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## NEWS OF THE WEEK IN EPITOME

Important Events at Home and on Foreign Shores Briefly Told.

**Personal.**  
Wilbur F. Stevenson, a chief carpenter in the navy, died in the naval hospital at Canacao, Cavite, Philippines.

Harry F. Wolcott, a veteran newspaper man of Chicago and Detroit, died at the county hospital in Chicago of pneumonia and Bright's disease.

Charles A. Sherman, builder of the Boone county, Iowa, railroad, former banker and oil magnate of Casper, Wyo., dropped dead at Boone, Iowa, of heart disease.

Thomas G. Connelly, general agent for the Gould lines in Los Angeles and one of the best known railroad men on the coast, is dead as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

Maj. Joseph W. Wahn, United States army, retired, for many years paymaster of the army, dropped dead on the street in Washington, following a severe cerebral hemorrhage.

H. A. Gudger of North Carolina will be appointed by President Roosevelt to be chief justice of the supreme court of the Panama canal zone, to succeed Dr. F. Mutis Duran, whose term expires on Jan. 1.

William B. McNutt, who was the first fire chief at St. Joseph, Mo., died at the age of seventy-one years. In the early days McNutt was at the head of the volunteer firemen. He is credited with having saved many lives during his term of service.

Francis Philip Fleming, governor of Florida from 1889 to 1893, died at his home in Jacksonville. He was a native Floridian and served in the Confederate army through the Civil war with distinction. After the war he was admitted to the bar and soon became one of Florida's ablest lawyers and politicians.

Another victim of the anarchist Haymarket riots in Chicago in 1886 has just died. He was Policeman Louis Johnson, sixty-four years old. He was shot in the leg while trying to disperse the mob, and after the rioting was over he was picked up in the street and carried home by fellow policemen. His widow declares that since that time he never was well.

**Casualties.**  
In a fire which caused a panic among a hundred occupants of a lodging house at Chicago, Paul Heiligendorf, seventy years old, was suffocated.

A terrific explosion in the plant of the Senior Powder company, one mile north of Morrow, Ohio, instantly killed two men. The glazing mill was wrecked.

James Carron, eighteen years old, was killed in a boxing bout with Benjamin Barnett, seventeen years of age, at the Broadway Athletic club at Philadelphia.

While attempting to get off a morning North-Western freight train near Traer, Iowa, C. Emerson, a farmer fell under the wheels and was crushed to death.

Twelve people were poisoned as the result of drinking poisoned water at Campbellsville, Ky. At a late hour physicians extend slight chances for the recovery of all. How the water became poisoned is not known.

Celebration of his recovery from gangrene caused the death of George Martyn, a wealthy stock grower of Denver. At a dinner given to mark his recovery, Martyn ate some ptomaine fish and died in great agony.

Two little children were cremated when the home of Edward Toner was burned at Interlochen, Mich. Mrs. Toner was awakened by the fire. There was just time for herself and her sick husband to escape with a baby, leaving two children who were in another room.

**Sins and Sinners.**  
John Zet, who killed his wife and five-year-old granddaughter, Viola Klotzer, at their home in Rockville on Aug. 4 last, was hanged at the state prison at Wethersfield, Conn.

A man suspected of being one of the three robbers who held up the Oregon Railway & Navigation west-bound passenger train a few miles from Portland, Or., was arrested by a deputy sheriff and a detective.

A bomb, believed to have been thrown from an elevated train, wrecked the front of a restaurant in New York, stunning but not seriously injuring Mrs. Henry Hart and causing a panic among the six families occupying the building. The cause of the bomb throwing can only be conjectured.

The petition of Mrs. Cordelia Bodine, now serving a life sentence for the murder of James P. Jennings by sending poisoned candy through the mails, for a rehearing of her previous petition for appeal, was denied by the supreme court of California.

After W. B. Kimball, a merchant of Tama, Iowa, cashed a check for a young man he supposed was Walter Ayers of Marshalltown, he discovered that the check had been raised from \$5 cents to \$7. The sheriff of Marshall and Tama counties are looking for the stranger.

Frank Waters, forty years old, shot himself through the right temple at Marshalltown, dying instantly. He was despondent because of ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Albers were found dead from gas asphyxiation at their home in St. Louis. Apparently they had committed suicide. The cause is not known.

Dr. Harrison Snyder, Schumacher and Mathews were sentenced to a fine of \$500 and two years' imprisonment for conspiracy in the building of the Pennsylvania state capitol.

