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SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Forecast for Virginia—Rain Friday; Saturday rain or snow and colder; fresh south to west winds, becoming variable.
North Carolina—Rain Friday. Saturday colder, fair, except rain on the coast; fresh southwest winds, becoming variable.
Overcast skies and occasional rain, with rising thermometer, prevented yesterday from being an ideal Christmas eve. Fine today, the condition is rain, with rain or snow for to-morrow.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	42
12 M.	47
3 P. M.	49
6 P. M.	48
9 P. M.	45
Midnight	40
Average	45.2

Highest temperature yesterday..... 51
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 36
High temperature yesterday..... 49
Normal temperature for December..... 46
Departure from normal temperature..... 3
Precipitation during past 24 hours..... .01

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises..... 7:24	December 25, 1908.
Moon sets..... 11:54	HIGH TIDE.
Moon sets..... 11:22	Morning..... 9:19
	Evening..... 9:16

December 26, 1908.

Sun rises..... 7:24	HIGH TIDE.
Moon sets..... 4:56	Morning..... 9:57
Moon sets..... 12:09	Evening..... 10:04

Richmond.
Merchants declare business this Christmas better than ever before. Gay scenes on Broad Street—Tobacco firm gives nearly twenty thousand dollars in Christmas presents to clerks and employees. Entertainment at the Westmoreland Club—Prisoners set free by the Governor—Found in the cells of Michael Kelly's junk shop; he is arrested and released on bail—Young woman reaches the city on foot after spending night alone in the woods—Widows and orphans remembered by the Shriners—A Christmas tree at the Day Nursery—Chief of police, official explosion of fireworks on Broad Street—Grand Chapter of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity meet here January 1st—Miss Ellie Hooper ill of typhoid fever in New York—Large sum soon to be disbursed in dividends here. M. A. N. C. H. S. T. B. R.—Lively ante-Christmas scenes on the streets—Incandescent lights fall, leaving the streets in darkness—Assault committed in a bar-room—Marriage of Miss Murray and Mr. Williams—A wedding in Washington—Funeral of Mrs. O'Connor—Postoffice hours to-day—Mr. Morrisett is chosen chorister—Visitors to the city during Christmas.

Virginia.
Clarksville burglar got more than all first thought—Judge Mann speaks under auspices of the Anti-Slavery League at Bonoke—Parsons on Appomattox rear big dam will make it unhealthy—Shop-lifter caught with many valuable goods in Norfolk—Good meeting held here for Saturday in King William—Bath county officers are sworn in for new term—New arrival at the Greenbrier—Eastern Shore people are rejoicing over the capture of the Jordan blue—Amherst County court holds last session of the year; negro boy acquitted of forgery—Weems line steamer on Rappahannock change schedule to advantage of the citizens—Brothers-in-law exchange ten shots in Shenandoah county and one is seriously wounded—Prominent Norfolk pure elections law in Lee county.

North Carolina.
Desperate cutting attack in a railway coach near Greensboro between two men over the reputation of a seat; man with knife locked himself in toilet room and door broken in to capture him—Virginia couples go into court in Columbia to be married on account of the ban on the Legislature over the divorce law—Death in Pamlico County—Negro who assaulted conductor at Salisbury has to be taken to another county for safe-keeping.

General.
Parsifal, the great dedicatory music drama, presented at the Metropolitan Opera House in the same manner as usually is given in the most sensational presentation ever attempted; the audience the greatest in history—A decoy letter resulted in the capture of the chief of New York and Chicago, accompanied by three accomplices—Frightful young man kills his sister's lover—Belated Christmas celebrations on the New York exchange—Death in the Connecticut reaches eighty-eight—Infant mortality reaches Japanese legation at Berlin that Tamsa will concede Japan's requests; American warships sent to Corea—Great Britain formally recognizes the republic of Japan—Colonel John Beatty shot from ambush by a discharged negro, and Mrs. Beatty seriously wounded—Senator Joseph P. Cannon's treaty must be rejected to preserve our honor—Accountant Rose testifies about the affairs of the Bethlehem Company—A. D. fair of the Bethlehem Company—Prominent plant city lawyer killed by railroad train—Letter from General Wood denying having opposed the civil government in Cuba—Jack O'Brien gets best of Jim Jeffords in six-round bout—Prominent market shows points of strength scattered through the day that today marked exciting and very irregular.

