BIG SAFE WAS NOT OPENED

Missouri Train Robbers Secured Only Small Sum of Money.

ESCAPED ON THE ENGINE

Officials Believe the Bandits Are Former Railway Employes and Knew That Train Carried Large Amount of Money in the Express Car.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—The St. Louis and Chicago express, which was held up by bandits near Independence, Mo., last night, arrived here this afternoon, and Express Messenger Frier was interviewed by a reporter of the United Associated Presses. He said that the big safe, which was consigned through from the Pacific coast to Chicago, was not robbed.

One of the robbers placed a gun at Frier's head and ordered him to hold up his hands. The robbers then secured the keys of the small safe from Frier's pockets and rifled the safe of its entire contents, consisting of a great deal of jewelry and a considerable amount of money.

The robbers demanded that Frier operate the time lock on the big safe, but were finally persuaded by him that such an accomplishment was impossible, at which they began to drill a hole and prepare a dynamite stick. Frier argued with them that their efforts would be futile, as the safe contained nothing of value, and finally he persuaded them to let it alone.

Frier says that in the money secured from the small safe was a quantity of gold $10 and $20 pieces, and that one of the men declared: "That's the kind of stuff we are after."

Escaped on the Engine.

After the men had cleaned out the small safe, they searched Frier's clothing and took all the money on his person. He demurred at this, and the leader of the gang tossed him a $2-bill, saying: "Get yourself a drink for an Xmas present."

The robbers finally declared that they must skip out, as time was pressing, and, jumping from the car, ran to the engine and started it down the track to a point about a mile below Glendale station, where they alighted and disappeared in the woods.

When the passengers in the train learned that the express car was being robbed they became greatly excited, but nobody ventured out of the cars. In the Pullman coach, which contained one lady and four gentlemen passengers, there was great confusion. The vestibules were locked and the shades drawn, while the passengers hid their money in every conceivable place of safety.

Small Amount Secured.

From the familiar manner in which the express car was uncoupled and the locomotive handled, the express officials believe that the robbers were former railway employes and understood the nature of the train and the fact that it ordinarily carried a large amount of money in the express car.

Messenger Frier was closeted this evening with Superintendent Williamson, of the United States Express Company, and several detectives from a local agency, and gave them his information regarding the hold-up. He insists that so far as he could see, there were but three men engaged in the robbery, all of whom were masked and armed. Superintendent Williamson declares that the amount of money secured by the robbers is small, and at a wide estimate, will not reach $2,000.

KATE FIELD'S FUNERAL.

Services to Be Held at San Francisco Assume National Character.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The Kate Field obsequies next Sunday have assumed a national character. Not only will the Governor, State, and city officials attend, but President and Mrs. Cleveland and Major and Mrs. McKinley will have personal representatives present as a mark of their appreciation of the high position Miss Field occupied in public life.

Governor Budd has been requested to send a guard of honor, and Col. W. R. Shafter, commanding the Department of California, U. S. A., has accepted an invitation to be present with his staff.

The services at Trinity Episcopal Church will be conducted by Rev. George Walk, a friend for many years of Miss Field, who will deliver the funeral oration. Prof. H. J. Stewart, with a choir of trained voices, and the Press Club Quartet, the best in the city, have arranged a fine musical program.

At Odd Fellows' Cemetery, where the remains will be cremated, Rev. Mr. Walk will read the Episcopal burial service before the body is consigned to the retort. The floral offerings will far surpass anything ever seen before, even in this land of flowers.

RAN AWAY WITH THE JEWELRY.

John Dorcy Pawned Them in New York and Was Arrested.

New York, Dec. 24.—John P. Dorcy of Baltimore is under arrest in Brooklyn on a charge of stealing jewelry and diamonds valued at $500 from Mrs. Catherine R. Caswell, owner of a fashionable boarding house at No. 302 Clinton street.

The prisoner was in the woman's employ up to November 6 last, when he disappeared. He was known by the name of Harry Morrell.

On the day of his disappearance Dorcy was intrusted with the jewelry to take it to a friend of the owner at No. 177 Atlantic avenue. Instead of doing it, however, he went to New York, where he pawned some of the property. He visited Washington, and subsequently went to Baltimore, where his parents live.

CHRISTMAS EVE SUICIDES.

Man and a Woman Kill Themselves in New York.

New York, Dec. 24.—There were two Christmas Eve suicides in this city.

Mrs. Nellie Decarlo, forty-nine years old, wife of Salvatore Decarlo, a musician, who has his home on the top floor of the flat house at 221 East Ninety-fifth street, took three ounces of carbolic acid this evening and died fifteen minutes afterward. She was believed to be temporarily insane.

