

RATCLIFFE'S TROUBLES.

HOWE AND HUMMELL WILL BRING HIS OTHER WIFE FROM ENGLAND.

They Claim to Have Evidence of the Marriage—Deserted His Wife Two Years After the Wedding.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The argument on the application for a certificate of reasonable doubt of the legality of the marriage of Actor Edward J. Ratcliffe for wife being heard today in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn.

Should the certificate be granted Ratcliffe would be released on bail pending an appeal to the higher courts.

ANOTHER PROSECUTOR. Assistant District Attorney Lloyd says that the grand jury will be asked to indict Ratcliffe on the statement of Caroline Havenhill, of London, that he married her in 1884, and deserted her and her baby in September, 1885.

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He Doesn't Think Gen. Pando is a Very Great Genius.

HAVANA, via KEY WEST, Jan. 5.—Senior Canaljas was coldly received at Santiago de Cuba. He is reported to have refused to take a banquet, and he was hissed on the streets.

Seven Killed. MADRID, Jan. 5.—A quantity of gunpowder weighing 200 kilograms exploded in San Majoya factory at Oviedo yesterday.

Butterworth Improving. THOMASVILLE, GA., Jan. 5.—Dr. J. C. Butterworth reports Mr. Butterworth's condition as improving to-day.

Hezekiah Goodere's Nomination Confirmed. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Hezekiah Goodere, of North Carolina, to be United States consul at Panama.

Used Stolen Blanks. A Swindle Perpetrated Upon Two Large Jewelry Firms.

SALEM, MASS., Jan. 5.—Two of the largest jewelry firms in this city have advertised largely in magazines and do a very extensive mail and express order business.

CALL UP ANNEXTION TREATY. Determined Effort Will Now be Made to Take Hawaii Into the Fold.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Senator Davis, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, gave notice today that he would call up the Senate annexation treaty in executive session on Monday next.

There is no doubt that the situation in China is largely responsible for the improved prospect of the treaty, as many Senators hold the opinion that the United States should hesitate in this matter at the present critical time.

MAMMOTH TOBACCO FACTORY. One to be Erected in Louisville to Employ 700 Men.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Jan. 5.—An English syndicate is making arrangements to build an immense tobacco factory in this city.

For some time past the company has been doing a little re-handling business here but concluded to go into the manufacture of tobacco on a large scale.

To Make the Gold Dollar the Unit. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Representative Clark of Iowa has introduced a bill restricting the denomination of Treasury or national bank notes to ten dollars or its multiples.

Rev. William C. Harris, who has been appointed general of the National Guard of the District of Columbia to succeed the late General Church, is the son of a Welshman who came to this country when a boy, served against the Indians, and for many years was a newspaper man in Virginia.

The Supreme Court of Nebraska yesterday rendered a decision affirming the penitentiary sentence of twenty years imprisonment imposed on ex-State Treasurer Bartley, convicted in the District Court of Douglas county of embezzling \$25,000.

Simon Hershbach, the head of the large Hershbach cigar factory, committed suicide yesterday in New Orleans by taking cyanide of potassium.

James M. Farrar, in making his announcement that he would resign the \$6,000 salary attached to the pastorate of the First Reformed Church in St. Croix, Mo., said: "I have spent seven years of my life in building up a new church, which has grown strong and useful, and I now desire to give the rest of my life to building up souls without money and without price."

Rev. William Corbin, of Notre Dame, Ind., leader of the Order of the Holy Cross in America, who died a few days ago, was a professor in Notre Dame University when the war came on. He resigned and went to the front, becoming the chaplain of the famous Irish Brigade.

Calhoun Calkins, son of rich parents and formerly a young society leader, is on trial in the Criminal Court in St. Joseph, Mo., on the charge of burglary and larceny.

Farwell to Gen. Booth. LONDON, January 5.—Six thousand persons, many of them members of the Salvation Army, took part in the demonstration of farewells to Gen. Booth.

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DURRANT'S PARENTS ARE PREPARING FOR THE FUNERAL.

Two More Chances for the Prisoner, But They are Regarded as Vain Hopes.

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Have the Browns Been Sold? ST. LOUIS, MO., Jan. 5.—Whether or not the St. Louis base-ball club has changed hands is still an uncertainty.

Behind the Times. LONDON, Jan. 5.—Mr. Yarow, of Yarow & Co., a leading engineering firm, in Poular London, cables to the Times this morning from Boston that the result of his tour of New England has impressed him with the fact that a most severe competition is inevitable from the United States.

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THE FARMVILLE CALL.

Lynchburg's Fire Chief Exonerated From Any Reprehensible Action.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Jan. 5.—Special Agent in Charge of the Lynchburg fire department to report to Farmville's appeal during the disastrous fire of Sunday night has been generally discussed here, and not a little criticized.

Decide to Strike. NEW BEDFORD, MASS., Jan. 5.—The Spinners' Union to-night unanimously voted to strike against the reduction of wages subject to the approval of the National Spinners' Union.

ELECTRIC FRANCHISES. The Conference Committee Asked for By the Council Appointed.

A committee of conference was yesterday appointed to consider the disagreement between the Board of Aldermen and Common Council on the ordinances granting franchises to the Home and Southern Electric companies.

At Second Baptist Church. A unique service was held at the Second Baptist church last night, with a large assemblage of the membership and congregation of the church present.

Officers Installed. The exercises incident to the installation of the officers of the Woman's Relief Corps of Phil. Kearney Post, G. A. R., yesterday afternoon were followed at night by the installation of the officers of the post itself, whose names were recently published in The Times.

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