William R. Kelley, cashier of the Union Pacific railway at South Omaha, committed suicide. A letter to his wife indicates that overwork had perhaps unbalanced his mind.

Warring factions of a Catholic congregation in Homestead, a suburb of Pittsburgh, engaged in a riot, in which four persons were seriously injured and several hundred Slavs were slightly cut or bruised. Twenty-five of the participants have been arrested.

Mrs. Searles, thirty-two years old, wife of James W. Searles, a prominent resident of Grand Rapids, Mich., committed suicide by shooting herself through the head. She is thought to have been temporarily insane, as she had been suffering from neurasthenia.

"Hanged by the neck until you are dead," were the words of Judge Erickson in pronouncing sentence upon Frederick Lebeau at Kalspeil, Mont. Lebeau's confederate, Joe Hobbins, will go to prison for life. Lebeau will be hanged Feb. 5. The crime was the killing of R. W. Yoakum and his son.

**From Other Shores.**  
The Vienna Zeit says that Charles S. Francis, the American ambassador to Austria-Hungary, will be recalled in February.

The chamber of deputies and the senate of France have adopted the budget, which for the first time exceeds 4,000,000,000 francs.

An engineer at Stockholm by the name of Grell has patented an invention by means of which he says he can transmit biograph pictures by an ordinary telegraph apparatus.

Foreign Minister Pichon and M. Leghait, the Belgian minister to France, have signed an agreement regarding France's right to preference on territories in the Belgian Congo.

A gunsmith at Gettlingen, Germany, has invented and patented an expanding bullet adapted for the destruction of dirigible balloons. The bullet can be fired from the regular infantry rifle.

The Berlin Frankfurter Zeitung learns from a reliable source that Austria-Hungary is prepared to grant Turkey \$20,000,000 as compensation for the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The paper adds that the transaction only awaits necessary formalities.

The judges and stenographers of the supreme court of Nova Scotia are on a strike. The court reporters, owing to the smallness of their pay, refused to take notes, and Judge Russell declared that he was not going to be both judge and stenographer and joined the ranks of the strikers.

**Domestic.**  
Mrs. Frances E. Alling, fifty-one years old, a writer and publisher, died at Chicago of cancer of the stomach.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy against the Welser-Low company, operating a large department store in Pittsburgh, has been filed.

By the giving way of the false work under a bridge at Port Marion, Md. John Gallagher was killed and two workmen were seriously injured.

J. T. Senter, editor of the Columbus (Miss.) Commercial, died suddenly in a hospital at Birmingham, Ala. He was widely known throughout the South.

Every saloon in Ottumwa, Iowa, except one was closed as a result of a religious revival. Saloon men claim the petition upon which the saloons were closed is insufficient, and one dealer kept open to stand prosecution as a test case.

The negro anti-tuberculosis congress closed its sessions at Tuskegee, Ala. The congress will be made permanent and annual meetings will be held. A systematic campaign will be waged among the negroes in every section of the United States.

George T. Oliver, owner of the Pittsburg Gazette-Times and the Chronicle-Telegraph, was unanimously endorsed by the Allegheny county members of the state legislature for United States senator, to succeed Senator Philander C. Knox, who is to be secretary of state in the Taft cabinet.

For the first time in twenty-nine years the custom of the New England association of Brooklyn of drinking a standing toast to the president of the United States was broken off. Instead of toasting the president a toast, "The Sovereign People of the United States," was proposed and drunk with the heartiest enthusiasm.

Portugal, through her resident commissioner in the United States, Mr. Larrinaga, and a special commission which came here for the purpose, is making a determined fight for the imposition of a duty of 5 cents a pound on foreign coffee.

Chicago aldermen elected on and after next April will receive a salary of \$3,500 a year instead of only \$1,500 as heretofore. This was decided on by the council finance committee. All aldermen already elected, in order to share in the increase, will be allowed \$2,000 a year "for private secretaries."

## ASKS NEIGHBORS TO CONFERENCE

Canada and Mexico Invited to Discuss Plans in Conservation of Resources.

### PINCHOT CARRIES MESSAGE

President Sends Chief Forester With Invitation for White House Conference.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Announcement was made at the White House yesterday of a proposed plan for a conference looking toward the conservation of the natural resources of North America, to be held at the White House Feb. 18.

Letters suggesting the plan have been addressed by President Roosevelt to the governor general and to the premier of Canada and to President Diaz of Mexico.

