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READY TO JOIN DE WET

Boers Said to Have Greatly Aroused the Cape Dutch.

Those in the Victoria West District in Open Rebellion—Recruits for the Burghers Believed to Be Traveling From Zoutpan's Drift to Meet the Invaders—A Peremptory Order Received at Military Headquarters in London to Prepare All Available Cavalry for Service in South Africa—Feeling of Alarm in the English Capital Over the Situation.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The situation in Cape Colony resulting from the Boer invasion is becoming daily more serious. British sympathizers at Cape Town are convinced that only the most determined methods will counteract the growing Boer sentiment in the invaded territory, and it is a question whether a general Dutch uprising can now be prevented.

The British forces in Cape Colony are too small to cope with a general rebellion, and it is understood that General Kitchener will be given all the re-enforcements he demands as soon as they can be sent to South Africa.

A peremptory order has been received at army headquarters in London, instructing the authorities to prepare all the available cavalry for service in South Africa. Steps were at once taken to comply with this order.

Despatches from Cape Town contain the most serious reports concerning the Cape Colony situation. The Dutch in that part of English territory are said to be highly elated over the invasion of the Boers from the Orange Free State and their almost unchecked progress southward.

The statement is now made openly that all the Dutch in the Victoria West District will join De Wet's burghers and it is believed that within a few days the Boer forces will be increased by many hundreds, if not several thousands. The initiative course taken by the Victoria West Dutch will inspire the Dutch in other parts of the colony, it is feared.

Already there are indications that the Boer re-enforcements will hamper the lines of communication, which are practically unguarded because of the insufficient number of troops at the disposal of the British commanders. The destruction of these lines would be almost a calamity for the British, and, before they could be restored, the entire colony might be in active rebellion.

The despatches from Cape Town state that it is now suspected that the Boer force which is reported to be traveling from Zoutpan's Drift is not made up of De Wet's men, but is composed of Cape Dutchmen who are hastening to join the invaders.

THE CITY HELD RESPONSIBLE.

Supreme Court's Opinion in a Suit Against the New York Corporation.

The Supreme Court today announced its opinion in the suit of Robert W. Workman against the city of New York for damages caused his vessel, the barkentine Linda Park, by the fireboat New Yorker while entering the slip to fight a warehouse fire. The decision in effect holds the city responsible because of negligence in navigating the fireboat, thus reversing the decree of the Circuit Court of Appeals.

The case has been pending since 1893, when Workman brought suit in the United States Court for the Southern district of New York, against the mayor, aldermen, and commonwealth of the city, subsequently adding the fire department, and James A. Gallagher, who was in charge of the fireboat at the time of the accident. The court entered a decree against all the defendants except the fire department, but this was reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals, which ordered the dismissal of the libel against the city.

The appeal was filed in the Supreme Court of the United State in May, 1895, has been argued twice and for two years has been under consideration by the justices. The opinion announced by Justice White was by a bare majority, as Justices Gray, Peckham, Shiras, and Brewer dissented. The decision of the lower court, excepting the fire department from the suit on the ground that under that law it was merely a department of the city and not a corporation, was affirmed by the court.

Taking up the plea of the city that it was not liable because the accident was due to the excitement of the moment and in view of the extent of not only possible but probable spread of the fire, was done under pressure of necessity, the opinion says such a plea would result in the self-destructive assumptions that the maritime law, in order to render the person and property of the individual safe, in case of an emergency arising from the happening of fire, caused both person and property of the individual to be unsafe, since without necessity and through negligence, injury could be inflicted or destruction be brought about, without power in the admiralty courts, to redress the wrong, although the wrongdoer were amenable to their jurisdiction. The court also holds that the city was not exempt from liability as claimed, because of the public nature of the service in which she was engaged at the time of the accident, which had no foundation in the maritime law.

SUPREME COURT ADJOURNS.

The Schlierholz Case Dismissed for Want of Jurisdiction.

The Supreme Court of the United States today, after announcing decisions, took the usual recess and will reconvene on January 7. The court dismissed, for want of jurisdiction, the appeal of the State of Arkansas and Sheriff Hinkle, of Independence county, from a decision in favor of Charles A. M. Schlierholz, a special agent for the General Land Office, involving a contest between the State and Federal authorities over timber.

Schlierholz was indicted in a State court for unlawfully taking possession of certain timber and of unlawfully marking timber. The case on habeas corpus was transferred to the United States Court where the arrest was declared illegal on the ground that Schlierholz in committing the acts alleged was acting in strict conformity with his duties as special agent of the Land Office. The State authorities appealed the case to the Supreme Court, raising in question whether or not the United States District Court had jurisdiction in the premises. As the point was not brought up in the court below the Supreme Court dismissed the appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

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NEW YORK'S WAR ON VICE.