Julius Gies, forty-nine years old, a janitor of 1464 Amsterdam avenue, committed suicide this afternoon by hanging himself with a rope, which he fastened above the door of a bedroom of his flat. In a letter, which he wrote shortly before he hung himself, Gies gave as his reasons for the deed that he was discouraged at being out of work.

Closed all day Xmas.

The "Ideal" Gift for a Man.

What better gift than an English Mackintosh? Going to close out the balance of our grand line of them at exactly one-third reduction on the regular prices—33⅓ off. That brings the $5 ones down to $3.33, the $20 ones down to $13.33, and all the prices between them down in the same proportion.

PARKER, BRIDGET & CO.,
Clothiers, 315 Seventh Street.

LOCAL WHEELMAN ENTERED

George Ball Will Be in the Six-Day Race.

MANAGER PLUMMER HERE

He Says the English Team Is in the Pink of Condition—Hale Has Not Arrived—How the Men Are Fed as They Sprint Around the Track—Other Arrivals.

The big six-day international bicycle race, which will commence on Monday next at Convention Hall, is daily growing to be the most absorbing topic of interest among wheelmen both in this city and all over the country. Indeed the interest is not confined to American soil, for the famous racers who will compete hail from half a dozen European countries, and their progress from day to day in the race will be watched with the keenest interest by their countrymen abroad.

Ed. Plummer, the manager of the European racers, arrived in Washington yesterday, and at once proceeded to inspect Convention Hall and inquire into the various preliminary arrangements for the race. Mr. Plummer did not bring Teddy Hale with him as was expected. He says Hale is getting the most possible rest after the tremendous strain of his long race in New York, and it is hardly possible that he will arrive until Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Plummer was formerly a London newspaper man, and it is only in recent years that he has gone into the business of managing racing bicyclists.

His Team in Good Shape.

He says his entire team is in fine shape and he has no sort of doubt but that the present eight hour per day record will be lowered by a good margin.

In answer to a question as to Champion Hale's probable showing in the coming race, he expressed the opinion that some big surprises would be sprung on the racing world at the conclusion of the meet, and also that the showing of the various men in New York was no criterion of what they may be capable in a contest such as the approaching one will be.

In speaking of the way in which the riders take their food during the progress of the race, Mr. Plummer gave an interesting description of the duties which fall to the trainers in preparing this nourishment. In an eight-hour race a rider practically goes without a square meal for ten hours on a stretch, as none of them would care to start in a race without allowing at least two hours in which to digest their food.

The tremendous drain on the vitality of the racer must be reinforced by food of some kind, so it falls to the trainer to determine just what will best answer the purpose and in what quantities it may be served.

Manager Plummer says the principal diet of his men while on the track is composed of oatmeal, rice, a small amount of chicken broth, whipped egg, cocoa, and sometimes tea.

Fed as They Ride.

The way in which this is conveyed to the rider is unique. A small cylinder is filled with the food, and the trainer, standing at the edge of the track, holds it up for the rider to grab as he passes swiftly by. Of course he may take whatever time he desires to finish the contents of his cylinder, which, when exhausted, is tossed back into the ring.

Hale, in his recent race in New York, rode a wheel geared up to 98, while some of the other English riders had as high as 120.

An announcement which will be very popular with the local wheelmen is that a Washington man will be allowed to compete in the big race. George Ball, the well-known sprinter of the Washington Road Club, has been entered as one of Manager Young's American team. Mr. Young has had plenty of opportunity to observe Ball's work in the long practice spins he has taken with the cracks, and so much pleased was he with his showing that he has included him in the list of his entries tendered Manager Towers. Ball is in good shape and will doubtless do himself credit in the big sprint. He will be looked after by Fred Schade, who will see that he has the best handling during the race.

This morning all the cracks will go up the Conduit Road to witness the ten-mile road race, held by the Chain and Sprocket Cycle Club. The English racers will go up on tandems, quads, and sextettes, and together with the famous American racers, they will form the most notable group before which local riders ever competed.

RAEDY-MOORE FIGHT.

Lovers of the Ring Anticipate a Red-Hot Go.

The Raedy-Moore bout, which is to come off on the evening of December 30, is considered by the local sporting men to be the most notable pugilistic event since McMillan knocked Raedy out by a chance blow in 1894.

Moore is known as one of the cleverest second-rate pugilists in the business, having defeated several aspirants for championship honors during his time. Without doubt he is the hardest man Raedy has taken on in many a day and the experts predict that the local fighter will have his hands full. Raedy is doing the hardest sort of training and could go into the ring at a moment's notice in the pink of condition.

