



THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1903.

THE GAZETTE wishes its patrons and friends one and all a Merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas, with all its hallowed memories, is again upon us, and wherever the cross has been planted tomorrow will be celebrated with a mingling of the sacred and joyous.

HERE'S TO YOU and your family: May you live long and prosper. IN YOUR hours of plenty forget not the poor.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, Dec. 24.

The annual distribution of turkeys took place at the White House this morning, every married employee about the mansion receiving a nice fat bird.

THE SECRETARY of the Treasury authorizes the statement that the Philippine land purchase bonds will be accepted at par as security for deposit of public money.

SPECIAL telegrams from correspondents of the International Mercantile Agency throughout the United States and Canada are summarized as follows.

MINISTER QUESADA notified the State Department this morning that Cuba had formally recognized the republic of Panama.

THE PRESIDENT this afternoon attended the funeral of his cousin Miss Florence Locke, at St. Paul's church.

POSTOFFICE inspectors are investigating a charge that United States Senator Warren, of Wyoming is lessee of the postoffice quarters at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

FOREIGN NEWS. The Red Star line steamer Finland, which went aground last Saturday near Flushing, Holland, was floated today.

THE DUBLIN Daily Express today published a letter from Lord Knollys, King Edward's secretary.

IT was learned in Berlin today that the divorce in the case of Prince and Princess Schoenburg Waldenburg, granted yesterday at Dresden.

THE ITALIAN minister to Cuba has been authorized to sign a treaty of commerce and navigation between Italy and Cuba similar to that of 1890 between Italy and Mexico.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Cotton yesterday reached the highest price in 20 years in the New York and New Orleans exchanges.

Burglars blew open the iron safe of the Western Maryland Railroad in Hagerstown, Md., last night.

MR. Lewis Nixon denies the statements made by Mr. Charles Schwab in his reply to cross bill in the shipbuilding case and says they are both false and malicious.

An expert declared in the shipbuilding hearing in New York yesterday that the Bethlehem Steel Company overstated its current assets \$300,000 to the Stock Exchange.

There is said to be no truth in the report published in the United States that the Czarina recently gave birth to a dead son.

LOUIS A. Dent, Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, has resigned, to take effect April 1.

THE MARYLAND Macaroni Works in Baltimore, the only manufactory of spaghetti, macaroni, vermicelli and noodles in the South, was badly damaged by fire about 8 o'clock last night.

MAYOR-elect McClellan of New York has announced the appointment of former Assistant Secretary of the Navy William McAdoo as police commissioner.

IT was reported in New York yesterday that the officers of the United States Steel Corporation have had preliminary estimates made up and that they indicate earnings of only \$14,000,000 net for the December quarter.

TERRIBLE DISASTER.

With a terrific crash the Duquesne Limited, the fastest through passenger train from Pittsburgh to New York,

THE TRAIN left Pittsburgh yesterday evening, running a few minutes late, in charge of Engineer William Thornley, of Connellsville.

THE TRAIN plowed along for a considerable distance and the cars were torn to pieces, passengers jumping or falling from the wrecked train as it tore along.

Many people were pinioned beneath the wreckage, and the screams and cries that rent the air were beyond description.

SO TERRIFYING was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger suffered a moment's unconsciousness, and many of the able bodied men were unable to assist in helping the injured from the wreck on account of having fainted.

PARIS BAKERS STRIKE. The strike of men employed in the various branches of food supply in Paris began to assume serious proportions yesterday.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

Jamestown Exposition managers have secured \$750,000 subscriptions of the \$1,000,000 stock required.

George William Diefenderfer, the oldest citizen of Berryville, died yesterday, aged 85 years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dillon, widow of James J. Dillon, of Philomont, died yesterday in the sixty-fourth year of her age, of pneumonia.

Mrs. Columbia Wood, widow of Mr. Pollard Wood, died at Charlottesville from the effects of a fall received six weeks ago.

The grand jury of Dinwiddie county has indicted seventeen citizens for violation of the new election law.

WILMER W. Demory, son of John W. Demory, and Miss Elsie W. Spring, daughter of Charles W. Spring, were married at Taylorsville, Loudoun county, on Tuesday.

MOLLIE White, the notorious woman, charged with drugging and robbing Precious Hornby, of Petersburg, was convicted in Richmond last night.

MISS Alice Gray Clark and Dr. Alfred Leftwich Lear, professor of physiology in the University College of Medicine, Richmond, were married yesterday at the residence of the bride's uncle, Dr. W. W. Lear in Charlottesville.