Mr. Nixon's Declaration That Resorts Must Be Closed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Chief of Police Devery appeared at police headquarters this morning for the first time since his order transferring heads of departments a week ago. His return to duty is said to have been due to the advent of a new District Attorney and the determination of Chairman Lewis Nixon, of the Tammany vice committee, to close the gambling houses.

Mr. Nixon, since his committee began work, has turned over for the chief lists of places that were running in violation of law. Devery did nothing in the matter and Chairman Nixon went to Acting Chief Cortright with a list of gambling houses and is reported to have said: "Close these places within twenty-four hours or I'll break a few police captains. Tammany wants every policeman to do his duty."

What possibility existed for holding out in the face of the orders of the Tammany committee have been dissipated by the appointment of Eugene Philbin as District Attorney to succeed Asa Bird Gardiner, removed by the Governor on Saturday night.

Tammany's vice committee will meet today. Chairman Nixon says that he will inform the committee that the police say that sixty gambling houses reported to them have been closed. The committee will direct an enquiry to verify the police report.

"Information is now in my possession," said Mr. Nixon, "proving the existence of 300 gambling houses and poolrooms in this city. I do not know how many more there may be, but there are no fewer than the number I mention. Those resorts must be closed."

MR. McKINLEY'S CHRISTMAS

A Quiet Day for the Family at the White House.

Wagon Loads of Gifts Received From Near and Far—Distribution of Presents to All Employes.

Christmas at the White House tomorrow will be a quiet day. The President will attend the Metropolitan M. E. Church in the morning and listen to Rev. Dr. Bristol's sermon; in the afternoon, if the day is pleasant he will take a drive with Mrs. McKinley and rest from his labors. No business will be transacted and only social callers will be received, as the President is resolved to lay aside all affairs of state.

There are no guests at the White House and none are anticipated so that the Christmas dinner will be served only to the usual members of the family. The meal will be served at the customary hour of 7 o'clock. Several fine turkeys have been received at the White House and off one of these the family will dine.

Following the usual custom the White House steward, acting for the President, today began the distribution of Christmas gifts to the executive staff. A fat plump turkey was sent to the home of every married man, including the stablemen, gardeners, policemen, and all others employed at the Mansion. The single men will tomorrow receive other appropriate gifts from the President. No one has been overlooked in the distribution.

An air of quietude prevailed at the White House today. There were few callers to transact business. Since early morning, however, express wagons have been driving up to the White House, laden with gifts for the President and Mrs. McKinley. Scores were also received yesterday. Many of these came from distant parts, and they will, doubtless, continue to arrive until New Year Day. Not a few of these have been sent from the distant island possessions, and include curios, fruits, and boxes of cigars. The latter are especially acceptable to Mr. McKinley, as he is very fond of smoking. Mrs. McKinley has been preparing for Christmas for many weeks, and has taken great delight in selecting and sending off gifts to many friends. The President has a handsome gift for her, and she takes as much pleasure as a child in the receipt of gifts from her friends, which this year have been numerous.

One of the President's callers this morning was Wash Shun Got, a real Indian chief of a Kansas tribe in Oklahoma. He came with Representative Curtis of Kansas to wish the President a merry Christmas. He was attired in very gaudy and brilliant raiment, with mocasins, long strings of beads, and a thick coat of red paint upon his ruddy face. With him were Acan Pappau Choto, their guides and interpreters. They came here last Wednesday to see the Indian Commissioner about their lands, and will leave on Friday. They also met Secretary Gage at the White House.

A PLACE FOR L. E. QUIGG.

May Become Chairman of Platt's New York County Committee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Ex-Representative Lemuel E. Quigg will probably be elected President of the Republican County Committee at the adjourned meeting to be held on Thursday night. The slate may be changed at the last moment, but, unless very strong opposition develops, the election of Mr. Quigg seems assured.

His chief backers are Senator Platt, Frederick S. Gibbs, member of the Republican National Committee and William H. Ten Eyck, chairman of the county executive committee. It is also asserted that a majority of the district leaders of the county favor the election of Quigg.

Mr. Quigg was elected President of the Republican County Committee in the spring of 1897. In the campaign of 1899, much opposition to Mr. Quigg and his methods developed among Republican politicians, and, as a result, he resigned last spring. Since then there has not been a week without a rumor that Quigg was working secretly to get back into control of the local organization. It has been asserted again and again that his friends were in a majority in the county committee and that General Greene would not be permitted to manage the city campaign next year.

A British Transport Stranded.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The transport Braemar Castle, from Natal for London, which was stranded on the Isle of Wight, was floated this afternoon.