The fight will undoubtedly be a hot one, from start to finish, as Raedy has everything to win in a go with so good a man as Moore. The fight will take place at the Suburban Roadhouse.

HOT BATTLE EXPECTED.

Today's Football Game Will Bring Out Crack Players.

All the preliminaries to the football game this afternoon between Columbian College and All-Washington have been arranged, and all things point to a hotly contested game.

The college boys slightly outweigh their opponents and this, with their increased strength in securing several well-known college players, makes the supporters of the team very sanguine of a victory.

The All-Washington players, though not overconfident, feel certain that they can give the collegians considerable of a tussle. The game will be called promptly at noon and will be played on Columbia Field.

THIS CUTS ICE.

Fancy Skaters Want Rules to Govern Them.

With the appearance of snow and ice the fancy skaters of the country are beginning to thaw out and discuss subjects that interest them. A controversy has arisen that may get warm enough to melt ice. The talk up to date is between the figure skaters, those nimble gentlemen who once a year do toe spins, inside edge, forward and backward, and, in fact, cut ice in a way to astonish the ordinary mortals who need spikes in their shoes in order to walk on snow.

The question that agitates the skaters refers to the quantity of ice that should be cut. Some of the experts, for example, in cutting a figure 8, chasses all over the rink and carve a figure as large as a bankrupt sale sign. Others will spin about in one spot, and chisel out a little 8 that could be put on a silver dollar. The contention of those who desire to reform the rules of the National Skating Association is that all skaters should be required to cut figures of uniform size, so the judges would have no difficulty in deciding on the merits of the performances.

Evans of Boston, who won the championship last year, is one of the small figure cutters, while George Phillips, the former champion, believes in expansive figures. It is proposed to hold a convention of fancy skaters early in January and revise the rules so as to secure uniformity. This proposal does not meet the views of the National Skating Association, which considers that it is competent to do all necessary revision.

FRIDAY
TODAY
Dr. Walker
1411 Penn. Ave., Adj. Willard Hotel,
Will be at his well-known Sanitarium from 10 to 1 only.
CONSULTATION FREE.

COLUMBIA'S SMOKER.

Winged Arrow Men Have a Fine Program for Tomorrow Night.

The program arranged by Prof. John Crossley for the athletic smoker, to be given by the Columbia Athletic Club in its big gymnasium tomorrow evening, promises to be an unusually attractive one.

In addition to two sparring bouts and two wrestling matches, by prominent well-known local amateur talent, there will be an effort made by Franz, Dudley, and Curtis to break Dudley's local record for indoor pole vaulting.

On ladies' day, Franz, in an exhibition trial, crossed the bar at ten feet flat. Dudley's record is nine feet, eleven inches. All the vaulters are doing well in practice, and it is probable that even better than Franz's exhibition will be done.

Other numbers on the program will be low bar jumping for height, by all the stars; fencing, by Prof. Daryalat and Fitzpatrick; parallel bars, by Dr. Harding, Ross, Speare, Avalis, and others; fence vaulting, by Haycock, Harding, Consaul, Franz, Speare, Prof. Crossley, and others; acrobatics, by Ross, Waters, and Crossley; mat exercises, class work on German horse and spring board exercises.

It will be the first time this season that the C. A. C. gymnasts and acrobats have appeared in force in public, and a good exhibition is assured.

Admission will be only to members and to friends holding cards. Cards may be obtained of members.

WHEELS AND WHEELMEN.

In 1897 somewhat higher gears will be used. The length of the popular crank will be seven inches in place of six inches and a half, as of old. Larger rear sprockets will make larger front sprockets necessary, and many 20, 21 and 22 tooth and even larger sprockets will be used to offset the reduction of gear caused by the increase of the rear sprocket from seven tooth to eight and longer cranks will make the higher gears possible and desirable.

It is refreshing to learn of the large winnings of the crack-a-jacks among racing men. The earnings of Zimmerman, Bald, Cooper and others have been summed up often. The Linton brothers, four years ago poor lads in a Welsh colliery, earned barely fifty cents a day. Arthur Linton, within two years after he took up racing, had become a world's record holder, and died worth probably $20,000. "Tom" Linton, his younger brother, took up racing a little later, and is now considered to have won $30,000.

In pneumatic tires for 1897 there seems to be a decided move in the direction of embossed basket work or pebble tread instead of the smooth surface. The roughened tread takes a better hold of the surface ridden upon. It is not a new idea, and has had a thorough test. This will be practically the only radical change in tires. Single tubes and double tubes will still contest the field as of old.

