DEADLY FIRE DAMP.

Nearly 80 Victims Sacrificed on Its Altar in a Coal Mine in France.

GAS DELAYS THE RESCUE.

A Number of Unconscious Victims Saved by Desperate Work.

THE MAJORITY ARE BEYOND HELP.

Bereaved Families Surround the Pit Bewailing Their Loss.

GLEAMS OF HOPE ARE DISAPPOINTED

PARIS, Dec. 6.—At St. Etienne, the center of one of the richest coal fields in France, an explosion of fire-damp occurred to-day in a coal pit and many of the workers were unable to escape. About 80 men are known to have perished.

The explosion occurred in the Puits de la Manufacture, belonging to the St. Etienne Colliery Company. Immediately after the explosion dense volumes of strong smelling smoke issued from the mouths of this and a connecting pit, and in a short time crowds of relatives and friends of the imprisoned workmen gathered about the entrances. Fortunately this was a fete day and a comparatively small number of men was at work.

Obstacles in the Way of Relief.

When the first attempt at rescue was made the rescuers were driven back by the foul fumes, and for nearly an hour nothing could be done. At the outset the rescuers encountered a serious obstacle, as the main gallery was found to have collapsed, thus preventing access to the imprisoned men.

After working several hours in relays the party encountered the bodies of four miners, unconscious, but still alive. At the surface they soon revived. Their speedy revival gave hope that the others might be saved, and this hope was strengthened when, a short time afterward, another rescuing party sent to the surface four more of the victims, all of whom were quickly restored.

The second party of rescuers, however, found that it was utterly impossible to reach the imprisoned men and there is hardly a doubt that all of the latter have succumbed to the poisonous gases.

Renewing the Efforts at Rescue.

The work of rescue will be resumed to-night, when it is hoped the gases will have dispersed.

At midnight it was ascertained that 73 miners have perished. The wives, children and relatives of the entombed miners still surround the mouth of the pit, and the most heartrending scenes are witnessed as the bodies of the victims are brought to the surface.

AN UNGRATEFUL REPUBLIC.

Brazil Sheds Few Tears Over Her Late Ruler's Death—The King of Portugal, Premier de Freycinet and Other Notables Condole With the Family.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—Cable dispatches from Rio Janeiro say that the news of the death of Dom Pedro met with no official recognition there. A number of merchants and shopkeepers closed their places of business for the day out of respect for the ex-Emperor, but otherwise the death of the former ruler of Brazil was marked by no demonstration.

The King of Portugal, in a telegram of condolence to the Countess d'Eu (Princess Isabella), the daughter of Dom Pedro, offers the use of the vault of the Braganza family for the burial of the ex-Emperor.

Dom Pedro was fully possessed of his mental faculties till the end. During Friday forenoon, being conscious that he was nearing death, he had mass celebrated in his bedroom. The Countess d'Eu, Prince Ernest of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and all the other members of the dying man's household attended the service, which Dom Pedro himself was able to follow and at which he received communion. During his last hours the ex-Emperor repeatedly exhorted his heir, the Princess Isabella, to pray with him for the peace and prosperity of Brazil.

Soon after the Abbe Rebours had administered the last sacrament Dom Pedro went into a comatose condition. He passed quietly away. His body has been embalmed and other preparations have been made for the funeral, which is to be held Thursday. Dom Pedro's family has received many calls of condolence. Among those who have inscribed their names in the visitors' book are Premier de Freycinet.

The body of Dom Pedro, attired in the uniform of a Brazilian General, is lying in state in the room in which the ex-Emperor died. The King of Portugal has ordered that royal honors be paid to the remains, unless the Duke and Duchess d'Eu insist that any political attitude is likely to offend the government of Brazil.

A REAL ROYAL LOVE MATCH.

Prince Albert Victor Woos and Wins the Daughter of the Duke of Teck.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence, the eldest son of the Prince of Wales, on Friday proposed to and was accepted by Princess Victoria Mary, the only daughter of the Duke of Teck, at Luton Hall. The Prince of Wales left Luton a few days ago, and the young Prince came to London yesterday to inform his parents, who then proceeded to Windsor, in order to gain the approval of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, who specially desired the match. It is said to be quite a love affair.

