

Our Store is Closed This, Christmas, Day.

We desire to thank you, not only for your patronage during the holiday season, but your patience also. We have never before had such a volume of business, and while we had as perfect a system for handling it as could be devised, yet there were times during the last few days when it was impossible to serve everybody as promptly as we do under normal conditions.

The crowds, however, were never easier to handle nor business conducted more satisfactorily than it was this year. We wish you all a very happy Christmas time.

Miller & Rhoads.

FRENCH COURT SECRET REVEALED IN OHIO

It Explains Visit of Louis Philippe to Gallipolis in 1789—A Romance.

CINCINNATI, O., December 24.—The Enquirer's Gallipolis special says the discovery of a manuscript in a secret drawer of an old clock in that city reveals a secret of the French Court, and shows the reason for the visit to that city, in 1789, of the Duke of Orleans, afterward Louis Philippe of France. The discovery was made by Claude M. Wall, while taking apart an old French clock that had long been standing in the storeroom of his store. He found a secret drawer in the clock, which contained an old parchment manuscript, written in French, and which was wrapped in a child's flannel skirt, richly embroidered and bearing a monogram. A piece of fine lace was also with the manuscript. Upon translation, the manuscript purported to be a "true history of Adele de Alonquon."

It bore the signature of Louis de Alonquon, and was dated October 15, 1789. It was addressed to Adele, apparently to be given her when she grew to maturity. The substance of it was that Adele was the daughter of the Duke of Orleans. The mother died at the child's birth, ignorant of the rank of its father. The writer was then placed in charge of the child, and sent with it to Gallipolis, where there was a French colony. The story ran that he became her preceptor, and finally, after the visit of the Duke of Orleans to Gallipolis, it was determined to send Adele to a Catholic school in France. The mother of Adele not being of royal blood, the marriage was kept secret.

Mr. Wall has sent the manuscript to the French Ambassador at Washington. Some portions of the papers, giving names and lineage, have not been made public.

FILIPINO GENERAL GIVES UP.

Samson and Other Chiefs Surrender. Other Philippine Notes. MANILA, December 24.—The Filipino Governor Samson, and all the other insurgent chiefs on the island of Bohol, have surrendered with twenty-eight cannon and forty-five guns. During an engagement in Batangas Province between the insurgents and a detachment of the first Infantry, under Lieutenant Edgar Conley, one American private, was badly wounded, and a number of the enemy were killed. The military prison at Subig Bay has been re-established. A large number of Filipinos captured in Laguna and Batangas Provinces have been sent there. The column under Colonel Dougherty, is making a clean sweep of Laguna Province, burning all the insurgent barracks that he found, and a number of small native hamlets. Colonel Dougherty has taken many prisoners, and the insurgent loss of life during his operations has been heavy.

CREW OF THE SCHOONER WHITE.

All But Two, Who Were Drowned, Reach New York. NEW YORK, December 24.—Among the passengers on the steamer Antilla, which has arrived from Nassau, N. P., were Captain Mitchell and the survivors of the crew of the wrecked three-masted schooner E. L. White, of Harrington, Me. The White was bound from Philadelphia for Cardenas, with a cargo of coal, and stranded on the rocks of the island of Beaufort, December 17th. Soon after grounding, the vessel began to roll on the rocks, and showed signs of breaking up. Three of the crew preferred to trust their lives to the ship's boat, which was launched alongside. The rest of the crew remained on board. During the night following, a wave capsized the boat, and two of the seamen were drowned. They were a Finlander named John Sears, and an American named Brown. The man rescued was Charles Johnson. The next day, Captain Mitchell and the remainder of the crew proceeded in the boat to Bemini Island, and thence were assisted to Nassau.

LAUNCHING OF THE MISSOURI.

The Christening Party Will Leave for St. Louis Tomorrow. ST. LOUIS, MO., December 24.—The excursion to Newport News to participate in the launching and christening of the new battleship Missouri will leave here on Thursday. The Louisiana Purchase Company will be represented by Corwin H. Spencer, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Spencer. The State of Missouri will be represented by Governor John A. Lee, at the request of Governor Dockery. The Lieutenant-Governor will be accompanied by Mrs. Lee and her daughter, Virginia, who has been designated by Miss Marion Cockrell, who christens the ship, as one of the party.