MUST RATIFY TREATY TO PRESERVE HONOR
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In an interview to-day regarding the Panama treaty, United States Senator M. S. Clay is quoted as saying that the honor of the United States must be preserved in the signing of any treaty with Panama, ratifying of the balloting on the Panama treaty now before Congress. Mr. Clay stated that he was opposed to making it a party question and first of all desired that all facts concerning the Panama accession be made public.

MAYOR McCLELLAN TAKES OATH OF OFFICE
(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mayor-Elect George B. McClellan took the oath of office to-day. He also appointed two more appointments. John P. Oakley, commissioner of the department of water, gas and electricity, and George E. H. Commissioner of the Board of Health. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. are active members of many Hall.

Britain Recognizes Panama.
(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.—The British government has officially informed the Serv. he has received a cablegram from the Serv. that the Serv. will accept the will be great Britain formally recognize double of Panama.
Not far from the city of Panama, the churches Alien Injured.
There was a contractor at work in the city of Panama, the contractor was killed by a train. The train was in motion, and he was caught between a wheel and some of the shifting and dragged two hundred yards. The body was horribly mutilated.

THE MOST SENSATIONAL EVENT IN AMERICAN OPERATIC HISTORY

"Parsifal" Presented in New York City.

WAGNER'S DRAMA IN METROPOLITAN
The Stage Rebuilt and Elaborate Mechanical Appliances and Lighting Apparatus Put in.

MOST BRILLIANT AUDIENCE IN HISTORY OF OPERA
A Great Triumph for Director Conreid, and "Parsifal," as Played at Baireuth, Duplicated Perfectly—The First Act at 5 o'Clock and Then Recess for Dinner.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, December 21.—In spite of successive legal complications, a small storm of pupil protest and some enormous practical difficulties, Richard Wagner's sacred music drama, or dedicatory festival play, "Parsifal," was produced at the Metropolitan Opera House this evening before an immense audience.
The production takes rank not only as the most sensational event in American operatic history, but it has a world-wide importance as the first public performance of the much discussed drama out of Baireuth, and as a serious blow aimed at the so-called "Baireuth monopoly," which "Parsifal," by its restriction to that stage, has already created and maintained for the Wagner heirs.
STAGE REBUILT.
To give the work has meant the complete rebuilding of the Metropolitan stage, the purchase of most elaborate mechanical appliances and lighting apparatus, and a ransacking of the musical centers of Europe to secure a corps of experts for every department competent to direct the details of the drama, as it is given in Baireuth.
The results, as summed up in to-night's performance, amount to a signal triumph for Director Conreid. In the opinion of every one who has made the "Parsifal" pilgrimage to Baireuth, New York was treated to the most sumptuous mounting the work has ever received.
Never has "Parsifal" been given so superb a scenic dress, never a more thoroughly adequate musical interpretation. That it should have failed somewhat to produce in full measure the profound impression which accompanied its performance abroad may be accounted for by the conspicuous lack on busy Broadway of that "atmosphere" which belongs peculiarly to the quiet little town in the Bavarian hills.
THE CHEAPEST OF ALL AUDIENCES.
This was to be expected, although every care was taken to realize Baireuth conditions in the theatre itself. It is safe to say that no such huge audience has ever been compressed into the four walls of the Metropolitan Opera House, nor can even an "old-timer" recollect one of such brilliance and representative character.
Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Chicago and other cities sent legions of enthusiasts, and almost every one well known in art, literature or music throughout the country could be met in the jostle of the lobbies and corridors.
For weeks every seat from the front boxes to the roof, had been sold, and could have been resold a score of times. The performance was begun punctually at 5 o'clock, the opening of the drama, and that of each of its acts being heralded by the electric lights.

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NEW TRIAL FOR DREYFUS

After Degradation, Dismissal and Punishment, He Has Chance for Vindication.

(By Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)
PARIS, Dec. 21.—Captain Dreyfus, accused of treason to his country, degraded, dismissed from the French army and most bitterly punished, will have another trial, this time by a civilian tribunal.

As the result of the examination of all the evidence submitted to the two courts-martial, which have passed on the question of Dreyfus's guilt, as well as upon petition of Dreyfus for a new trial and the additional facts brought to light by General Andre, Minister of War, the commission in revision, representing the Court of Cassation, reached a decision to-day in favor of the revision of the case by the criminal branch of the Court of Cassation to review the case next month.