They will be delivered to the officials in person by Gifford Pinchot, chairman of the natural conservation commission and chief forester of the United States.

Mr. Pinchot will first visit Canada, leaving today. He will then carry the invitation to President Diaz at Mexico City.

The proposed North American conference is the outgrowth of the two conservation conferences held in Washington, in which the governors of the states and territories were the principal conferees.

The main object of the conference will be to point out that natural resources are not limited by the boundary lines which separate nations, to develop a better knowledge of the natural resources of each nation on the part of the others, and to invite suggestions for concurrent action or the protection of mutual interests related to conservation.

### 16 ARMY CADETS DISMISSED.

Nine Flunked in Mathematics and the Rest Failed in Discipline.

Highland Falls, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Sixteen cadets were dismissed from the United States military academy at West Point and sent home. Two belonged to the first class, six to the third and eight to the fourth. Nine, including the two first class men, were deficient in discipline, and the others failed in mathematics.

### May Be Fire Victim.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 29.—The Hussey block here was destroyed by fire yesterday morning and the Coronation block adjoining was badly damaged. Alexander Kemp, who ran a carpenter shop in the basement, is missing and is believed to have perished. The loss will exceed \$70,000.

### Ambassador Griscoom Quite.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The resignation of Lloyd C. Griscoom, ambassador to Italy, reported in an Associated Press dispatch from Rome Saturday night, was authoritatively confirmed by the state department last night. Ambassador Griscoom's resignation takes effect March 4.

### Heir to Riches is Vagrant.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—Heir to half a million dollars, according to his own statement, and entitled to a position in Baltimore society, William Jefferson Powell has been sentenced to serve 180 days in the workhouse in this city on a vagrancy charge.

### Michigan Hunter is Killed.

Charlotte, Mich., Dec. 29.—Leo Bosworth, aged thirty, was killed by the explosion of a gun in the hands of a hunting companion, who escaped unhurt. Part of the barrel hit Bosworth in the neck and severed his jugular vein. He died in an hour.

### Mine Fire Breaks Out Afresh.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 29.—Fire in the coal mine of the Victor Fuel company at Hastings, which has been burning since last Wednesday and which was thought to be under control, broke out afresh early yesterday.

### Hunting Claims Youthful Victim.

Marshalltown, Iowa, Dec. 29.—Sherman Wiley, aged twenty, of Malcolm was found dead in the woods near that place, with a gaping gunshot wound in his left breast. It was supposed he had accidentally killed himself.

### Train Kills Green Brakeman.

Montevideo, Minn., Dec. 29.—Martin Karrison, a brakeman, was run over by a freight train near the stock yards, just west of here, yesterday morning and killed. Karrison had been employed here only a short time.

### Jewelry Worth \$6,000 Stolen.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Jewelry to the value of \$6,000 was recently stolen from Mrs. Ely Patterson, who was formerly Miss Schmitt of St. Louis. The police have made no arrest in connection with the case.

### Shoots Sweetheart; Kills Self.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Lawrence W. Peters yesterday committed suicide after shooting and attempting to kill his sweetheart, Jennie W. Beaudette. The woman probably will recover.

## EARTH TREMBLES IN MONTANA

Seismic Disturbances in Vicinity of Virginia City Cause Great Alarm.

Virginia City, Mont., Dec. 29.—At 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon this section was shaken by the severest of a series of seismic disturbances that have been going on for more than a week. The electric power and light plant was put out of commission. This plant is located ten miles distant from Virginia City, and as telephonic communication with it has been interrupted, it is impossible at this time to ascertain the extent of the damage done.

Virginia City was in darkness last night and much alarm existed. During the past week Virginia City has experienced more than thirty earthquakes, in which the earth movement was very pronounced. Last Monday two shocks within ten minutes of each other drove the people into the streets panic-stricken, caused cracks in several buildings and dislodged considerable plaster.

Yesterday afternoon's tremor further cracked buildings, threw down plaster and scattered dishes from the shelves and tables.

### PLAINTIFFS NUMBER 600.

Water Rights Case Involves Not Less Than \$1,500,000.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 29.—Judge Chandle early next month will hear at Bozeman the largest water rights case ever tried in the United States. The rights in dispute are along the West Gallatin river and include nearly all the famous Gallatin valley.

Water rights probably worth not less than \$1,500,000 will be affected by the decision.

About 600 farmers and companies who claim water rights along the river have filed their complaints.