TO RETIRE CAR SHORTAGE.

General Increase of Wages to Trainmen Proposed. CHICAGO, December 24.—At a special meeting of the general managers' association held here to-day, a movement was started which may result in a general increase in the wages of trainmen, including the men on the coal and oil fields, all big railroad systems east of Chicago. The meeting was called at the request of the Pennsylvania company, the cause being the coal shortage in Chicago and other cities, the shortage of cars and power, and the congested condition of the roads. The coal shortage, however, was the moving cause for the meeting, and a discussion regarding it led to a canvass of the entire situation. The general managers, the general consensus is due in a measure to the inefficiency of the service rendered by the employees, and this view led to a discussion of the labor and wage situation from a railroad standpoint. Although no formal resolution was voted upon the subject, it was generally agreed that a raise in the wages of employees would do much to improve the service, and a better work which is turn would help relieve congested conditions, as well as to prevent them.

Colored Man Shoots Another.

J. M. Shelton (colored) was arrested and locked up at the City Jail. Police Station on the charge of shooting Charles Goodie, another negro man.

Visitor in Warren.

Professor Thomas Wilson, principal of the Danville High School, is in this city, and will spend the holidays with his son at his residence on East Leigh street, remaining until New Year's Day.

MANCHESTER AND CHESTERFIELD.

Hull street was crowded last night. The popular thoroughfare was filled with all sorts of humanity—white and black, big and little, sober and otherwise. While the sober contingent was in the majority, there were many of the other kind, drinking beer, and some before dark the upper part of the street was filled with "common drunks," who had begun their "celebration" early.

Fire crackers, pyrotechnics, tin horns, and torpedoes, in the hands and mouths of hundreds, made a terrible din. There was noise and fun for all, and despite the fact that many were feeling the effects of "too many," there was not much disorder. No fire up to midnight. All of the members of the department, and although the police were on the move, they had little to do but move. The people went to bed about midnight and will be ready for the fray early this morning. All of the members of the department, and although the police were on the move, they had little to do but move. The people went to bed about midnight and will be ready for the fray early this morning.

THE CHURCHES TO-DAY.

In most of the churches the mid-week prayer-meetings were held with vigor and very few of the churches will hold services to-day. The Meade-Memorial church will hold an interesting service at 11 o'clock. The following are the subjects: "The Morning Hymn, No. 62, 'From the Eastern Mountains'; Venite, No. 135, 'O, Come, Let Us Sing'; Te Deum, in F, by Victor Dispersier; Jubilate, in B, by Victor Hymn, No. 67, 'Sing, Sing, Sing.' The following are the subjects: 'The Morning Hymn, No. 62, 'From the Eastern Mountains'; Venite, No. 135, 'O, Come, Let Us Sing'; Te Deum, in F, by Victor Dispersier; Jubilate, in B, by Victor Hymn, No. 67, 'Sing, Sing, Sing.'

WED IN WASHINGTON.

Mr. R. C. Broadhead, Jr., and Miss Besie Martin, both of Chesterfield county, were married in Washington yesterday. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. J. Martin, on a street run on upper Hull street. He at once proceeded to return them in Henry Jackson, of the same hue, attempted to rescue the women, and as a matter of fact, he was the only one who did so. Mrs. Martin, in Chesterfield. Special Policeman H. V. Hart, who is doing duty for the holidays, demonstrated last night that he was fit for the regular force. He was seen by the police at Annie Branch (both colored) engaged in a street row on upper Hull street. He at once proceeded to return them in Henry Jackson, of the same hue, attempted to rescue the women, and as a matter of fact, he was the only one who did so. Mrs. Martin, in Chesterfield.

WILL WED THURSDAY.