A Warm Reception for Margherita.

ROME, Dec. 24.—Ex-Queen Margherita arrived here this morning. Her reception by the people was most enthusiastic and affected her deeply.

Holy Door Closed by the Pope.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The Pope closed the Holy Door at St. Peter's today with great ceremony.

Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Co. Delightful trips daily at 6:30 p. m. from foot 7th st. to Old Point Comfort, Newport News, Norfolk and the South. For schedule, see page 7.

ALLEGED CANAL LEAGUE

Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and England Said to Have United.

The Reported Purpose to Force America to Either Adopt a Neutral Waterway or Abandon the Project. Muddle Said to Have Been Brought About by the Panama Agents.

The latest development in the Isthmian Canal situation is an alleged attempt at a league between Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Great Britain and the Panama Canal Company, with the motive of forcing the neutrality of the projected waterway on the United States, and the hope, on the part of the Panama lobby, that this Government will be made to see the futility of constructing a neutral canal when the Colombian ditch is nearly completed.

These statements are made on the authority of a prominent Senator who is a member of the Committee on inter-Oceanic Canals and who has always favored the Nicaragua route and an all-American waterway. He was somewhat indignant this morning over new development which he claims to have discovered, and stated that every third man in the corridors on the Senate side of the Capitol was in the employ of the Panama Company. "The galleries are filled with lobbyists in place of spectators," said he, "and these people will kill the Nicaragua measure if given leeway."

According to this Senator, the recent refusal of Costa Rica and Nicaragua to consider themselves bound by the protocol signed by them, was originally prompted by the Panama Canal agents.

"I have talked with both Minister Calvo and Minister Corea," said he, "in an endeavor to get at the bottom of this tangle, and, from what I learned, I am assured that the Panama lobby is behind the whole scheme. I admit that the Secretary of State was unwise in so wording the protocol as to make it void in the event of any Senate amendment being attached to the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty, in the hope that the construction of the vague clause in the protocol would not be noticed. But the sharp legal counsel attached to the lobby soon discovered the error.

"A statement was then made to Messrs. Calvo and Corea, setting forth the fact that by the amendments to the treaty the United States had made the protocol null and void, as the latter specified that the treaty must be adopted as signed by Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote. Mr. Hay's idea in this was probably to show the uselessness of the Senate's changing or amending the compact. It was then shown to the representatives of Costa Rica and Nicaragua that the United States had no idea of constructing a neutral canal and furthermore proposed to erect fortifications at either entrance, thus establishing a sovereignty over both republics.

"It was further proposed that both Governments protest against the treaty as adopted, since the amendments were a breach of faith, both Governments being in favor of a neutral canal and opposed to fortifications. It was intimated that Great Britain would back any objections raised, and it was further pointed out that since Colombia was completing a neutral canal, without fortifications, a protest from Costa Rica and Nicaragua would force the United States into line and give the republics what they wanted.

"Now these matters might never have been made public save that the interests of the Panama people and the two republics are anything but identical. Nicaragua and Costa Rica want a waterway, but they desire an unfortified canal, and one that will remain neutral. They realize that Colombia is striving to have the Panama ditch completed. This will be a neutral canal, and, in the event of the United States deciding in favor of the Panama route, both Costa Rica and Nicaragua would be left outside. For this reason the republics are somewhat diplomatic in protesting against the amended treaty, but one word from Great Britain would decide the question, so far as they are concerned.

"Whether they will get this or not, I do not know, but they are waiting. In the event of the Panama lobby again meeting defeat in this coup, I have no doubt that it has other cards up its sleeve and will spend millions to play them.

"As matters look now, I fear that we cannot get any canal legislation at this session."

M. Hutin, President of the Panama Canal Company, has left the Arlington during the Christmas recess and is in New York. He will return on January 1, and is quoted as having said that if his company was not successful in getting the United States to take the Panama ditch, it would be satisfied in defeating the Nicaragua measure.

MEIKLEJOHN IN LINCOLN.

To Assume Personal Management of His Senatorial Canvass.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—George D. Meiklejohn, Assistant Secretary of War, arrived here today to assume personal management of his canvass for a seat in the United States Senate.

The Nebraska Legislature, which is Republican by a small majority, convenes January 1, and will elect two Senators—a successor to John M. Thurston and one to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. L. Hayward, which is now being filled by William V. Allen, who was appointed by the Governor.

RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT.

James H. Ambrose Sues John Jacoby for Alleged Damages.

Suit was filed today by James H. Ambrose against John Jacoby, to recover $5,000 claimed as damages for injuries sustained while engaged at work for the defendant.