AFTER suffering for seven or eight days from a violent attack of hiccoughs, and for which every known remedy was tried John Bitchie, a well-known man of Shenandoah, Page county, died on Tuesday.

THE Richmond water committee has decided that the Passenger and Power Company must pay the city damages for injury done the city pipes by electrolysis before the city passes upon and approves a system that will be non-destructive.

Mrs. Susan Catherine Massie, widow of Patrick Cabell Massie, died yesterday at her home, at Three Springs, Nelson county, aged 72 years.

THE iron and brass foundry of James W. Carr and the junk store of Michael Kelly on lower Main street, Richmond, were practically destroyed by fire last night.

REV. James Cannon, of Blackstone, has bought a controlling interest in the Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate and will consolidate his own paper, the Methodist Recorder, on January 1.

Captain C. Grey Bossieux will retain his present position as adjutant on the staff of Colonel George Wayne Anderson, with the rank of captain.

IT is stated that Mr. John R. Dos Passos of New York, who owns a large farm on the Wicomico river, in Westmoreland county, where he spends much of his leisure time, will again this year entertain his friends and neighbors in that section of the State at an old-fashioned Virginia barbecue.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

From Richmond. (Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 24.—The failure of the Senate to have a batch of important bills signed yesterday delays the work of getting them to the Governor.

IT has developed here that all State officers whose terms were extended by the constitution must give new bonds on January 1st.

Panic on a Sinking Steamer. Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 24.—The passenger and freight steam boat Erastus Corning, from New Haven to New York,

THE bursting of a steam chest in the engine room of N. Snellenberg & Company's big department store, in Philadelphia, early this morning, resulted in the death of a day fireman and the crippling of the light and heat plant of the establishment.

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Open Until 11 o'clock Tonight.

Hosiery and Gloves FOR GIFTS.

Women's Fine Black Hose, with silk em brodered ankle, high spliced heels and double toe, Hermsdorf dye, 35c value, Special..... 25c

Women's Fine Black French Lisle Hose, with lace inserted ankle; high spliced heel, Double toe, Hermsdorf dye, 50c value, Special at..... \$1.00

Women's Pure Black French Lisle Hose, with lace inserted ankle; high spliced heel, Double toe, Hermsdorf dye, 50c value, Special at..... \$1.00

Women's Two-clasp Fleece-lined Cashmere and Taffetas Gloves for..... 50c

Men's Golf Gloves, in blue, gray, 50c brown, red and black, for..... 50c

Women's Two-clasp and Foster Hosiery, in all desirable shades, in- cluding black and white, for..... \$1.00

Women's Two-clasp Kid Gloves, in all desirable shades, for..... \$1.50

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

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THE TIME for study is over. All Christmas problems must be solved at once, or the worry and disappointment will mar the pleasure of Christmas Day.

Sale of Men's Smoking Jackets, House Coats, Dressing Gowns and Bath Robes.

Garments that almost any man would appreciate, but few men ever buy for themselves.

Blanket Robes—\$2.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$7.50 to \$15. Dressing Gowns—\$10, \$12, \$15, \$20, to \$60.

Special: Men's Eiderdown Robes. In a variety of neat stripes and checks, which we offer at

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WATCHES AND JEWELRY REMEMBER THE BEST WATCH GIFT IS AN ACTON PRECISION WATCH.

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Suggestions FOR Holiday Presents.

Watches from..... \$1.00 up Gold Watches from..... \$20.00 up Gold Rings, plain or set..... \$1.50 up Diamond Rings..... \$3.00 up Gold Scarf Pins..... \$1.00 up Gold Fobs..... \$4.50 up and others..... 25c up

Gold Lockets..... \$5.00 up Gold Cuff Buttons..... \$2.50 up and others..... 25c up Gold Lorgnette Chains..... \$6.00 up and others..... \$1.50 up Fountain Pens..... \$1 to \$5

Also a Nice Assortment of Cut Glass, Sterling and Plated Silverware, Toilet Articles, Clocks, spectacles, &c.

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Carter Brothers, Corner King and Henry Streets. dec23 21

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COMMUNICATED. THAT MUSE. Tell, oh, tell us, Muse, When will old Satan call For all the croakers in the State And roast them one and all. Tell, oh, tell us, Muse, Can we curtail a line By choosing croaker to debate And vote, and drink, and dine. I tell you, gentle Muse, That four hundred cents per day Is a small sum to pay To induce a man to stay In Richmond. By the way, Gentle Muse, let us choose An X and thus infuse Some vigor, zest and life, And curtail debate and strife In our state house. T. V. R.

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