000	2,500,000	700,000
Wyoming	—	20,000	20,000
Indian Territory	—	100,000	100,000
Alaska	—	20,000	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,000,000</b>	<b>60,000,000</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>

### THE JEANNETTE.

A Telegram from James Gordon Bennett.

**WASHINGTON**, December 23. The State Department has the following dispatch from James Gordon Bennett with regard to the survivors of the Jeannette:

**PARIS**, December 23. Hon. Frederick J. Frelinghuysen, Secretary of State, Washington:

I have just received the following telegram from my correspondent at St. Petersburg concerning the Jeannette party:

General Ignatieff has given orders to send two new expeditions from Irkutsk in search of the shipwrecked crew, and has directed that every available means be employed to find boat No. 2.

On the 25th of September, as has already been told, Melville and ten men were met by three Yakuts. Yakuts are good-natured nomads, very skillful in caring for disorders and maladies caused by the cold. The party could not have fallen into better hands. It must be remembered, however, that from Barabul, where they were discovered, to Irkutsk, the distance is 2,000 versts, or 1,400 miles, with no regular means of transport. At least twenty days were required to get there, but as those who went to the rescue started three days ago, the time necessary to find the party and bring them back to Irkutsk would be about two months. Nor should it be forgotten that, although the whereabouts of Melville and his party is pretty well known, that of De Long, who sent forward Nendeman and Noras out of his party of thirteen, is not known, and that for a succeeding expedition to reach him will take a long time over country where there are no roads.

The distance from Irkutsk to Irkutsk is 2,818 versts, or 1,900 miles, with a hampered postal which will require at least fifteen days to transport twenty-four persons. The Governor of Irkutsk, General Tscherniaeff (not General Tcherniaeff of Serbia), will receive the instructions