It is explained that Jacoby is a contractor, and on June 29 last was engaged in constructing the foundation or pedestal for a statue being erected at the intersection of Indiana Avenue and D and Third Streets. Ambrose stated that he was employed by Jacoby, and by his order climbed to the top of a certain pole, the mast of a derrick. On account of the unsafe condition of a rope by which Ambrose ascended the pole, he says, he fell to the ground, a distance of thirty feet, and was permanently injured.

Ambrose declares that the injury to his right leg is such as to prevent him from earning a livelihood as an engineer or laborer. He is represented by Attorneys James S. Edwards and Wilson & Wilson.

WRECKS ON THE BRITISH COAST.

Seven Sailors Drowned by the Sinking of a Steamer.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Dense fogs on the coasts are greatly interfering with navigation and several wrecks have occurred.

The British steamer Brunswick grounded in the British Channel, heeled over and sank. Seven of her crew were drowned. The Brunswick, Captain Brown, left Liverpool December 10 for Maraham.

Reduced Rates Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Account the holidays, excursion tickets between Washington and Baltimore, Pittsburg, Connellsville, Johnstown, etc., will be sold December 23, 24, 25, and 31, good to return until January 4, 1901, at a fare and one-third for round trip.

MORE COMMITTEES NAMED.

Inaugural Appointments Approved by Chairman John Joy Edson.

Chairman Edson of the Inaugural Committee has approved of the appointment of the following committees:

Committee on Comfort at Ball—Major James E. Bell, chairman; Alexander Grant, vice chairman; Capt. C. Fred Cook, secretary; Dr. Jacob S. Allen, Marion T. Anderson, Lieut. Horace M. Bell, Walter J. Brooks, Henry T. Bryan, Joseph H. Cranford, Edward J. Cantwell, William H. Collins, Madison Davis, Joseph M. Dufour, Charles M. Fakle, Charles M. Hendley, Dr. H. L. E. Johnson, Walter H. Klopfer, John S. Leech, Maurice J. McGrath, N. Allen Merritt, Frederick S. Smith, Horace P. Springer, Capt. Charles E. Swigart, L. Seward Terry, Richard J. Watkins, Col. E. H. Wardwell, Dr. George B. Welch, Harry Willian, and Irving L. Wilson.

Committee on Legislation—Aldea B. Browne, chairman; William B. Thompson, W. A. Richards, George H. Harries, James L. Norris, A. A. Wilson, Henry V. Boynton, Stilson Hutchins, Thomas C. Noyes, Scott C. Bone, Joseph A. Rice.

Committee on Medals and Badges—Ellis Spear, chairman; George W. Casilear, John R. Carmody, Eliphalet F. Andrews, James H. Moser, Charles E. Barber, Thomas G. Alvord, George U. Rose, jr.; Clifford K. Berryman, Felix Mahoney, Thomas S. Hopkins, Myer Cohen, John W. Pilling, George W. Evans, Sigmann Kann, Philip T. Larner, Dr. James R. Wilder, Harry Means, A. T. Hensey, A. H. Van Duesen, and Frank A. Butts.

Committee on Illumination—George Gibson, chairman; Frank B. Thomas, vice chairman, Walter C. Allen, George W. Baird, George W. Beavers, H. Clay Browning, Edwin A. Crane, J. Harry Cunningham, R. H. Darby, Samuel G. Eberly, Christian F. Claim, B. F. Hawkes, Frank C. Henry, Davis Hess, William H. Hoeke, James B. Lambie, John B. Lloyd, Richard Nixon, Samuel C. Palmer, J. E. Powell, James A. Sample, Charles P. Scott, Harry Standiford, Samuel W. Stinemetz, F. A. Sebring, A. A. Thomas, Matthew Trimble, Hanson E. Weaver, Jerome J. Wilber, Elliot Woods, Julian E. Woodwell, Edwin A. Oldham, H. B. Cramer, Frank M. Evans, and W. Irving Landell.

The following sub-committee of the Committee on Parks and Reviewing Stands has been appointed by Chairman Larner:

Committee on Competitive Designs and Construction of Stands: Glenn Brown, chairman; W. M. Poindexter, William J. Marsh, Edward D. Donn, T. F. Laist, Frank W. Carver.

Chairman Bell, of the Finance Committee, announces the following additional subscriptions to the guarantee fund:

Chr. Henrich Brewing Co., $500; J. B. Wilson, $250; Henry C. Stewart, $100; E. Francis Riggs, $100; Stone & Fairfax, $100; Gibson Bros., $100; W. F. Roberts, $50; W. S. Hoge & Bro., $50; Joseph Gawlef, $50; Joseph I. Weller, $50; Mutual District Messenger Company, $25; John F. Cook, $40; James E. Bell, $20; A. S. Gilbert, $5. Total to date, $45,325.