New York city, Philadelphia, and Buffalo are credited with a desire to secure the 1897 meet of the L. A. W. There was at one time some talk of having the meet at Manhattan Beach, but that has died away. Nor do we hear much from Buffalo. Apparently, in return for the extensive preparations Philadelphia is making to secure the meet, she will secure it without difficulty if New York and Buffalo are the only rival cities to fear. But other localities are in the field, and Philadelphia will have more of a fight for it than a walk over.

Talk of the foreign riders indicates that they will remain in this country for the winter. Linton will try to get on a match race with Michael and, according to Ed Plummer, will try to ride thirty-three miles within the hour before returning. Linton cannot remain very long, however, as he will have to be in France by March 1 to defend the middle distance Brassard, which he is very anxious to keep, with the daily income that accompanies it. Michael will try his luck at ice skating during the winter, coached by John S. Johnson.

The recent National Stanley Cycle Show in London was a decided and popular success. The standard type of English wheels showed that the manufacturers still cling to steel rims, double tube tires, and large, wide handles, the frames being made of one-inch tubing. The weight of the standard English machine, complete, for 1897, is thirty-one and one-quarter pounds. America still has the field for light, strong, up-to-date wheels.

Old-Time Gambler Dead.

John Seeley, one of the oldest residents of Columbus, Ga., and a gambler of the old school, who played cards for love of the sport, race horseman and original "forty-niner," died Friday. Mr. Seeley was known throughout the South and had many friends. He was also known as a philosopher.

New Athletic Club Chartered.

New York, Dec. 24.—Mayor Wurster of Brooklyn today granted a license to the Greater New York Athletic Club of Coney Island. Maher and O'Donnell meet there tomorrow night.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 24.—Horace M. Barnes, a leading citizen and capitalist of Bristol, formerly a Chicago and New York business man, died in Bristol today. He was a native of Bucksport, Me., and was born in 1823. Barnes acted as mediator in the famous Colt-Van Alf scandal, a year ago.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 24.—Otto Bertels, formerly a wealthy merchant in New York city, died here last night from the effects of morphine poisoning. He leaves five children, all of whom reside in New York.

We will be open 'til twelve o'clock today and will offer reductions on every article in Men's stylish furnishings. Our stock is complete, but prices are not.

LOEB & HIRSH
910 & 912 F St.

MISHAP TO BRYAN'S TRAIN.

Engine Jumped the Track, But No One Was Injured.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec 24.—Passenger train No. 13, northbound, on the Georgia division of the Southern Railway, having aboard William J. Bryan, met with a slight accident this morning midway between Atlanta and this city.

The engine was grounded by the spreading of the rails and thumped along on the cross-ties, tearing up a portion of the roadbed. The train was delayed four hours by the mishap. In consequence Mr. Bryan missed connection and was obliged to lay over in this city till tonight, when he left by way of Cincinnati.

The news of his arrival here spread like wildfire, and he was given a continuous ovation at the Southern Hotel.

Bryan Lecture Contract Sold.

New York, Dec. 24.—A special dispatch to the Tribune from Atlanta, Ga., says: It is given out here officially today that Capt. V. E. McBee, superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line, who secured a contract with W. J. Bryan to deliver a series of lectures in the big towns of the South, has sold his interest in the venture. An Eastern syndicate is represented as having bought it, but the identity of the members is unknown.

HOTEL GUESTS IN DANGER.

Ladies Carried From a Burning House by Firemen.

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 24.—The lives of many guests of the Huffman House were placed in jeopardy tonight when that hostelry and the block bearing its name was completely destroyed by fire, with a total loss of $190,000.

The blaze originated in one of the show windows of Potter Brothers' dry goods store, on the lower floor, due to the whiskers of a Santa Claus figure becoming ignited from a gas jet.

The flames ran through the store and its combustible stock with great rapidity and, finding outlet to the hotel portion of the building, soon ate their way upward through the elevator and air shafts.

The guests became panic-stricken, but fortunately none had retired and all were rescued but not without difficulty. Many of the escapes were exciting and narrow, the firemen being compelled to carry several of the ladies from the structure in a semi-conscious condition.

The guests lost all of their personal baggage. The loss sustained by Potter Brothers is $90,000, with $60,000 insurance. The insurance on the building is $40,000.

BADE HUSBAND FAREWELL.

Princess of Chimay and Caraman Denies That She Eloped.

Budapest, Dec. 24.—Newspapers here state that the Princess of Chimay and Caraman, formerly Miss Clara Ward of Detroit, Mich., the report of whose elopement with a Hungarian tzigane, a gypsy musician, caused such a sensation in aristocratic circles a short time ago, has arrived at Stuhl Weyssenberg in company with the tzigane, whose name is Rigo.