The news of the engagement of the royal party spread like wildfire through fashionable circles. Princess Mary is a general favorite. Telegrams of congratulation to the members of the royal family from abroad are being received. Queen Victoria has placed the former residence of the Duchess of Cambridge, St. James Palace, at the disposal of the couple pending a more suitable residence.

Why Baroness Dellard Was Killed.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—Further investigation into the matter of the mysterious murder of the Baroness Dellard shows that no property is missing. The suspected assassin called at the house of M. Caboret, an official of the War Office, before he visited the Dellard house, and also at the War Office itself. The theory, therefore, is that the miscreant was to obtain important papers, and that he was caught by the Baroness while searching the Baron's room.

An English Opinion on the O. & M. Fight.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The committee of English holders of Ohio and Mississippi bonds have obtained a legal opinion on the validity of the English vote in electing three directors favorable with union with the Baltimore and Ohio Company. Their counsel advises them that there is not the slightest doubt of the legality of the vote.

Muldowney Dies From His Injuries.

Michael Muldowney, an Irishman, 38 years of age, died at Mercy Hospital yesterday from injuries received on Saturday night on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, near McKeesport. Muldowney was a laborer and lived at Monongahela City. It is believed he tried to board a train at McKeesport when he was thrown and dragged, receiving many bruises about the head and body, besides being injured internally. But little information was gotten by the Coroner yesterday, and he will hold an inquest this morning.

QUEER CRANK CAGED.

Failure of a German Bookbinder to Extort Money From a Friend

BY MEANS OF WRITTEN THREATS.

The Man He Addressed Turns Him Over to the Police of New York.

NOT ALLOWED TO TURN THE SAGE TRICK

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Oscar Weyrauch, a bookbinder of 140 Worth street, 50 years old, wrote this letter yesterday to an acquaintance of his, Conrad Harris, a retired wine merchant, who lives at 1570 Second avenue:

NEW YORK, Dec. 5, 1891.

MR. Conrad Harris:

DEAR SIR—First, you know that I have aske you for your kindness to get a situation for me of anything where I can make my liven a desson way, but without result.

Second—You know further that I have no work for the last four weeks and no money either.

Third—I am liven on account of the humanity of good hearted people.

Fourth—I will not do it further.

Fifth—I will putt hand on my one live.

Sixth—You will be kind enough and give me $500 object in view; $300 that I can buy me a stationery store and $200 to get me in a home when I get older.

Eighth—You have no children and rich enough to spare such small sum of money.

Ninth—If you don't take notice of this my request you will be the next to Russell Sage and I will blow your brains in the air without I hurt anybody else.

Tenth—If you get me arrested about this letter then I do so the next chance I have without I give you notice.

Eleventh—Don't you forget.

Twelvth—If your letter will fare my wish then we will be good friends together. We are lands friends already. You know that.

Head Point—Thirteenth—Send the money or check for it to this my address and oblige,

Yours truly, OSCAR WEYRAUCH.

(translated Oscar Holy Smoke).

134 Sussex street, Jersey City.

N. B.—I have no steady home. I am liven in the lodgings house all around the city. I take my dinner here. I expect your answer to-morrow Monday in the dinner time.

The Police at Once Notified.

The recent adventures of Dr. Hall and Russell Sage had taught at least one man that such lunatics are dangerous. Harris lost no time in placing the letter in the hands of Police Captain Carpenter, and he told the Captain all he knew about Weyrauch.

Weyrauch was born in Wiesbaden, and Harris met him in Germany 14 years ago. Weyrauch had made money as proprietor of a bookbindery and paper house. He had sold out his business at a good profit, had married a rich woman, and opened a hotel in Bensheim, Hesse-Darmstadt. Alois Van Gries, the burgomeister, introduced Harris to the hotelkeeper, and Harris made the hotel his home during a visit to Bensheim. About a year ago Weyrauch appeared in New York and hunted up Mr. Harris. Prosperity had not agreed with him, and he had taken to drink and fallen into poverty. He borrowed some money of Harris, and asked the latter to find employment for him.