FIGHTING THE SMALLPOX

Vigorous Measures of the New York Health Board.

Nearly Five Thousand Persons Vaccinated Within Forty-eight Hours.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Board of Health made strenuous efforts today to prevent the spread of smallpox by cleaning up the lodging-houses along the Bowery and Third Avenue, in which the disease might find lodgment.

Squads of physicians, policemen, and sanitary inspectors were going from house to house, vaccinating every man, woman, and child unable to produce a good vaccination sore, or scar of recent making, and disinfecting all buildings. The crusade was organized Saturday night, and pushed systematically and thoroughly all day yesterday and last night.

At 9 o'clock this morning the department records showed that more than 800 houses had been visited, and that upward of 4,500 men, women, and children had been vaccinated within forty-eight hours. The work had all been done in the borough of Manhattan and the Bronx, and the Board of Health felt that the worst part of the city, the part in which the disease might be expected to spread most rapidly and do most damage once it gained a lodgment, had been cleaned out.

FRANK SMITH IN TROUBLE.

Messenger Who Took the School Children's Greeting to Oom Paul.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Frank Smith, the American District Messenger boy, who went to the Transvaal and delivered to President Kruger the school children's greeting was arraigned in the Adams Street Police Court, Brooklyn, this morning for malicious mischief.

The complaint against him was made by Michael Kelly, a cigar dealer, who alleges that Smith hurled a paving stone through one of his show cases. Smith pleaded not guilty and was paroled for examination.

THE STRIKE IN SCRANTON.

Only One Car Running on the Street Railway Lines.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 24.—The strike of the motormen and conductors of the Scranton Railway Company, which began yesterday, continues complete today. Only two of the strikers have deserted, and these are running one of two cars which the company is operating on one of the lines inside the city. Otherwise, the service is tied up from Pittston to Forest City and taking in all the towns of the populous Lackawanna Valley.

Ten men who came from Syracuse, N. Y., to take the strikers' places were marched off to strike headquarters upon their arrival and pledged themselves to quit the town before night.

President Charles M. Clark, of the company, arrived from Philadelphia last night and is in conference today with General Manager Silliman. They expect to get more cars running tomorrow with men who are expected from Philadelphia and who are to be quartered in the company's office building. Thus far there has been no trouble.

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR HOBSON.

A Number of Packages Received at the Hospital.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A number of packages containing Christmas presents were received at the Presbyterian Hospital this morning for Lieut. Richmond P. Hobson. They were of all sorts and sizes, and among them were some boxes containing cut flowers, presumably from feminine admirers.

The lieutenant's condition has improved so that he will doubtless be able to examine and admire his Christmas gifts.

Holiday Rates on B. & O. R. R.

Account Christmas and New Year holidays, the B. & O. Railroad will sell excursion tickets between Washington, Baltimore, Wheeling, Parkersburg, and Pittsburg December 23, 24, 25, 31, and January 1, limited to January 4, at reduced rates.

HELD FOR KILLING MORRIS

Coroner's Jury Finds a Verdict Against Samuel McDonald.

Details of the Tragedy Related by Eyewitnesses — Funeral Services Over the Remains of the Victim at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church—The Murderer's Condition.

The inquest to determine the responsibility for the death of F. H. Morris, late Auditor of the Treasury for the War Department, who was shot by Samuel W. McDonald on Saturday, was held at the Sixth precinct station by Coroner Nevitt at 11 o'clock this morning. The jury consisted of George W. Jefferson, James F. Smith, J. F. Fleischhauer, Harry Willis, John H. Justice and E. Brannan.

The first witness called was Dr. B. Dixon, the ambulance physician from the Emergency Hospital. He testified that he had responded to a call from Seventeenth and H Streets northwest about 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He found Mr. Morris lying on the floor of his office in the Winder Building. He was dead, but the body was still warm.

Dr. William N. Fisher was next heard, and testified that he had performed an autopsy on the body of Morris at Speare's undertaking establishment about 6 o'clock Saturday evening. Death had been caused by a gunshot wound in the breast just to the right of the median line. The bullet had severed the main artery from the heart, and the sack containing the heart as well as the entire abdominal cavity was filled with blood. Morris' left leg had also been grazed by a bullet. The palm of his right hand was cut by a ball, and one of his fingers was marked by the trigger of the pistol, which evidently had snapped while Morris was trying to turn the weapon away from himself.