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SPIT-DEVIL DOES A LOT OF DAMAGE

Spilled a Stock of Fireworks on Broad Street Last Night.
Cannon crackers roared, sky-rockets whizzed, Roman candles hissed, in one grand conglomerate mass last night, when the pyrotechnic display of M. and C. Durbanian and Brothers, No. 84 East Broad Street, literally went up in smoke. A spit-devil did it. Somebody manipulated the devil, and it spit a spark into the very middle of M. and C.'s display of baby-wackers. The fireworks display was located in chief on a counter on the outside of the store and in part in the doorway. The devil started about 11:45, and at 11:46 the display had vanished. The sky-rockets were soaring heavenward, the Roman candles were rolling along the sidewalk, exploding as they went, the pop-crackers, etc., were bursting with a fury that suggested Bull Run or something of the sort.
The crowd gathered and whooped and yelled while the unexpected pyrotechnic exhibition was in progress. M. and C.'s window panes couldn't stand the jar and broke. There was danger at first from the flames, but the fire department came up from the next square and put a quietus on the incipient blaze. The damage in all will amount to about \$150.

PROMINENT LAWYER KILLED BY RAILROAD TRAIN

(By Associated Press.)
PLANT CITY, Fla., Dec. 21.—Colonel J. N. Taylor, a prominent lawyer of Kissimmee, was killed here yesterday, attempting to board a train. The train was in motion, and he was caught between a wheel and some of the shifting and dragged two hundred yards. The body was horribly mutilated.

MARLOW'S LIFE SENTENCE FOR BRAND MURDER

(By Associated Press.)
Ocala, Fla., Dec. 21.—After being out all night the jury this morning returned a verdict of murder in the second degree against A. D. Marlow, charged with the murder of Jesse Brand. Marlow was sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

KING CHRISTMAS IS ON HIS THRONE TO-DAY



SCENE IN MANY HOMES THIS MORNING.

NEVER SUCH BUSINESS IN CHECKS

Merchants Declare That All Their Records for Selling Have Been Smashed.

POSTOFFICE WAS DELUGED
Employes of All Its Branches Worked Night and Day—Rest Abundantly Earned.

By way of indicating in some tangible form its appreciation of the long and faithful services of its former employes, the old firm of T. C. Williams Company, which some eight months ago sold out to the trust, has just distributed among the eighteen or twenty white attaches of the concern a sum of money aggregating from eighteen to twenty thousand dollars.

Never, probably, in the history of city have dining tables been so heavily laden as to-day. The grocers have rushed themselves half to death to meet the demands of imperious customers. The Broad Street merchants have reaped a harvest, which so far exceeded all previous years that several declared last night that they were confident they had sold twenty-five per cent. more goods than any Christmas of their experience.

Many were inclined to believe that much less money would be put into circulation this Christmas than last, when the disposition was based upon the fact of the shrinkage in stock values, causing many Richmonders to lose heavily. Of course, every one who knows that presents in great number would be given this year, but the value of the presents, just little remunerative.

COSTLY PRESENTS.
So far is this not the case that one jeweler said last night he had never in his long career known such excellent business. Many of the recent losers belonged to the wealthier class of the city—people who have ready money to put in stocks, and the supposition was that they would curtail expenses to some extent, but the statement comes that not only have the presents been more numerous, but far handsomer than usual.

The business of the express office and the postoffice, with its various excellent branches, has broken all records. It began considerably earlier this year and continued with increasing volume until all "21:00" records were smashed out of recognition.

DID HEAVY WORK.
Many of the employes of both organizations for the transportation of packages have worked from 5 A. M. until 11 P. M. They are broken down, and the handling clerks in the stores, and the handling clerks who come so near submerging them at last subsided. Truly they and all who have nearly broken down to supply the needs of other people have entered the rest they gain to-day.

The delightful custom of giving remembrances has been indulged in more generously than ever before. Leading hearts will beat with joy almost unbounded and unalloyed upon the marvelous revelations of paper packages to-day.

BULL POOL WILL FORCE PRICES UP

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—The cotton market was very active to-day, and in spite of an enormous volume of holiday speculation, prices advanced. Leading bulls supported the market and the buy-in price was up point by point until it was 10 points higher than yesterday's close.