On Sunday, two weeks ago, Weyrauch called upon Harris. He was well dressed. Harris had been unable to find work for him and told him so. Weyrauch seemed to be disappointed, but went away in as friendly a mood as usual.

A Demand for Money or Work.

The following Sunday he called on Harris again. He was dressed in old and shabby clothes, and was in an ugly temper. He demanded, rather than asked, if Harris had found work for him. Harris had not, and refused to lend Weyrauch any more money. Weyrauch said he had to pawn his clothes. He went away angry, and then yesterday the letter came.

Captain Carpenter's men found Weyrauch at the Worth street lodging house at 2 o'clock this morning. He was as mild and harmless a prisoner as possible, and arose and dressed himself obediently. In his pocket was an envelope enclosing his photograph. The envelope was directed "to the newspaper reporters," and on the face was the following memorandum in English: "After I want send this my picture to Mr. Conrad Harris, 1570 Second avenue."

The picture was taken in Reider's gallery, 339 West Madison street, Chicago, in 1888. On the back of the envelope was written in German:

Now I am 50 years old, and I have done my work. I have always been good to the boys, OSCAR WEYRAUCH.

(Transfer in English, "Holy Smoke.")

Lable cutters, bookbinders, paper box makers, 2428 First avenue, Harlem.

140 Worth street, saloon, city.

91 Walker street.

I like to die
The fun wast my
If all the boys haven so much as I can die
Without a pain I am gone to die
Fly in the sky
Hurry to die

Last Will of the Holy Smoke Crank.

My last will
To the grave digger
First—Please do not handle me rough before you know sure that I am dead.
Second—Put my fancy dress clothes and my Dunlap hat into my grave. I left a few cent that you can have a drink on my death,
OSCAR WEYRAUCH (Holy Smoke).

My last will to the reporters of newspapers:

Please publish my poem when possible with my picture; in regard to my friends,
OSCAR WEYRAUCH (Holy Smoke).

On the back of the picture was the poem, as above.

The prisoner himself gives one the impression that he scribbled all this nonsense so as to have a loophole for escape on the plea of insanity. He is a heavy built German, with a full red face which shows traces of dissipation. His head is round and crowned with closely cropped hair of a sandy color. He wears a stubby red moustache, closely cropped.

"I wrote the letter just to scare Harris, so he would give me the money; I would not kill him," he said. "He is an old friend of mine. I knew him in the old country, and I wanted him to get me some work as janitor, or something like that."

He Declares He Isn't Crazy.

He had not been sick, he said, and he laughed when he was asked if his head troubled him. "No, I am not crazy," he said, "I knew what I was doing when I wrote the letter, and I wanted him to give me some money."

Of his own history he seemed equally willing to talk. "When I kept a hotel," he said, "my wife ran away with one of the waiters and took all my money with her. She came to America, I heard, and then pretty soon I came to America myself, but I never saw my wife or heard anything more about her."

He has been in America 10 or 12 years, most of the time out West, and had worked at book binding and like employment, he said. He added that he had had employment until four weeks ago. "I had no money and offered to sell Harris my new gloves for half a dollar. They were worth $3 50, but he would not even buy the gloves."

At Harlem Court to-day Justice Meade committed Weyrauch to the care of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction for examination as to his sanity. He was sent to Bellevue Hospital. He may get five years to State prison as a criminal, or an indefinite term in confinement as a lunatic.

EVERYBODY likes "Squeezers" playing cards. Ask for Triton brand, double enameled. All dealers.

This Is the Week to Buy.

Avoid the great crowds of the day before Christmas—the entire store is filled with great bargains, from calico dress patterns to sealskin coats. Come this week.

JOS. HORNE & CO.,
607-621 Penn avenue.

"CHEMICAL Diamonds" defy experts. Who has them? What are they?

LAST NIGHT'S WIRE WAIFS.

THE Roumanian Cabinet has resigned.

Guatemala's financial condition is still bad.

THE snow blockade on North Dakota railroads has been raised.