William C. Eldridge, who lives at 322 C Street northwest, testified that about 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon he was sitting in the Auditor's room facing Mr. Morris, while using the telephone which is located on the latter's desk. Mr. Morris was signing his mail and Messenger Wilkes was blotting the signatures. Mr. Eldridge finished with the telephone and was waiting to have Mr. Morris sign an official money order when he heard the latter say, "How are you, Mac?" He turned and saw McDonald in the doorway leading into the hall. McDonald said: "I want to see you," and Morris replied: "Well." Mr. Eldridge asked Morris to sign the money order, and after his doing so Eldridge went into the adjoining room and remarked to his clerk: "Sam McDonald is in the other room." Just as he sat down at his desk, the messenger, John Wilkes, passed out of Mr. Morris' office, through the law board room into the hall. For about fifteen seconds the men were talking in a low tone, possibly a dozen words being spoken. Immediately following this scuffling was heard and Eldridge jumped to his feet. Then a pistol shot rang through the room. Witness rushed for the door leading to the Auditor's room, but before he reached it he saw Morris running toward him.

McDonald was right behind Morris, the witness continued, and catching him by the shoulder, turned him back, and pulled him back into the Auditor's room. As McDonald seized Morris, the latter said: "He's trying to kill me. Disarm him." By this time the two men were just in front of the desk, where Morris' chair had stood before it was knocked over. Holding Morris with one hand, McDonald placed the revolver to Morris' breast and pulled the trigger. Morris' threw up his hands and sank to the floor.

An attempt was made to stop McDonald, the witness stated, but he broke away from Eldridge and Ginn, and turning the pistol to his body, fired. The shot appeared to have no effect on him, for he walked steadily out of the door. Mr. Eldridge ran into the hall, and shouted: "Stop that man."

McDonald stopped at the door leading to the street and raising the pistol again asked who would stop him. Watchman Cusick took hold of him, but was struck in the head with the butt of the descending weapon. That was the last that the witness saw of McDonald. Morris did not utter a sound after the shot was fired.

In reply to a question from the Coroner, Mr. Eldridge stated that personally he knew very little regarding the relations between the two men. Morris rarely talked about people, even though Mr. Eldridge was quite intimate with him. He had, however, asked the witness in the early part of the year what kind of a man McDonald was. Later he told the witness that he was disgusted with the way McDonald had been acting and was going to recommend his dismissal. He did not think that McDonald was under the influence of liquor—at least, his voice and step did not indicate it.

The Coroner then asked what, in the opinion of the witness, was the cause of the trouble and the reply was it began when the board of examiners visited McDonald's office, who was then disbursing officer for the office of the Auditor for the War Department, to look into his accounts. McDonald was away at the time and the safe was sealed until his return to permit of his being present at the examination.

Lurtin R. Ginn, of 1219 M Street northwest, a clerk in the office of the auditor, was the next witness. He said he was seated in the room of the law board, Saturday afternoon, and the first intimation he had that there was any trouble was scuffling in the adjoining room, followed almost immediately by a shot. As he rose to his feet he saw Morris and McDonald in the doorway and saw the latter fire the second shot. Morris was running into the room with his back toward its occupants. McDonald caught him and turning him around shot him in the hand. He then pulled his victim back into the other room and fired the fatal shot. Morris sank to his knees beside his desk without uttering a sound. Almost immediately McDonald turned the weapon on himself and fired.

Sergt. Daniel Sullivan testified that he was on Seventeenth Street Saturday afternoon in company with Policeman Evans. They had passed the Winder Building and were nearing Pennsylvania Avenue when Policeman Evans stopped to speak to some one. The sergeant had gone but a few paces when a hatless man ran out of the Winder Building and cried "Murder." The two policemen ran to the building and found McDonald sitting on a bag of cement with a pistol in one hand and an open pocket knife in the other. They saw that his condition was critical and sent him to the Emergency Hospital in an Adams Express wagon in charge of Bicycle Policeman Cass. The witness then told how they had taken charge of the office pending the arrival of the Coroner.

Policeman Charles A. Evans thought it was about five minutes past 2 when he heard the cry of murder and corroborated Sergeant Sullivan in every other particular. He further said that after arresting McDonald he asked him what he had done and received the reply: "I did it and I suppose I'm done for."

The weapon was produced and is a .32 calibre Forhard & Wadsworth revolver of recent design. It is a six-shooter and one of the cartridges remained unfired. The others were all accounted for.

Dover Davis, a grey-haired colored messenger, gave testimony of minor importance and when asked if he had seen the shooting replied: "I didn't see none and didn't want to see none the way those balls were flying."

Hanson Weaver, residing at 1614 Q Street northwest, who is employed in the telephone room across the hall from the Auditor's Office, testified that on hearing the first shot he ran to the assistance of Mr. Morris without any hesitation, but that all was over before anything could be done.