At 11:30 o'clock to-morrow morning Miss Clara Wright will become the wife of Mr. W. Williams, a popular conductor on the Coast-Line. The ceremony will be performed at the Fifth Street Methodist church. Miss Wright is a sister of Policeman Alexander S. Wright, and is a popular young lady of Manchester. She is engaged to be married to Mr. Williams, a popular conductor on the Coast-Line. The ceremony will be performed at the Fifth Street Methodist church.

THE ANNUAL SUPPER.

Proprietors of Globe Clothing Company Entertain Employees. In accordance with their annual custom the proprietors of the Globe Clothing Company's establishment at Seventh and Broad streets last night entertained their employees, the wives of the employees, and several other ladies being present. It was a very enjoyable affair, and a dinner, the oysters being served in every style, with potato salad, coffee, etc., completing the menu. Mr. Arnold, one of the proprietors occupied the seat of honor, and the menu had been thoroughly tested and enjoyed and an hour of pleasant intercourse had been had. Mr. Dettelbach, one of the firm, arose and very happily stated the meaning of the gathering and expressed the appreciation by the firm of the labors of the employees during the prosperous year now nearing its close.

There was a battle at Santiago during the Spanish-American war, said he, and ever since that time there has been a great dispute not yet ended as to who deserved the credit for the victory, whether Sampson or Schley. As a matter of fact, neither one of them deserved it. It belonged to the men behind the guns. So in business the credit for success justly belonged to the men behind the guns, or the men behind the counter. Mr. Arnold stated that the firm took this method of expressing its appreciation of the faithful and sufficient services of its attaches. Mr. Arnold was called upon, but could say no more than to endorse the above-mentioned words of his associate, and both were applauded to the echo.

AMBULANCE WAS VERY BUSY.

Responded to Numerous Calls Yesterday—Many Shooting Scenarios. The city ambulance had a busy day yesterday. Called to many places, and on most every section of the city. Dr. Foster, who was assisted by Dr. Moses Seiler, was in charge during the day. The ambulance was called to many places, and on most every section of the city. Dr. Foster, who was assisted by Dr. Moses Seiler, was in charge during the day.

Accident and received a cut over his left eye.

At 10:30 A. M., a white man by name of Jennings, fell and fractured his leg. He was taken to the hospital where he was treated. At 5 P. M., Elkart Golins, a white boy, was shot in the back. He was treated and sent home. At 8:25 P. M., a colored man, who refused to give his name or divulge how he was shot, was treated for a wound in his thigh. Isaac Jakcons (colored) was struck and knocked down by a fire apparatus on West Broad street. He was badly hurt about his head. He was taken to the hospital.

TRIALS OF FILIPINOS FOR MURDER.

Their Crime the Brutal Killing of American Soldier Prisoners. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24.—The War Department has received from the Philippines the records of the thirty-fourth Volunteer Infantry, taking five for implicity in the murder of five American soldier prisoners. One of the Filipinos was Timoteo Dhalan, a commandante of the insurgent forces, who ordered Manuel Gonzales, a lieutenant of the insurgents, to kill the prisoners of the Pueblo of San Miguel de Mayumo, province of Bulacan. Gonzales, in command of a band of insurgents, successfully ambushed a detachment of the thirty-fourth Volunteer Infantry, taking five of the American soldiers prisoners. The Americans had been acting as a guard for the president of Miguel de Mayumo, and he, too, passed into the hands of the insurgents. The Americans captured and killed were Privates John T. Hickman, Company B; Williams Smith, Company C; Hamlet Jarvis, Company C; Elmer Davis, Company B; and Frank Wilson, Company E.

PRETTY RALEIGH WEDDING.

An North Carolina's Bride—In Raleigh, December 24.—(Special.)—At the Church of the Good Shepherd at 9:30 this morning, Miss Carrie Dancy Freeman and Mr. Harry S. Robinson were married, Rev. I. McK. Pittenger officiating. The bride was given away by her father, Editor Robert M. Freeman, of the Morning Post. Miss Martha Phipps, of Tarboro', was maid of honor, and Mr. W. E. Robinson, brother of the bride, was best man. Directly after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Robinson left for Belair, the former home of the groom.