THE Mexican State of Chiapas is sending large quantities of coffee to San Francisco.

THE United States Training Ship Monongahela has sailed from Gibraltar for the West Indes.

HOPE for the Nicaragua Canal is revived along the line of that ditch, owing to the Chilean complications.

THE opposition to Seivas, the newly-elected President of Honduras, is becoming more pronounced daily.

THE head of Hiram Sawtelle has been found in a mound at a point indicated by his brother Isaac, who killed him.

THE capital stock of the Anaconda mine will be increased from $12,500,000 to $25,000,000 to cancel its mortgage bonds aggregating $7,500,000.

RUMORED at Lima, Peru, that in case of war with Chile, the United States would support Peru, and that it would be easy to form an alliance with Bolivia.

GOVERNOR HOGG, of Texas, has offered a reward of $100 for each of the men who recently tarred and feathered H. J. Dean, the alleged correspondent of the Kansas City *Sun*.

GOVERNOR FRANCIS, of Missouri, will probably call an extra session to redistrict the State, so that the extra elector to which the new census entitles the State may be legally chosen.

PRESIDENT DIAZ, of Mexico, will name commissioners to the World's Fair this month. The separate States will not be called on for money, though each one will make a creditable exhibit.

PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO.

S. T. Hooten and L. W. Naylor, two postoffice inspectors, took breakfast at the Central Hotel yesterday. It was rumored they came here to look after the Allegheny office. They paid their bills, however, and, so far as known, have left the city.

Captain Murdock was among the passengers for Philadelphia last evening. He is Secretary of the Wrought Iron Pipe Manufacturers' Association, but he said the time was not up for the regular monthly meeting.

Editor Needle, of the Parker City *Phœnix*, took his first look at the McDonald field yesterday. He believes in Pittsburg's future, and says its growth is wonderful as well as conservative and certain.

D. P. Dougherty, a prominent St. Louis wholesale druggist, passed through the city last evening bound for New York. He says St. Louis is after the Democratic convention, and is sure to get it.

Superintendent Kimball, of the lake branches of the Pennsylvania Company, was a passenger for Philadelphia last evening.

A. W. Paull, President of the Wheeling Lamp and Stamping Company, is at the Monangahela House.

Ex-Congressman Chas. C. Townsend, of New Brighton, was in the city yesterday, visiting friends.

H. W. Hartman and Samuel P. White, of Beaver Falls, left for New York last night.

C. B. Cline, the advance man for Carmencita, is stopping at the Schlosser.

Ralph J. Wick, a Youngstown iron man, is registered at the Duquesne.

John F. Lynch, a Canton lawyer, is stopping at the Anderson.

Judge Collier went East last evening on a short vacation.

T. J. Keenan, Jr., went to Chicago last evening.

Pittsburgers in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—*[Special.]*—The following Pittsburgers are registered at New York hotels: F. E. Arden, Imperial; J. M. Crowe, Park Avenue Hotel; H. W. Falconer, Astor House; J. W. Friend, Hoffman; Mrs. G. W. Guthrie, Everett House; H. G. Harding, Brunswick; F. N. Hoffstot, Hoffman; Miss Janvir, New York Hotel; J. G. Sirbeneck, Imperial.

A New and Strong Rail Joint.

J. S. Steever, of Fairfield, Ia., is at the Seventh Avenue Hotel. Mr. Steever is a farmer, and has invented a rail joint that he considers a great improvement over the present one. It was described several weeks ago in this paper. The Steel Casting Company is making the joint according to the model. Mr. Steever claims it is as strong as if the rail were continuous. The device will be tested on the main line of the Burlington road.

The Oregon Still Far From Portland.

BATH, ME., Dec. 6.—*[Special.]*—Two steamships and four tugs have had hold of the disabled trans-Atlantic steamer Oregon during the last 24 hours, and sundown tonight found the helpless vessel six miles farther from Portland than Saturday, and uncomfortably near those dreaded ledges, "the Phantoms." The terrific sea thrown up by the gale has made it impossible to render any efficient aid.

A Special Holiday Sale of Fur Capes.