The jury then retired and in a few minutes returned the following verdict:

"We the jury find that Frank H. Morris came to his death at the Winder Building, December 22, 1900, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock p. m., from a gunshot wound of the aorta, said gun being held in the hand of Sam McDonald. We the jury hold said McDonald for the grand jury."

Assistant United States Attorney H. Bingham appeared in behalf of the District Attorney and questioned some of the witnesses.

Mr. Morris' Funeral.

The funeral of the late Frank H. Morris took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe. The church was comfortably filled by friends of the deceased. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. A. Rogers, Elias Mann, S. E. Faunce, A. C. Martin, L. R. Ginn, W. C. Eldridge, M. J. Hull, and J. Q. Kern. They were associates of Mr. Morris in the department.

The body will be taken to Cleveland, Ohio, at 7:45 this evening where the interment will be made.

It was said at the Emergency Hospital this afternoon, about 2 o'clock, that while McDonald's condition was improved, the chances of his recovery were against him. He is given nothing but liquid food. He suffers greatly from his wounds, but stands the excruciating pain with marvelous fortitude.

McDonald is perfectly conscious, and realizes the awful position in which he has placed himself. He seems to think, however, that while he committed a dreadful crime against a man of high place and standing, he was justified in it. He reiterated this morning his often-repeated statement that no one but he was in any way connected with the killing of Mr. Morris. He also again expressed the wish, apparently his sole one, that he would die.

There were at least twenty people at the hospital clamoring to see McDonald when a reporter called this afternoon. One of the physicians said there had been a constant stream of men at the hospital during the morning to enquire after the patient's condition.

A BLIZZARD IN CHICAGO

Genuine Christmas Weather Experienced in the Northwest.

Heavy Gales and Rains Followed by a Snowfall—Sleet Does Damage in Illinois.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The first real blizzard of the season has struck the Northwest. In Chicago a gale and snow have brought genuine Christmas weather. The gale reached its height at noon yesterday, when the wind was blowing fifty-two miles an hour. The snowfall was not heavy during the day, but evening brought an increase in volume, and the city is white this morning. The temperature is dropping rapidly.

Reports from St. Paul, Duluth, Oaskis, Winona, and other points of Minnesota, show that the storm was at its height there yesterday morning. The wind blew at the rate of fifty miles an hour in many places and snow to a depth of six inches fell.

At Redwood Falls traffic was stopped. In northern Wisconsin and Michigan, the storm began with heavy rains, turning to sleet and then to snow. At St. Joseph, Mich., snow is reported as saving the winter wheat from being killed by frost.

At points through Illinois, notably at Rock Island and Elgin, heavy rains, turning to snow, are reported and sleet did considerable damage.

WANTED TO SEE THE QUEEN.

Demented American Woman Wanders About Osborne House.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—An American woman was found wandering about Osborne House today. She imagined she was Princess Beatrice and attempted to secure an audience with the Queen.

The attendants who took the woman in charge, found a letter in her pocket with a name and address supposed to be hers. It was that of Elizabeth Alma Blake, No. 339 West Fortieth Street, New York. The woman, who was well dressed, says, she left New York in October. She has been committed to St. George's workhouse.

BANK ROBBERS CAPTURED.

Money Recovered Through a Telephone Operators' Alacrity.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Every cent of the $5,000 taken from the Manchester Bank Friday night was recovered through the promptness and courage of the young woman who operates the Manchester telephone exchange.

The noise made by the explosion of nitroglycerine when the safe was blown open awakened her and she promptly sent out an alarm to every man in town who had a telephone. Before they were on the scene, however, the burglars were away on a handcar to Tullohoma, so she notified that town by telephone with the result that they were captured. With the captured burglars was a bag containing every dollar taken from the bank.

SIX SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY.

The Murder of Night Watchman Happleton in Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24.—The police are looking for the murderer of William Happleton, the night watchman who was killed while guarding the safe of the Green River Asphalt Paving Company.

The attempt to rob the safe was made early yesterday morning. Happleton opposed the robbers and was killed. His body was thrown over a fence and was found later by the police. Several persons heard his cries for help, but as the district is one of the worst in the city no attention was paid the outcry. Six suspects have already been arrested.

Big Price for Coal Lands.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 24.—James E. Brown, of Uniontown, Pa., and Alfred Cochran, of Dawson, Pa., have bought 12,000 acres of coal land in the vicinity of Salem, paying $842,000, and it is announced it will be developed at once. The coal lies 800 feet below the bottom of the streams and will be developed by shafts. The work is expected to begin April 1.

Arrested on a Charge of Theft.

Gus Carrigan was arrested this afternoon by Detectives Miller and Peck on a charge of stealing $40 from James Chaconas. Chaconas charges that Carrigan took the money from his barber shop last Friday.