They deny that they eloped. The princess declares that she openly bade farewell to her husband before she left his home, and that he was fully aware of her love for Rigo and of her intention to go with him.

The princess, the papers add, has visited Rigo's parents, who live in a gypsy hut, and promised them that she would marry their son as soon as she was divorced.

COLD WEATHER IN NEW YORK.

Thermometer in Some Places Registered Ten Degrees Below.

Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The thermometer registered 10 below zero here early this morning, the coldest of the season so far. The ground is thinly covered with snow, but there is not enough for sleighing.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 24.—In this city early this morning the mercury ranged from 3 to 5 degrees below zero. In nearby places the record was from 10 to 15 degrees. Today is cold and clear.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The mercury in this city this morning was 3 degrees below zero. At Fulton Chain it was 18 degrees below zero. The sleighing here is fine and the air dry and bracing.

WAYLAID AND BEATEN.

Aged Francis Haniker Brutally Handled by a Gang.

Francis Haniker, a white man, seventy years of age, was waylaid and badly beaten last night by a crowd of colored toughs. He was found in an alley between Franklin and C streets and New Jersey avenue and Fifth streets northwest, in a nearly unconscious condition by Policeman Sutton of the Second precinct.

Haniker was taken to Freedman's Hospital in the police ambulance, where his badly damaged head was bandaged. He could give no minute description of his assailants. All of them were unknown to him, and the assault, according to his statement, was unprovoked.

Official Vote of Utah.

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 24.—The official returns for the election in the State of Utah were given out by the State board of canvassers today as follows: President—Bryan and Sewall, 64,432; McKinley and Hobart, 13,456; Palmer and Buckner, 22. Congressional—W. H. King, Democrat, 47,356; Lafayette Holbrook, Republican, 27,813; Warren Foster, Populist, 2,279.

Broker a Fugitive From Justice.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Police officials state that George E. Gage, senior member of the defunct brokerage firm of Gage & Felton, No. 30 Kilby street, is a fugitive from justice, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest, charging him with the embezzlement of $4,000.

Fortune Bequeathed to University.

London, Dec. 24.—The Morning Post will tomorrow say that Alfred Nobel, the Swedish engineer and chemist, who died at San Remo, Italy, on December 9, left a will bequeathing his entire fortune, amounting to about ten million dollars, to the Stockholm University.

Gen. Lee Sails for Havana.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 24.—Consul General Lee, Mrs. Lee and Miss Lee, after spending two hours in Tampa, left Port Tampa for Havana this afternoon on the steamer Olivette.

POLO PLAYED ON WHEELS

New and Novel Game Has Been Introduced Here.

IT TAKES EXPERT RIDERS

No Sticks Are Used, the Ball Being Pushed by the Front Wheel—Falls Are Frequent and Bicycles Suffer—Effort to Be Made to Arouse Interest in the Sport.

A novel, and in some respects an entirely new game has been lately invented by several young men who are prominent in local cycling circles, and the new sport promises to be of very considerable interest among bicyclists in general.

Bicycle polo is the new game. Though this game has been frequently attempted by bicyclists of the more northern cities, it has been found that the injuries to both the riders and their wheels was so great as to prevent all but the most reckless engaging in it. The manner in which the game is to be played by the Washington riders is totally different from all previous attempts, and it has been proven in practice that the chances of injury are small provided the riders are expert wheelmen.

The game in general closely resembles ordinary polo as played on horseback or upon skates, as the object of the players is to get the ball through their opponents' goal in the shortest possible time. Although the object in the end is the same, the means by which it is attained marks the essential difference between the new game and polo in general.

The manner in which the ball is propelled toward the goal is the greatest innovation. Instead of its being driven by the long-handled polo sticks, as in the ordinary game, the bicyclists depend entirely upon their skill in "dribbling" it forward with the front wheel of the bicycle.

Takes Skillful Riders.

The skill required to advance a tiny ball over a slippery floor surface with an opposing rider to block its advance will be at once appreciated. The difficult "egg race" is child's play compared to it, and only those who are experts riders are likely to make a success of the new game.

The number of players is limited to four at present, though it is possible to increase to six or more if the ball is of sufficient

A Mix-Up.

size. The ball is placed exactly in the middle of the "field" and each contestant retires to the corner assigned to him all at an equal distance from the center where the ball lies.