The chance of the year. One lot of wool seal capes, 18 inches deep, satin lined, at $7. One lot of black astrakhan fur capes, 18 inches deep, satin lined, at $8 50. One small lot of imitation seal capes, mink trimmed, at $15, usual price $25. Also finer capes in Russian sable, Hudson Bay sable, mink, black marten (genuine), beaver, Persian lamb, gray krimmer, Alaska seal at special close prices. Sale begins to-day. JOS. HORNE & CO.,
607-621 Penn Avenue.

LADIES' sable capes.
SMILEY & CO., 28 Fifth avenue.

GIVE a pair of blankets—$3 to $40 a pair. Who but knows a place to put a good, warm gift that will possibly bring comfort and happiness?

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S
Penn Avenue Stores.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE

Of Umbrellas.

Choicest goods in the city.
SMILEY & CO., 28 Fifth avenue.

THE latest invention, "Chemical Diamonds." What are they?

LADIES' and gentlemen's umbrellas for holidays. SMILEY & CO.,
28 Fifth avenue.

"CHEMICAL Diamonds." Who has them? Lovely gems.

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DIED.

WAGNER—On Monday, December 7, 1891, at 12:15 A. M., ANNA M., wife of Erasmus Wagner, aged 69 years, 9 months and 1 day.

Funeral on TUESDAY at 2 P. M. from her late residence, No. 1013 Frederick street, Southside, Pittsburg, Pa. Friends are invited. 2

OVER 44 PER CENT INCREASE.

The attractiveness of THE DISPATCH cent-a-word columns is clearly demonstrated by this statement:

Adlets for September, October and November, 1891	18,401
Same three months last year	12,762
Increase due to cent-a-word	5,639

Those who do not watch these attractive columns miss bargains of every kind, and must remain ignorant of many special opportunities to buy, sell, rent or exchange.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

THEY WILL COMBINE.

That's What the Magnates Say of the Several Baseball Parties.

THE PROPOSED LEAGUE'S NAME.

European Racehorse Owners in This Country Trying to Engage Jockeys.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS ITEMIZED

The majority of Pittsburgers directly interested in baseball affairs are now fully convinced that there will be a 12-club league next year and that the National League and American Association as they exist will be things of the past. And almost every director of the local club is heartily in favor of the proposed scheme; indeed, one of them said yesterday that the plan of consolidation would be definitely agreed upon within eight days. But what the name of the new organization will be nobody seems able to tell.

When the late P. L. was gobbled up by the National League the officials of the latter to a man declared that the name "National League" should never be discontinued, and the same feeling may exist now. If it does, sentimental as it may be, the desire to perpetuate the name "National" League may cause trouble, as some of the Association magnates may be opposed to wiping out the name of the American Association. It is safe to say that the selection of the name for the proposed baseball monopoly will cause much animated discussion.

Referring to the expected consolidation, a local director yesterday talked as follows: "I think the scheme will be a go, at least I hope it will. If we have a 12-club league the Pittsburg club will make money and I am fully persuaded that the change is about to take place. Every League magnate of prominence is not only talking favorably about it, but is also asserting boldly that it will surely be a go. Something definite, then, must have been done to prompt this absolute assurance."

Of course, the players are almost all opposed to the consolidation plan, as in it they see how they will be entirely at the mercy of the magnates. Extraordinary salaries will cease and players will not by any means have the latitude they now have.

Secretary Scandrett particularly is hopeful of the prospects of a 12-club league, and he has figured out how such an organization will make baseball more popular here than it has ever been.

THAT THANKSGIVING DAY GAME.

The Difficulty Over Gate Receipts Will Probably Be Settled To-Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—*[Special.]*—The difficulty over the receipts of the Thanksgiving Day football game will, no doubt, be settled to-morrow, when Sam Cornell will meet Max Farrand, President of the Princeton Football Association, and W. B. Wright, President of the Yale Football Association, at the Manhattan Athletic Club. Secretary Hughes said he had no doubt that the matter would be settled in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.

