

Generally fair weather; not so cold; westerly winds.

BANK STATEMENTS. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK, AT Washington, in the District of Columbia, at the close of business December 25, 1896.

ON THE INAUGURAL STAGE

Behind the Scenes With the Executive Committee.

THREE WEEKS OF HARD WORK

Review of the Progress Made by Chairman Bell and His Assistant Managers—Why Matters Are Moving Swiftly and Successfully—Important Meeting Tonight.

The next two months will be as interesting as two thousand or more gentlemen of the inauguration committee can make them, and it is for that reason they are in the business.

TOOK MORE THAN HIS SHARE.

Partner in a Hardware Company Overdrew His Account.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25.—George S. Brown was today appointed receiver of the Brown-King Hardware Company, which he is the president. Mr. Brown stands in his application for the appointment of a receiver that his partner, who is the treasurer of the company, has overdrew his account \$8,000.

SUNK A SCHOONER AT SEA

Steamer Scandinavian Reports a Collision Off Cape Cod.

SIGNALS WERE MISTAKEN

Sailing Vessel Burned Blue Flares, Such as Pilot Boats Use, and They Were Answered—Weather Was Heavy and She Probably Foundered.

EUROPE WOULD INTERFERE

London Times Says We Must Keep Hands Off Cuba.

GERMANY WILL AID SPAIN

Reported That Mr. Olney Has Been Informed That the Powers Would Regard American Intervention as a Menace—Sharp Replies Reported in the Island.

IMPROVISED CANNON BURST.

One Man Killed and Several Injured in Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25.—A special from Acworth, Ga., to the Constitution says that one man was instantly killed and three were desperately wounded, one fatally, there last night.

PATIENTS IN GREAT PERIL

Polyclinic Hospital in New York a Prey to the Flames.

ALL WERE SAFELY REMOVED

Several Tenement Houses Also Destroyed and a Hundred People Rendered Homeless—Solmer's Big Piano Factory in Ruins—A Few Persons Slightly Injured.

EX-QUEEN LIL IS PLEASED

Charmed With America and Its Cordial People.

Curious Crowd Gathered About Her Car at the New York Depot.

New York, Dec. 25.—Lillicolani, ex-queen of the Hawaiian Islands, arrived in Jersey City from the South at 1:25 o'clock this afternoon. A crowd of curious persons was at the station to meet her, and she was met by a number of the Hawaiian people who had gathered there to see her.

Collied With the Steamer.

The wind was blowing from the north northeast, which being a fair wind for the sailing craft, the latter commenced to start on her way. The steamer kept her course at a moderate rate of speed, naturally thinking that the supposed pilot boat would come and launch a boat, instead of which the steamer crashed into the schooner with terrific force, striking her on the starboard bow and doing considerable damage.

Germany With Spain.

"It," continues the writer, "I am correctly informed, the United States has been concurrently informed that Germany is already quite prepared to side with Spain in the event of the United States showing that she is disposed officially to side with the rebels."

MINERS FLED FOR LIFE

Flames Break Out in Nova Scotia Shafts.

Men Were at Work 1,300 Feet Underground When the Flames Burst Out.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 25.—A report has been received here tonight that a serious fire is raging in the Big Spring Hill coal mine in Cumberland county. The fire broke out during the day, and despite the efforts made to extinguish it, the flames succeeded in getting beyond the control of the men fighting to subdue them.

Sleeping Tenants Aroused.

The police, under Sergt. Fagan, aroused the sleeping tenants of the building on the west of the burning factory. There was much smoke pouring in their rooms, and in the excitement and confusion which followed several of the tenants escaped narrowly with their lives.

BIG ORDER FOR MUNITIONS

Mare Island Navy Yard to Receive 150,000 Rounds.

ALL FOR NAVY REVOLVERS

Other Orders From the Navy Department Revolve War Talk on the Coast—Character of the Ammunition So Unusual That Officials Are Puzzled.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—The war vessels upon the coast are preparing for an emergency.

During the week orders were received from the ordnance department at Washington, D. C., for 150,000 rounds of thirty-eight-caliber cartridges for navy revolvers.

All for Revolvers.

That 150,000 rounds of revolver ammunition should be sent to Mare Island at this time is considered more than a mere coincidence by men who are acquainted with the manner in which the Navy Department conducts its affairs.

Other Orders Issued.

Taking the usual allowance of ammunition as the basis of calculation, the 150,000 rounds sent to Mare Island would provide cartridges for the revolvers of 8,000 men.

SHOT BY HIGHWAYMEN.

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Second Precinct Station Was Crowded With Prisoners.

Thirty-six arrests were made yesterday by the policemen of the Second Precinct. Twenty-five of them were colored and a large percentage were women. Every cell was crowded and the dungeon as well, while on the second story a number were turned into a room to spend the night.

Good Men Selected.

There was general satisfaction with his preliminary statement that he would eliminate politics and substitute therefor something unknown in that interesting field—work, technically known as such.

The Ball.

After all, it is a good thing that the ball will be at the Pension Office. It is true that the White Lot would not be large enough to accommodate the crowd, if dancing is what it will be after, but they are not going to the after dancing.

Plenty of Money.

The committee on finance, the fly-wheel of the machinery, has made such progress that it has nearly discharged its duties. Fifty thousand dollars were wanted. Last Wednesday the members reported more than \$14,000 in hand and more candidates for the honor of giving liberally.

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Must Have Gone Down.

The schooner Carrie Walker, was commanded by Capt. Starkey, owned by Charles W. King of Eastport, Me., and left St. John's, N. B. December 15 with laths and shingles for New London, Conn.

Arrives at Boston.

Boston, Dec. 25.—Ex-Queen Lillicolani, of Hawaii, arrived in this city at 10 o'clock this evening and was at once driven to the Parker House, which will be her headquarters during her stay in this city.

CECIL RHODES HINTS.

South African Magnate Sarcastic Over the Jameson Commission.

DEPOSITORS TO BE PAID.

Bank of Minnesota Will Settle Dollar for Dollar.

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UNKNOWN MAN KILLS HIMSELF

Committed the Act on Steps of Brooklyn's "C" Hall.

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