At the signal of the referee for play to begin each rider mounts his wheel and makes for the ball. This is called the "charge," and it is kept up until the ball is either pushed across the opponent's goal line or else until there is a foul committed, which is made by a player advancing the ball by any means other than the front wheel of his bicycle while seated in the saddle.

It is very apparent that the players must be thoroughly acquainted with the mysteries of back-pedaling, the art of falling off the wheel, and also be able to maintain absolute control of the wheel at all times.

Great Element of Danger.

Of course, there is a large element of danger with regard to broken heads, bruised shins, and smashed wheels, but all this is supposed to add interest in the sport. One game has already been played here, and it excited the most lively interest among those who witnessed it. There is considerably more actual amusement in the game for the spectators than for the contestants, who are compelled to be continually on the alert to guard against injuries.

The gentlemen who will introduce the game here are Messrs. Baker, Haines, Williams, Barnes, and Fowler. They have been engaged for some weeks in active practice, preparatory to the first game, which will take place at Masonic Hall in Georgetown, on the evening of Monday next.

The second game will be played at McCauley's Hall, Capitol Hill, on New Year's Eve.

It is also very likely that a game will be played at the Ice Palace during the progress of the big six-day bicycle tournament. The players consider that the ice will be very little more difficult to play upon than the smooth surface of a floor, and they are perfectly willing to make the trial. When the game has been seen several times by the bicyclists its possibilities will no doubt be appreciated, and it is more than probable that several teams will be formed and a regular schedule of games arranged for the coming winter months.

Aid for the Distressed.

Chief Clerk Richard Sylvester reported yesterday that since the cold weather commenced the police department had issued 152 orders for food and fuel to the poor, representing $418. The applicants were mainly women and children and represented a total of over 800 persons in distress.

Cleaned Out the House.

Richard Henry, colored, attempted to clean out house No. 460 N street northwest last night and was locked up at the Second precinct by Policemen Lightfoot and Cooper with three charges against him, for assaulting Lena Campbell, Henrietta Johnson and Abram Brown.

Has Aliases To Spare.

William Bryan, alias Francis Kay, alias Thomas Broomfield, victimized Kitty Gaffney, of 328 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, last night, relieving her of $2 in cash. He was locked up at the Fifth precinct by Policeman J. B. Smith.

Fought on Christmas.

William Spencer and L. C. Bryant came to blows last night in the southeast end of the town, and Spencer was locked up at No. 5 by Policeman Vermillion charged with assault.

Police Granted His Request.

Frank Gernees walked into No. 2 last night and asked to be locked up on a charge of drunk and disorderly while he sobered up. Plain drunk was recorded and Frank will be let out in the morning.

Charged With Larceny.

"Bootsey" Hill is locked up at the Second precinct, charged with the larceny of a small amount from Thomas Lettimore last night.

A Great Offer. *Any Overcoating in our house we shall make to your measure—built stylishly—to fit perfectly for—* **$14**
They're worth $18, $20, $25 and $30.
MERTZ & MERTZ, NEW ERA TAILORS, 906 F.

EX-PAYING TELLER ARRESTED

National Bank of Illinois Secrets May Be Divulged.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Benjamin B. Jones, ex-paying teller of the National Bank of Illinois, which failed Monday, was arrested tonight on an old charge and the police authorities believe that they can compel him to divulge certain alleged irregularities in connection with the bank officials.

One year ago Jones and Joseph Wilson, the receiving teller of the bank, were accused of absconding with $19,000. Until lately Jones had not been heard of. Wilson, however, was arrested, but through influential friends, it is said, was not prosecuted on the charge.

Meanwhile, it is alleged, Jones lived in Topeka, St. Paul, and the Dakotas. A short while ago Jones came back to Chicago and this is said to have been no secret from the officials of the bank, who charged him with the embezzlement. He has lately been living on Thirty-ninth street, and there United States Marshals Clark and White arrested him.

When seen in his cell tonight Jones denied that he knew of any irregularities of the bank officials.

SPOKE FOR CUBA.

Mass Meeting in New York to Promote the Cause.

New York, Dec. 24.—A mass meeting for Cuban liberty was held tonight at Colonial Hall, under the auspices of the United Order of the Republic.

Dr. Franklin Soper, who presided, explained the object of the meeting and introduced as the first speaker, S. P. C. Henriques, formerly United States consul at Havana.

Mr. Henriques said the charge that the insurgents were in the main an ignorant and uneducated class was untrue. He said he believed the report made to President Cleveland by Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was the only correct report of the condition of the affairs on the island made to this government for many years, as the regular consular generals were generally property owners and suppressed or toned down the reports made by the consuls or consular agents.