"I think," said Mr. Hughes, "that the college men have been somewhat hasty. So far as I understand it, the only claim of fraud is based on admission tickets. We have the certificate of the American Bank Note Company as to the number of tickets issued. There were 40,000, and 20,000 were returned unsold. That leaves 11,000 admission tickets to be settled for. Now, the colleges had watchers at each ticket box to see that everything was all right, and the gates were not opened until the college representatives arrived on the ground. At the close of the games these ticket boxes were sealed and removed to the Manhattan Athletic Club. The day after the game, in the presence of Messrs. Farrand, Wright and Cornell, the seals were broken, the boxes opened and the tickets counted. The charge that the policemen took tickets and passed them out to be resold by speculators, strikes me as being a trifle wild. The colleges will each get $14,425 and the club will get $7,212 50, which will barely cover expenses."

SELECTING THE CREW.

Captain Gould, of Yale, Commences to Pick Out His Rowers.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 6.—*[Special.]*—The students of the university are now all settled down to a few days of hard grind, now that the football season is over. But there is one whose work is just beginning, however, and that is Captain Gould, of the '92 crew. He is a good oarsman.

After his defeat on the Thames last June he found himself elected captain of next year's crew. Then he was deserted by all the men, and returned to college to find only Payne and Baillet on hand to begin this year's training. At the outset Captain Gould saw that his crew must be developed from raw material. Two of last year's substitutes, Mills and Crosby, sought honors on the football field, and Balliet and Payne also went into training for some time. None of these men made the 'varsity football team, but were ready to do duty in the tank last Wednesday when Gould called his forces about him. Sanford and Stillman, the football players, may be in Gould's crew.

NO AID FOR THE 12-CLUB SCHEME.

A Magnate of the Baltimore Club Says the Statement Is Unauthorized.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 6.—*[Special.]*—Harry Vonderhorst, of the Baltimore Club, denies that he has promised or in any way committed himself to the 12-club scheme. He says Mr. Byrne's statement was entirely unauthorized, the Brooklyn manager having had no conference with anyone connected with the local management about the matter. Continuing he said:

"I still think we can make it ten clubs. I, for one, will not spend any more money to purchase any franchise in the American Association, neither will I put out any money to assist a new concern. Past experience has taught the Association members to go cautiously. They have spent big money in order to strengthen their organization, and they will not, with my consent, buy out any club for an extravagant price."

Mr. Vonderhorst thinks that if Brooklyn does not come in, Columbus will consolidate with one of the other clubs.

After American Jockeys.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—*[Special.]*—Mr. De Wackerow, agent of the Hungarian Jockey Club, visited Gravesend and other headquarters of thoroughbreds yesterday, for the purpose of engaging lightweight jockeys abroad. There is a dearth of riders since the recent wholesale ruling off of tricky riders in Europe, and the clubs are willing to pay capable, honest riders liberal wages. The agent now here offered Garrison two years ago $10,000 a year and $15 extra for each mount, guaranteeing three rides a day. Garrison, who was in great form at the time, refused the offer.

He Thinks We Are Winners.

J. Palmer O'Neil arrived in Chicago Saturday, and had the following to say to a reporter there: "I'm out of baseball. But I think the 12 club League will be a go. In fact, it has got to go. The sentiment in the East all runs that way. I heartily indorse the plan of Robinson, of Cleveland. It is the key to the solution. I do not think there will be two major leagues next year; 12 clubs will care for them all. Pittsburg will have a pennant-winning team. The outlook for peace is bright."

Why Moran Did Not Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—*[Special.]*—Chappie Moran's refusal to fight Eddie Avery has lost him many friends. Moran claimed that his back was injured, but the general opinion is that he was afraid to meet Avery. Moran may now retire. Avery is now ready to fight anybody his weight. Some of the friends of Moran claim that the purse, only about $200, was too small to fight for.

The Local Billiard Tourney.

Efforts will be made this morning to have the local billiard tournament commenced this evening at Harry Davis' billiard rooms. If it can be managed the first game will start at 8 o'clock this evening, and if not a start will be made to-morrow evening. After the first night the games each day will start at 10 A. M. and 10 P. M. There is eight contestants, and the tournament will, therefore, be quite a long one.