### \$14,000 GIFT FOR SQUAW.

Aged Indian is Found to Be Heir to Farm Lands.

Black River Falls, Wis., Dec. 29.—A gift of \$14,000 in land was the Christmas present that A. J. Jones, former agent for the Wisconsin Indians, has made to a squaw more than eighty years old. Mr. Jones cleared up twenty-five heirship cases while on his visit to Nebraska to pay money due the Winnebagoes in that state.

The aged squaw gets clear title to an improved eighty-acre farm and a half interest in 360 acres.

### TRIES TO KILL SON-IN-LAW.

Calls Him From His Home and Fires Four Shots, Three Taking Effect.

Waterloo, Iowa, Dec. 29.—Asserting she had discovered the murderer of Patrolman Fred Widmann, who was shot by a burglar last October, Mrs. Will Kelly of Waterloo attempted to kill her son-in-law, Fred Cordell, also of Waterloo. She called him from his home and fired four shots, three of which struck him, but produced only flesh wounds. Mrs. Kelly is under arrest.

### GASOLINE TANK EXPLODES.

Marshalltown (Iowa) Blacksmith and His Family Severely Burned.

Marshalltown, Iowa, Dec. 29.—The explosion of the gasoline tank of a brewer's furnace at Union wrecked and almost totally destroyed by fire the home of Matthew Cox, blacksmith, and injured Cox, his wife and five children.

Cox's burns are very serious and may prove fatal. The others' burns are slight.

### FLEE FIRE IN BITTER COLD.

Madison Conflagration Threatens Babies and Causes \$10,000 Loss.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 29.—Fire after midnight destroyed the \$10,000 home of William J. Conklin, near the university, and the big family of small children was forced to flee in nearly zero atmosphere. The fire originated in the furnace. Conklin is a big ice and coal dealer.

### SEEKS HORSE RUSTLERS.

Pierre (S. D.) Sheriff Makes Two Arrests in Stanley County.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 29.—Sheriff Huston is rounding up horse rustlers who have been at work in Stanley county, and has arrested Elmer Ziegler and Tom Barnes, claiming the horses were found in the possession of Barnes, who, in turn, claims to have purchased them.

### TRIES SUICIDE TWICE; DIES.

J. W. Glenn, Son of Waukesha Mayor, Ends Life at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—J. W. Glenn, forty years old, son of Col. Myer L. Glenn, mayor of Waukesha, Wis., committed suicide by hanging. Two months ago he attempted to kill himself with carbolic acid, following which a lunacy commission declared him sane.

### Assault Charged to Negroes.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 29.—Mrs. William Green, colored, a former resident of St. Paul, was arrested here, charged with attacking Mrs. Fred Sherlock with a knife. Mrs. Sherlock was wounded in the chest.

### Fall Kills Rough Rider.

Duluth, Dec. 29.—A. V. Townsend of Colorado, sixty-five years old, a former rough rider and a member of John C. Greenway's company, dies as a result of a fall of six feet from a steam shovel.

## THOUSANDS OF LIVES LOST IN SOUTHERN ITALY

Earthquake Devastates Provinces Which Form "the Toe of the Boot."

### MANY TOWNS ARE IN RUINS

Destruction to Life and Property Worst Italy Has Experienced in Years.

### EXTENT OF DISASTER UNKNOWN

Breaking of Wire Communication Leaves Fate of Large Area Yet to Be Learned.

### HAVOC IS GREAT.

Rome, Dec. 30.—The three provinces of Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio di Calabria, comprising the southwestern extremity of Italy, or "the toe of the boot," were devastated yesterday by an earthquake, the far-reaching effects of which were felt almost throughout the entire country. The town of Messina, in Sicily, was partially destroyed and Catania was inundated. In Messina hundreds of houses have fallen and thousands of persons have been killed. Owing, however, to the fact that telegraphic and telephonic communications were almost completely destroyed, it is impossible to obtain even an approximate idea of the vast damage done.

The fate of entire regions within the zone of the earthquake is unknown, but reports received here up to a late hour indicate that the havoc has been great and the destruction to life and property more terrible than Italy has experienced in many years. The uncertainty of the situation for many thousands has filled all Italians with the deepest distress, for they still have fear that the day may come when that part of the country, which seems to have been most blessed by nature, will be destroyed by the blind forces of that same nature which nearly nineteen centuries ago overwhelmed Pompeii and Herculaneum.