Rafael Navarro, a Cuban, said the Cubans would not accept an arrangement for the granting of autonomy from Spain. The Cubans would fight for unconditional and absolute liberty until the last one of them was buried.

Rev. Richard Hartley and Rev. Dr. John Balcom Shaw also spoke.

BAD EFFECTS OF TEA SMOKING.

Serious Nervous Complaints Are Brought on by the Habit.

New York Press.

Physicians and specialists on nervous troubles are treating numerous cases of extreme insomnia and nervousness in young women who come to them for treatment without disclosing to them that their condition is the result of practicing the new vice of smoking tea cigarettes.

The habit is increasing. From observations of its effects a west side physician declares to the Sunday Press that "a tea cigarette is a genuine brain excitant. Any one who uses it and yet does not work with her brain would go half crazy with nervousness, but with those who do brain work it is different, for the stimulus produces strange intellectual activity.

"After a couple of green tea cigarettes a poem, for instance, will almost write itself, I am told by one of my literary patients. The effect of the tea cigarette, while stimulating the brain and its flow of thought, acts as a pure sedative to the rest of the body, quieting restlessness, uneasiness or actual pains. The after effects are bad if they have not been worked worked off by unusual mental work.

"At some houses green tea cigarettes are handed round after dinner, and I know three actresses of considerable reputation who give "tea smoking parties" twice a week.

"One woman, to break off this habit, on which she has expended nearly $10 a week, has lately voluntarily placed herself under private restraint. She had concealed her habit from her husband by using an artfully contrived cigarette case. It resembled a bunch of keys, each key containing one cigarette.

"So much has the habit spread that several tobacconists and druggists are keeping tea cigarettes in stock for regular customers.

"The active chemical principle of tea is theine, just as caffeine is of coffee and nicotine of tobacco. When theine is administered to a frog or a small animal it is found that it chiefly influences sensation, which caffeine or coffee does not. In larger doses theine produces spontaneous spasms or convulsions, which caffeine does not do. This is, in fact, the ultimate effect of smoking numerous tea cigarettes, finally producing 'fits' or convulsions.

"Theine also acts as a logical anaesthetic, quieting painful nerves. Green tea contains much more theine than ordinary black tea. So you can see that the habit of smoking tea cigarettes is terribly pernicious."

A Village Under a Single Roof.

Most of the large towns in France contain workmen's model dwellings or tenement houses, which have been dignified with the picturesque appellation of barracks, but none of these has attained to the colossal proportions of the "Freihaus," situated at Wielden, a suburb of Vienna. This building has thirteen courtyards and accommodates 2,112 persons, belonging to all classes of society. One postman is specially appointed to deliver letters to the inmates, whose correspondents have to be careful to put on the cover not merely the Christian name and surname of the addresses, but the number of the yard, the staircase, and the flat, if they want the letter to reach its destination.—Exchange.

Popular Topics of Talk.

Chalemel Lacour, the French statesman, who died a few years ago, had an appointment with Schopenhauer, the German philosopher, one day at a Frankfort hotel, and found him just finishing dinner at the tabel d'hote. There were several officers at the table, and in front of Schopenhauer lay a gold piece. He said to the Frenchman, as he arose and put the coin in his pocket: "I have had this gold piece on the table every evening for a month, having made up my mind to give it to the poor the first time these officers here spoke on some other topic besides promotion, horses or women. I have the money still."—Exchange.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 24.—The Columbia Club, known as the old Dixey Theater building, burned this morning, causing a total loss of $80,500.

Winston, N. C., Dec. 24.—Webster's tobacco warehouse, a barroom and another building were destroyed by fire at Madison this morning. The loss aggregated several thousand dollars, partially covered by insurance.

New York, Dec. 24.—A ten thousand dollar fire occurred at about half-past 10 o'clock tonight in the John Matthews soda water apparatus company, 447 to 451 First avenue. The explosion of a syphon on the fourth floor is supposed to have started the fire.

CAPTURED IN A HOSPITAL

American Citizen Taken Prisoner by Spanish Troops.

Enrique Delgado Accused of Being a Rebel Officer and May Be Executed.

Havana, Dec. 24.—Enrique Delgado, who is described as an adjutant on the rebel general's staff, was captured in the prefectura of Gen. Melguizo, on December 15.

Yesterday he was brought to Havana and imprisoned incommunicado, in the San Ambrosio Hospital. The American consulate has taken up the case, as Delgado claims that he is an American citizen, and came to Cuba as the correspondent of a New York evening newspaper.

He denies that he was a rebel officer, or that he took any active part in the rebellion. He is known to many persons in Havana and elsewhere in Cuba, he at one time having been a purser in the employ of the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company.