Hanlan Loses a Questionable Race.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The boat race between Hanlan and McLean for $500 a side took place in Oakland creek, near San Francisco, yesterday. Hanlan gave McLean 100 yards start. McLean won by 80 yards. Time, 23:47. The large crowd present hooted the rowers, claiming the race was an obvious fake.

Baseball Notes.

MORE than ever it looks like 12 clubs.

THE directors of the Cincinnati club will meet to-day.

JIMMY RYAN says he will remain loyal to the Chicago League Club.

B. L. BURROWS, '92, has just been elected captain of the Cornell College ball team.

THE Cincinnati club officials are still confident of securing Jack Boyle if he is to remain in the League.

ALMOST every baseball writer in the country predicts success for J. Palmer O'Neil as an insurance agent.

DUNGAN, who was signed by Milwaukee for $1,400 last season, asks $3,000 to play in outfield for the Mike McDonaldites.

A NUMBER of the stockholders of the local club will leave for Jersey City this evening to attend annual meeting of the club there to-morrow.

HARRY FULLER is at work in St. Louis. He is probably the only ballplayer in the land who is a sheet music printer. He learned that trade at Church's.

VAN HALTERN denies to the San Francisco *Examiner* the report that he has signed Hoffman and Spies, the prize battery of the Sacramentoes, for next season's Baltimore American Association team.

AT the present time Hamilton has rather the best of the League pitchers and is likely to enjoy that reputation. As he stands in the box he is undoubtedly the hardest man to pitch to in the profession. He occupies a position at least two feet from the plate.

THE Chicago Association team as at present made up on paper is: Kittridge and Gunson, catchers; Ruse, Hart and O'Day, pitchers; Stearns, first base; Pfeffer, second base; Fuller, shortstop; Lyons, third base; Wilmot and Browning, fielders; Parrott, third base and fielder.

General Sporting Notes.

JOHN DRAIN—The record is 9 4-5 seconds.

THE East Liverpool football team want to play the Pittsburgs.

THE betting on the Choynski and Woods battle is $100 to $80 on the former.

THERE is a letter at this office for the Secretary of the Pittsburg Football (Association) club.

BLAKELY defeated Korwin in their 150-yard foot race at Homewood Park Saturday by a yard. The winner was favorite.

AUSTIN GIBBONS says if Bowen defeats him he will retire from the ring. But should he win he wants another go at Jack McAuliffe.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN'S friends say that the "big fellow" took to drink because he could not get on a match with Slavin. Perhaps he is celebrating he did not.

JIMMY LARKINS, ex-champion 122-pound pugilist of America, has retired from the ring, and thinks Johnny Griffin the best man in the world at his weight.

CAPTAIN ANSON captured the Fort Dearborn medal at the club's semi-monthly shoot at Burnside yesterday, by killing 14 out of 15 birds. This being his third win the medal now becomes his property.

MANAGER FRED GOODWYN announces a swimming gala for Christmas day. In addition to professional and amateur races, novelties in the way of tub races, horse races and tug-of-war are promised.

Mr. F. L. Warner, of the Manhattan Athletic Club, whose purpose in life seems to have become the extermination of bicycle thieves, has called the first meeting of the Cycle Protective Association for Monday evening at the Manhattan Bicycle Club, 243 West Fifty-sixth street, New York.

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

Louisville Items—The Stage of Water and the Movements of Boats.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.]

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 6.—Business good. Weather warm, with occasional showers. River rising slowly with 8 feet 9 inches in the canal, 6 feet 7 inches on the falls and 16 feet 6 inches at the foot of the locks. Departures—For Cincinnati, Big Sandy, Memphis, Ohio.

A Steamboat Collision.

WHEELING, Dec. 6.—To-night, owing to a confusion of signals, the Raymond Horner and Heatherington collided forcibly. A scene of excitement ensued, but little damage was done except the staving in of one of the Heatherington's barges. She was obliged to take her tow to Bellaire for repairs.

What Upper Gauges Show.

MORGANTOWN—River 9 feet 8 inches and falling. Cloudy. Thermometer 52° at 4 P. M.

