

PETERSBURG, A DAY OF DEATHS AND FUNERALS—DEATH OF MR. E. ROBINSON AND CAPTAIN THOMAS SHANKS—DENISE OF A WELL-KNOWN LADY—VISIT OF GRAND MASTER I. O. O. F.—LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS FOR DECEMBER—OTHER ITEMS.

Mr. R. E. Robinson, who accidentally shot himself on the morning of the 24th of December, died this morning about 8 o'clock. He was a devotedly loved and much respected member of his friends.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock this afternoon Captain Thomas Shanks, who was so severely injured on the last day of the year by falling through the hatchway of Messrs. D. B. Tennant & Co.'s tobacco factory, died, nearly exhausted.

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Washington. ATLANTIC COAST-LINE TRACT. WASHINGTON, January 4.—Three trains passed over the Roanoke bridge at Weldon, N. C., to-day, and the Atlantic Coast route hence South is intact, with through sleepers from Boston to Savannah.

Various Items. The Post-Office Department has agreed with J. K. Roberts for a fast tri-weekly West India mail from Cedar Keys, to go from New York via the Atlantic Coast line to Savannah.

The Committee on Ways and Means had no quorum to-day. Senator Patterson's son is quoted as saying that his father, as soon as he is able to travel, is going to Pennsylvania, and that he don't propose to pair with any Democratic senator either.

An elephant, some snakes, and two English bull-dogs, are held in the New York custom-house, where they sleep in a room. The Secretary Sherman's decision as to their fate.

Among other things the President has pardoned A. W. Howerton for robbing the mails, and Riley Bowman, of North Carolina, for illicit distillation.

The Cabinet meeting to-day was unimportant. The El Paso affair was discussed, and a calling report of Collector Slade, dated December 20th, furnished for publication. It confirms the reports given by army officers.

New York. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN RECOMMEND TWEED'S RELEASE. NEW YORK, January 4.—In the Board of Aldermen this afternoon a resolution was adopted declaring that greater benefit could be gained for the city by the discharge of William M. Tweed from imprisonment.

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Osman Pasha will be conveyed to the town of Rezan, one hundred miles south-west of Moscow, where he will pass his captivity. ARMY MOVEMENTS IMPEDED BY SNOW—EARL CARNARVON'S SPEECH CRITICISED, &c. LONDON, January 4.—Dispatches from Bucharest say the army which was to cross the Shipka Pass and cooperate with General Gourko in a movement against Adrianople, gives no sign of activity, and while the army of the Earl of Carnarvon is in the field, it is impossible. The deep snow offers an almost insurmountable obstacle to wagons, and the Russians have no sledges. Orders have now been issued for a supply of sledges, but by the time they are ready the snow will probably have disappeared and the roads be impassable from mud and water.

The Daily News's correspondent at Bucharest telegraphs he considers it improbable that the Russians can reach Adrianople before May next. The Earl of Carnarvon's speech on Constantinople is criticised. The Turkish Chamber of Deputies have adopted an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of Parliament relating to the Government's military policy.

The Manchester Guardian's London dispatch says: "The supporters of Lord Beaconsfield's policy contend that Earl of Carnarvon's speech was intended not to excite, but to influence the Cabinet's views. There is some justification for this judgment. It is no secret that the Earl of Derby's November speech was a surprise to the public, and also a source of intense annoyance.

The Earl of Carnarvon's speech expressed no more than his personal opinion. I am bound to say that they are in the minority. Some of the Earl's advisers to the contrary may differ from him on such questions as the justice or wisdom of the Crimean war, but they are perfectly unanimous as to the necessity of this country having a voice in the final settlement. To-day (Thursday) and yesterday the Cabinet are understood to have been in session.

Death of a Missionary. BOSTON, January 4.—A private letter from India announces the death of Rev. William Tracy, D. D., for forty years missionary of the American Board in India. He was a native of Norwich, Conn.

New Hampshire. THE STEAMER KEARSARGE ASHORE. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., January 4.—The steamer Kearsarge went ashore on Beacon ledge, in this harbor, at nearly high tide, by parting her main hawser in hauling alongside the navy-yard—a blinding snow, and with her option to get her off have thus far proved futile. A large gang of wreckers from this city, New Castle, and Kittery are now running a bawser from the vessel to the yard. It is hoped the steamer will come off on the next tide without damage, as she lies in an easy position.

Connecticut. GAVE BONDS FOR HIS APPEARANCE. HARTFORD, CONN., January 4.—S. H. White, former vice-president and treasurer of the Charter-Oak Life-Insurance Company, gave bonds in \$50,000 to-day to appear when wanted. It is understood that Walkley, Furber & Wiggin will appear to answer on Monday.

Snow-Storm. ALBANY, January 4.—A heavy snow-storm has prevailed here all day. Several railroads are three hours late. Poughkeepsie, January 4.—Snow along the Hudson. The river is full of floating ice. The storm is changing to hail and rain to-night.

Commercial Crashes. SUSPENSION AT ST. LOUIS, MO. Des Moines, January 4.—J. N. Thomas, banker, has suspended. Liabilities, \$25,000; assets, \$48,000. FAILURES IN CINCINNATI. CINCINNATI, January 4.—David Gibson, liquor-merchant, and W. F. Benner & Co., candy-manufacturers, have failed. The latter's liabilities are \$30,000. They propose to pay thirty cents on the dollar. In regard to David Gibson it is said that but two of his notes have gone to protest.

A meeting of the creditors of Jacob Benninger, pork-packer, last night resolved to file a petition to force him into bankruptcy. His liabilities are estimated at \$100