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CUDAHY CASE SUSPECTS

Omaha Police Expect to Make Arrests by Tonight.

Confident That Crowe and Lillie Devine Were the Chief Plotters—Authorities in Other Cities Have Been Notified to Watch for Charles Allen, Husband of the Woman.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 24.—The police expect to make some arrests in the kidnaping case of Edward Cudahy, jr., by tonight. They also expect that E. A. Cudahy, the wealthy packer and father of young Cudahy, who paid $25,000 in gold for his return, will offer a reward for the capture of Lillie Devine and Patrick Crowe, who are believed to have been the chief conspirators in the abduction.

The police say that they are morally certain that the Devine woman, who is alleged to be notorious in working the "confidence game," and Patrick Crowe, the train robber and diamond thief, were the ringleaders in the plot. They assert that, in their opinion, the woman furnished the funds necessary to the kidnaping enterprise; that Crowe undertook the dangerous part of the work, and that some of the train robber's pals gave him valuable aid in carrying out the abduction.

Acting on this theory, the police have asked the authorities of all cities to look out for Charles Allen, Lillie Devine's husband and a well-known crook.

At least two people who saw the woman who accompanied the man who rented the house which the robbers occupied, say the description of Lillie Devine tallies exactly with that of the woman. The police here have her photograph, secured from Denver.

The report that one of the kidnapers of young Cudahy is under arrest at Fort Dodge, Iowa, is discredited here. So far as can be definitely learned, the report had its origin in the fact that an Armenian named Albio, who had a considerable sum of gold in his possession, was taken from an Illinois Central train at Fort Dodge, on Wednesday night. It is said, however, that the man had met with an injury on the train and that he was taken to a hospital in Fort Dodge. He attracted attention in the hospital from the fact that he carried so much gold. It is said, that he left Omaha some hours before Mr. Cudahy paid the ransom.

AN EPIDEMIC OF KIDNAPING.

Louisville's Chief of Police Makes a Prediction.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 24.—Chief of Police Jacob Haager sounds a warning.

"Look out for an epidemic of kidnaping," says he, speaking professionally of the kidnaping of young Cudahy in Omaha.

"Parents will do well to keep a close watch on their children. Great crimes and great criminals are always imitated. The payment of the $25,000 ransom will induce others to kidnap children of the rich. Kidnaping is worse than murder. To those guilty of such a crime murder would be but a side issue. If the States would only pass laws making kidnaping a capital crime the police would be better able to protect the people and their children. This kidnaping case will bring back all the rogues to the cities in a hurry. So much money gotten so easily will be a powerful inducement to others to try the game."

Chief Haager thinks the father of the stolen boy did not give the police a fair chance to recover his son.

BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE.

The Antilia Stranded in Great Egg Harbor.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Dec. 24.—The steamer Antilia, British, hailing from Nassau, N. P., of 588 tons gross, went ashore at 5 o'clock this morning at Great Egg Harbor in a fog. She is bound for New York from Nassau and has a general cargo.

The life-saving crew went to her assistance and landed two passengers. The captain anad crew remained aboard. The vessel is in good condition. The steamer North America has gone to her assistance.

TRIED TO KILL HIS UNCLE.

Cigarette Smoking Said to Have Crazed a Young Man.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Michael Sammon, twenty-four years old, of 3713 Fairmount Avenue, who became insane through cigarette smoking, this morning attempted to murder his uncle with whom he lived, by shooting him.

The young man is said to have smoked forty cigarettes every day for the last few years. He began to show signs of mental derangement six months ago, but it was not until recently that the homicidal mania developed.

AN IRON FURNACE SOLD.

The Plant at Decatur, Ala., to Be Removed.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The Tutwiler Coal, Coke, and Iron Company, of Birmingham, has purchased from Eugene Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, the old Decatur, Ala., iron furnace. The Tutwiler Company will raze the buildings and will remove the machinery to their works near Birmingham.

This property was sold by the Decatur Land Company about two months ago, to Eugene Zimmerman, who stated at that time that he would have the furnace in blast in six months, but for some reason it was never done and the sale to the Tutwiler Company knocks out all hope of the furnace ever being put in operation again.

A JERSEY HOTEL BURNED.

The Proprietor's Family and Fifteen Guests Escape.

GUTTENBURG, N. J., Dec. 24.—Meirdierck's Hotel, one of the largest structures in Guttenburg, was destroyed by fire shortly before 5 o'clock this morning.

In the place at the time were Mierdierck, his wife, and about fifteen guests. All of them were aroused in time to escape. The cause of the blaze is unknown. The loss, it is said, is fully