A Spanish newspaper reporter says that when captured Delgado had in his possession a letter to the late Antonio Maceo, the rebel leader who was killed recently near Punta Brava, and an order from Maceo to the rebel prefect of the district in which he was captured, directing the prefect to treat him with all the courtesy due his rank.

Mr. Delgado reached Maceo's camp in the hills, and in his quest for news, tramped nearly 200 miles. One of his ankles gave way, and he was obliged to go to bed in one of the field hospitals. There he was taken, with several companions. He is now believed to be in Morro Castle.

Immediately upon learning these facts his paper telegraphed to Secretary of State Olney, in Washington, and cabled to Consul General Lee, in Havana, asking that the legal rights of Mr. Delgado be regarded, and that if he has not already been shot, that the execution be stayed until it can be shown that his mission was not one of sympathy or intended participation with either side.

The cable to Consul General Lee has probably been acted upon by Vice-Consul Springer.

Mr. Delgado was born in New York, and lived nearly all his life there, and in Brooklyn. He was educated in the Charlier Institute, and was afterward graduated from the Mount Pleasant Military Academy. He married Miss Granger of Hudson, N. Y., some years ago. His wife is now in New York. The couple have one child.

Capt. Navario Castillo and eleven of his followers have surrendered at Calimete, province of Matanzas.

It is reported that the rebel leader, Juan Rius, died on the night of December 22.

New York, Dec. 24.—Word was received in this city tonight of the murder by Spanish troops of Antonio Diaz, a planter, his son, seven years old, and Manuel Granados of Casigua.

The letter giving details was received by a Cuban resident here, who owns a farm near Jaruco, about twelve miles from Havana, and it came from his overseer, who announced that he had abandoned the farm, as his position entailed too great a risk.

The letter tells of the death of Diaz, whose farm was in the neighborhood. The Spanish troops had frequently visited Diaz's place and had been treated well.

Recently the Cubans, who approached so near the capital, stopped at the farm, and though Diaz was in sympathy with them, he requested them to withdraw as it would bring suspicion upon him. They did so, and Diaz's escape from injury at their hands was interpreted by the Spaniards as evidence that he was friendly with them.

A troop of Spanish soldiers then visited the place and found Diaz ploughing in a field, his little son near him. They put both to death by machetes.

Then they ran across Manuel Granados, who had come to pay Diaz for some corn he had purchased. He was likewise dispatched, and $500 found on his person was appropriated.

CAR RIDE ON CREDIT.

Honest Woman and a Conductor Without Faith in Humanity.

New York Sun.

A young woman boarded a Putnam avenue car in Brooklyn the other afternoon and handed the conductor a $5 bill in payment of her fare. The conductor looked at it and then at the passenger, and did not say a word, but just put the bill back into her hands. She opened her pocketbook, showed him that she had only 2 cents in change, and apologized, saying:

"I asked in two drug stores for change, but they would not give it to me. I told them I was afraid you would not take it, and they told me you would. I just had to get down to the bridge, and didn't know what else to do."

The conductor took the $5 again and said he would see if he could change it before the car got down town. He asked different men as they came in if they could change it, but it must have been a poor day for change, for each and every one shook his head and said no.

The young woman watched him anxiously, wondering whether she would ever get her money back. He came in, looking surly. She told him she would have to get out at the next corner, and he laid the bill once more in her hand. Then she hesitated and asked him his name and address, saying that if he would trust her she would forward the five cents. She was awfully sorry, but couldn't help it.

Then the conductor produced a small brown envelope upon which, printed across the top were the words: "Brooklyn Heights Railroad." The conductor wrote the number of the car, the trip, and the amount due upon it, and added his name. Then he turned it over to the young woman and told her to send the money in it. When she took it and thanked him he grunted out:

"Never had one sent me yet. Give it to any conductor on a Putnam avenue car and I'll get it; but I don't believe I ever will."

The young woman promptly gave it to a conductor on the Putnam avenue line and told him what the other conductor had said. Then when she reached home she sent a note to the conductor, in care of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad, notifying him of the fact, but she has not yet heard whether he received his money or not.

Fame.

Despite the efforts of the telegraph, the railroad and the newspaper, the question, "What is fame?" seems to be as far as ever from an answer.

A Detroit lady was visiting at an interior Michigan town last week, and was introduced to an old Irishman, a friend of the family, where she was entertained.

"From Detroit is it, ye are?" queried the old man. "Thin ye can tell me who is this woman, Mary Fingrey, down there, that ev'rybody be talkin' about.—Exchange.