It was rumored to-day that another bull pool had been formed on the same lines as the famous bull pool of last year. It is claimed that the pool has ten times as much money at its command as it had last year, and that it will force cotton to extreme prices.

JOLLY CHRISTMAS ON THE EXCHANGES

Approach of the Day Celebrated in Uproarious Fashion—Ludicrous Presentations.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Christmas was celebrated in formal but uproarious fashion on the four big exchanges to-day. Bands were hired and brought on, the floors and Christmas trees set up and decorated with presents for the most prominent brokers.

On the Consolidated Exchange, a cake walk was indulged in for a cake, weighing forty pounds, which was auctioned off and the proceeds turned over to the successful walker. At the Produce Exchange, there were song parodies, but the excitement in the wheat pit kept many of the brokers away from the fun. At the Cotton Exchange, too, the brokers were "gagged out" by the wild market of the past week, and the celebration was very mild.

The Stock Exchange lived up to its traditions in the way of Christmas jollity, and many laughable presents were given to popular members, formal speeches being made in many cases, which added to the general hilarity. The Warmers received little buckets of coal and small steel cans, as they pass as specialists in Reading and Manhattan.

Fred S. Flower, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit expert, did not care much for his present, as it suggested anything but Rapid Transit. It was a small toy horse.

C. E. Knoblauch, the sugar specialist, who arranged for the presents of the other men, received a small box of loaf sugar, from white sand.

It. Content, who gives a great part of his attention to the steel issues, received a small piece of pig iron.

USHERED IN CHRISTMAS

Broad Street Was Thronged by a Merry Crowd for Hours Last Night.

FEW UNTOWARD INCIDENTS
Good Nature Prevailed and the Spirit of Christmas Was More in Evidence Than Ever.

Along the eight or nine central squares of Broad Street last night all Richmond surged, while at every step the pop-cracker, spoke, the dynamite bomb roared in its might, the sky-rocket and the Roman candle whizzed and sputtered, and the villainous spit-devil chased the populace.

That the crowd was not so large as of yore matters nothing to the actually present members of the holiday fraternity. Any disadvantages accruing from this fact were easily offset by the admirable deportment of the throng. Year by year of late there is being gradually eliminated the rowdiness that was at one time on the eve of Christmas a disgrace and a danger to the people of the city. Good-natured and jolly was the crowd of yesterday, free and happy, and hoisterous. It is true, but not rough and ill-natured. For the eve of Christmas was a gratifying condition, slightly marred by one or two fights, but at no moment ever seriously disturbed.

Long-Sounding Fuss.
For long distances on either side the chorion call of the revelers carried an echo that irresistibly drew hundreds of others to the scene. The blare of many horns wrecked the stillness of the night, while the earth quaked with a rattle of fireworks that was increasing and continuous. For a half-mile or more the echo extended, made more realistic at times by a fringe of fireworks that reached about the housetops, and was visible in the distance.

Since the early morning the street had been crowded throughout a dark and gloomy day, with an occasional spit of rain, that sent many a scurrying away to a lowly home or shelter. By nightfall the sky had dissipated its gloom, and with the crowd, made brave effort to smile and take on the holiday air. A watery and drizzly moon stole out as an ashamed and partially hid itself behind a mist. A few bright stars gathered round and tried to blink the rain away, while the clouds shifted about uneasily, but somehow managed to move without going anywhere. One by the whole thought, it was an improvement, but the obvious efforts of the elements above to do what it was up to them to do, met with the hearty response of the people. The crowd expanded its sides.

After nightfall rapid additions filled the street and started the annual Christmas-eve parade that is always a spectacle eagerly witnessed by hundreds of Richmond people.

Many were called and then all lined them up to the howling street, where already many were gathered. From there until midnight the revel continued unchecked. Sleep drove some home, the noise, other things, but not yet to be made. But hundreds hung on and kept the fun going until at least, with a lingering and regretful glance at the almost deserted sidewalks, they were forced to desist.

A Striking Scene.
It was a curious and striking scene that met the eye as one turned from a side street and ran full tilt into the blare and confusion of Broad. The holiday revel compressed itself into the squares between Foushee and Ninth Streets. From end to end of this distance all was animation and movement and good cheer. The sidewalks held a dense mass of struggling people that emptied itself out of one end and back into the other. The