BROWNSVILLE—River 14 feet 1 inch and falling. Cloudy. Thermometer 51° at 4 P. M.

WARREN—River 6.6 feet. Cloudy and moderate.

News From Below.

WHEELING—River 19 feet 3 inches and rising. Departed—Ben Hur, Pittsburg; Congo, Cincinnati; Lizzie Bay, Pittsburg; Keystone State, Pittsburg; Courier, Parkersburg. Raining.

PARKERSBURG—Ohio 12 feet 4 inches and rising. Up—Keystone State, Harry Brown, Advance, Jim Wood; Congo due down.

CINCINNATI—River 16 feet 7 inches and falling. Fair and cool. Departed—C. W. Batchelor, Pittsburg.

NEW ORLEANS—Rainy. Arrived and departed—Louis Houck and tow, St. Louis.

CAIRO—Arrived—Speed, Ohio, Iron Duke, Mound City; John A. Wood, Louisville; S. L. Wood, Louisville. Departed—Speed, Memphis; Iron Duke, New Orleans; C. O., New Madrid. River 14.3 feet and falling. Cloudy and cool.

ST. LOUIS—No arrivals or departures. River rising slowly; gauge 3 feet. Sprinkling.

VICKSBURG—River rising. Cool and raining. Down—City of Cairo to Natchez.

Gossip of the Wharf.

THE Lizzie Bay is due to-day from Charleston.

THE Enterprise will leave to-day for Louisville.

THE Keystone State arrived last night and will leave at 4 P. M. for Cincinnati.

UP to midnight the following boats arrived: Enterprise, Crescent, Joseph Nixon and Clifton.

THE Robert Jenkins will get away to-night with a tow. She will exchange with the Frank Gilmore and return with the Gilmore's tow of empties.

THE following boats arrived with empties yesterday morning: Eagle, James A. Blackmore, Little Fred, John Moren, Robert Jenkins, Cruiser and Pacific.

THE Joseph B. Williams and the Pacific were the only boats to get away with tows yesterday. They will be followed by others to-day as soon as they can make up tows.

THE H. K. Bedford arrived from Parkersburg with a fair trip last night, and will return at noon to-day. She had her guards broken by striking a rock on the way up.

IT was rather quiet along the wharf yesterday. The rivermen were looking anxiously for their boats to arrive. The marks show 14 feet 7 inches at last reports and falling.

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Will buy a $20 merchant tailor-made Overcoat.	Will buy a $25 merchant tailor-made Overcoat.	Will buy a $30 merchant tailor-made Overcoat.	Will buy a $40 merchant tailor-made Overcoat.	Will buy a $50 merchant tailor-made Overcoat.	Will buy a $60 merchant tailor-made Overcoat.

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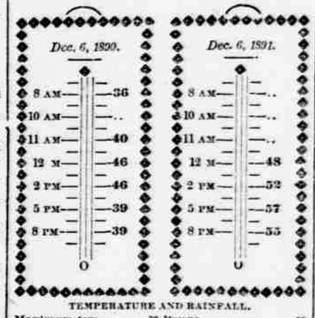
THE WEATHER.

For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio: Rain or Snow To-night; Clearing During Monday and Fair Tuesday; Colder Monday Night; Northwest Winds.

For West Virginia: Rain, Followed by Fair, Colder Weather; Northwest Winds.

Comparative Temperature.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 6.—The United States Weather Bureau officer in this city furnishes the following:



TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL.

Maximum tem	58	Range	19
Minimum tem	40	Precipitation	.05
Mean tem	49.5		

HOUSEKEEPERS ARE WARNED against the impositions of a company of females, who, under the lead of a male agent, are now infesting the kitchens of this city, performing a trick which they pretend is a test of baking powders.

It having been intimated that these persons are the paid agents of the Royal Baking Powder Company, this is to advise all concerned that this Company has no relation whatever to them, that their so-called test is a sham, and that the females are instructed and employed to perform these tricks and make false statements in all kitchens to which they can gain access, by concerns who are trying to palm off upon housekeepers an inferior brand of baking powder through the operation of fallacious and deceptive methods.

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