REVENUE OFFICERS MADE A RAID.

Revenue officers made a raid before daylight yesterday morning, and after laying in the woods near an illicit distillery, rushed it an hour before day. Three of the moonshiners got away, but the fourth, a negro, was caught and is in jail here. He got into the car with a light and stopped to warm his hands. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is in a very dangerous condition. There is an effusion of pus in the lungs and pleura, which he cannot spit out. It is stated that his condition is even more serious than at any time during his illness. The fourth volume of the North Carolina laws is nearly done. Judge Clark says there is enough matter in hand for a fifth volume, which, no doubt, the next Legislature will authorize.

GOOD NEWS FROM BUENOS AYRES.

Renewed Confidence of Peaceful Settlement with Chile. WASHINGTON, December 24.—Encouraging news has reached the State Department from Buenos Ayres, that the Argentine Government has confidence that there will be a peaceful settlement of the serious dispute between Chile and Argentina. Mr. Lord, minister at Buenos Ayres, has reported by cable to the State Department that he concluded not to press the demands upon Chile, which threatened to lead to hostilities, but instead has decided to let the issues go. Since the outbreak of hostilities, the United States Consul Boyle at Liverpool, the United Kingdom, will be relegated to the third position in the rank of the world's trade and commerce. This statement is made by United States Consul Boyle at Liverpool, the United Kingdom, will be relegated to the third position in the rank of the world's trade and commerce.

WILLIAM H. PROUT DEAD.

Former Editor of the Charlottesville Jeffersonian and Other Papers. UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, December 24.—(Special.)—William H. Prout, a well-known ex-editor, died here to-day of heart failure. He was a native of New York, but came to this city about thirty years ago. He once owned and edited the Gordonsville Gazette and was connected with the late James Blakely, editor and publisher of the Charlottesville Jeffersonian (Republican). He was prominent as a Mason.

Ironmolders Elect Officers.

At a meeting of the Ironmolders' Union Saturday night the following officers were elected: W. H. Sampson, president; John McCochran, vice-president; E. K. Sampson, financial secretary; J. J. Quinn, treasurer; Gustav C. Schaudt, D. Weisiger, and George Kopp. These officers will be installed the first Saturday in January. When a banquet will be served. Resolutions will be sent to the members of the union. Among others, Mayor Taylor, Commissioner of Labor Doherty, G. H. Smithfield, and D. McCallum, president of the Central Trade and Labor Council. The installation will be held in charge of both, Walter Smithers, John McCracken, H. B. Faircloth, and George Kopp.

British Loss at Tafel-Kop Heavy.

LONDON, December 24.—The last of the engagements fought by Colonel Damant's force at Tafel-Kop, Orange River colony, on December 20th, when the Boers, who were driven in, Colonel Damant's advance guard, is heavier than was first reported by Lord Kitchener. It now appears that the British lost three officers and twenty-nine killed, and had five officers and thirty-five men wounded.

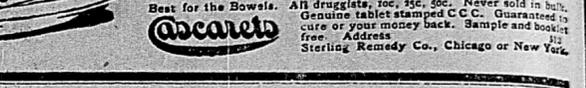
Queen Alexandra Better.

LONDON, December 24.—Queen Alexandra is progressing satisfactorily toward recovery. French Fruit Business in Jamaica. KINGSTON, JAMAICA, December 24.—The French consular authorities are making preliminary arrangements with the view of starting a fruit business in Jamaica. It is expected that two steamers every fortnight for different ports of Europe. Richmonders in New York. NEW YORK, December 24.—(Special.)—J. S. Williams, B. W. Henderson, H. J. L. Bodeker, St. Denis, H. T. Meloney, Imperial, Miss E. Millner, Holland, G. C. Powers, Herald-Square.



Too Much Holiday Fun and Folly

Too much of a good thing! That's what we are all liable to take during a holiday season. Healthy, jolly people will do it and make themselves sick. "In time of peace prepare for war," and have about the house a pleasant, perfect, palatable, positive medicine for sour stomach, sick headache, colic, winds, belching, biliousness, furred tongue, lazy liver, constipation, bad breath, bad taste, all liable to result from holiday over-indulgence. Cascarets Candy Cathartic is what you want; a tablet after a big meal will prevent sickness, or a tablet at night before going to bed, after a good time, will fix you all right for morning, and let you get up clear as a bell, ready for business or pleasure.



Best for the Bowels. All druggists, 10c, 5c, 50c. Never sold in bulk. Genuine tablet stamped C.C.C. Guaranteed to cure or your money back. Sample and booklet free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

DIAMOND ORNAMENT PRESENTED.

Of all the thousands of Christmas presents made in Richmond at this extraordinary season, there were none more appreciated than that given Colonel C. E. Young, for many years foreman of the composing-room of the Dispatch, by the members of his staff. The gift came as a surprise. The Colonel lost his breath when the report called up from the composing-room at the supper recess at midnight, had performed the duty requested of him, and presented the beautiful diamond stud, which he had bought for him as an expression of the love and esteem he has bestowed in the many years of his stewardship. For the Czar of all the Russias, not even Justice John Critchfield, himself, is more an autocrat than is Colonel Young. But his men know he is just as that he holds the sceptre in the interest of the paper for which he has labored for so many years. Therefore the "sparkle," which will henceforth adorn the snowy shirt-front of the veteran boss of the Dispatch's mechanical department.

SUCCESSION TO MARTINELLI.

Mr. Scialabini Not Chosen for the Post, and so could not have declined. ROME, December 24.—There is no truth in the report, published in the United States by a news agency, that Monsignor Scialabini, the Archbishop of Piacenza, who recently visited the United States, had been practically selected to succeed Monsignor Martinelli as Papal delegate in the United States, and that he had begged the Pope to excuse him from such promotion. The Vatican never intended to appoint him to the Washington Post.

MILES HAS NOTHING TO SAY.

Report That he Would Ask Inquiry, However Unauthorized. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24.—Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles returned to the city today from his brief visit to New York. The General declined to discuss the question of the reprimand given him by the Secretary of War, for his published observations on the report of the court of inquiry in the Schley case. He has already replied as to his future course in the matter, said he had no statement to make. He did say, however, that the report that he would apply for a court of inquiry was entirely unauthorized.

MR. CLEVELAND'S HEALTH.

Almost an Entire Block Laid in Ashes. CONNELLSVILLE, PA., December 24.—Almost an entire block was wiped out by fire here to-day. The loss is considerable. In many instances does not equal the loss. The fire started at 11:05 o'clock, and for several hours it looked as if the dense downtown district would be wiped out. By hard and heroic work the firemen kept the flames within the confines of one square, which is bounded by west Main street, Arch street, and Orchard alley. The entire square was burned, and the buildings were occupied by thirty tenants, nearly all of whom were burned out. The heaviest loss is in the case of the furniture store of E. P. Wallace, which was entirely destroyed. The stock was valued at \$88,000, and it was insured for only \$12,000. It was in this store that the fire was started, by some children. To-night, the firemen are still watching the fire, as they fear a wind that is blowing from the mountains.

GOES BY CONTRARIES.

(Chicago News) "Roderick, you will just keep your feet? How do you prevent her from destroying them?" "Van Albert, 'Oh, I'll just say, 'please burn,' and she will be certain to preserve them."

DEATHS.

BAYNE.—Died, at the residence of his mother, No. 426 north Thirty-fourth street, Tuesday, December 24th, at 3:15 P. M., MAUDE BAYNE, aged 15 years. Leaves a widowed mother and brother. Funeral services will take place THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON at 3:30 o'clock at Oakwood Cemetery.

Blanks Books and Stationery.

The sub-committee of the Council Committee on Accounts and Printing has awarded the contract for blank-books and stationery for the city for the coming year to the Bell Book and Stationery Company.

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COMPETITION OF THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY.

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STREET RAILWAY INCREASES WAGES.

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