All reports show that the present catastrophe embraces a larger area than the earthquake in 1905. The tidal wave which followed the earth shocks on the eastern coast of Sicily sunk vessels and inundated the lower part of Catania. It is known that a number of people were killed at that place, but the rushing waters carried everything before them and caused such an indescribable confusion that it will be impossible for some time to estimate the damage and the lives lost.

The Italian government proceeded energetically to relieve the widespread distress, concentrating at the points of greatest need troops and engineers.

### Messina Suffers Most.

The city of Messina has suffered probably more than any other place, the latest information, coming indirectly from that quarter, stating that two-thirds of the town was destroyed and several thousand persons killed.

Not only did Catania suffer from the effects of a tidal wave, but a similar body of water inundated the handsome streets of Messina, which flank the harbor, covering them with a thick layer of mud, which rendered more difficult the succoring of the wounded, many of whom could be seen lying under the wreckage. It is reported that the villages of Faro and Gazzirol, adjoining Messina, have disappeared. The effects of the earthquake were aggravated by fire through an explosion of gas, the flames of which swept along several of the streets, adding terror upon terror.

### Fill Air With Lamentations.

In Calabria the region around Monte Leona was most affected. The village of Stefanconi, the inhabitants of which number 2,300, was practically destroyed. Only five persons were killed, but many were injured.

Extraordinary scenes are reported at Catania. Following a violent earth shock at 5:20 a. m. the sea rose in a tremendous wave, which wrecked many structures. It then suddenly retired from the shore and returned as quickly, causing further great damage and wreckage.

Although a terrific rain storm prevailed, thousands of people abandoned their homes and filled the air with lamentations and prayers.

### People Are Panic-stricken.

Awakened by the shock, the inhabitants fled panic-stricken from their homes into the streets and squares. Processions were organized, and soon all the churches were filled with weeping crowds, imploring divine mercy.

## PASTOR TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Searching Party Finds Missing Clergyman's Body in Pool of His Own Blood.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 30.—When he failed to arrive at church, where the congregation had assembled for Sunday morning worship, a searching party was formed to locate Rev. Robert L. Dougherty, pastor of the Congregational church at Buchanan, N. D., a small town near Jamestown, and on visiting his apartments over the Buchanan State bank the searchers found the minister in a pool of his own blood.

That he had committed suicide was established beyond a doubt, the razor with which he had accomplished the deed being gripped in the cold hand of the victim, while nearby was found a rambling note half explaining the deed. This note was evidently written Dec. 23, when he borrowed a revolver from a neighbor, and at which time his courage must have failed him.

His action had been under the surveillance of people of Buchanan, who were not satisfied that he was in his right mind.

### ATHLETES ARE SUSPENDED.

Charges of Professionalism Made Against Prominent Amateurs.

New York, Dec. 30.—There was consternation in amateur athletic circles last night, when announcement was made of the suspension of six prominent athletes, five of whom took part in the recent Olympic games at London. The suspended men against whom the charge of professionalism was made are Melvin W. Sheppard, Charles Bacon, Harry F. Porter and George V. Bonhag, all of the Irish American A. C.; F. C. Bellers, New York A. C. and James J. Lee, formerly of the Boston A. A., but now unattached.

The action taken last night was the outcome of a searching investigation by the registration committee of the Amateur Athletic union.

### REFORM FOR INDIA.

National Congress Approves Lord Morley's Plan.

Madras, Dec. 30.—The Indian national congress was opened in this city yesterday with 2,000 delegates in attendance. Emphatic approval of the reform plans for India advanced by Lord Morley, the Indian secretary, was expressed. The session yesterday was entirely harmonious, and the meeting this year promises to clear the air and put a damper on the activities of the agitators who recently have caused much anxiety.

At the last meeting of the congress just a year ago, opposition to the election of Dr. Behart Ghose as president resulted in a free fight and was the cause of the congress being indefinitely postponed.

### BABY'S CORPSE ABLAZE ON BIER.

Mother at Point of Death Sees Child's Casket Ignite From Candles.

New York, Dec. 30.—While at the point of death, Mrs. Edward O'Connor of Williamsburgh saw the dead body of her daughter, May, five years old, burned in an adjoining room.

The woman screamed and a relative, rushing into the parlor, found the casket a mass of flames. A man carried it to the street, where the flames were extinguished, but the body of the child was terribly charred.

An hour before the funeral was scheduled to take place Mr. O'Connor caused a window and the wind blew a lace curtain against the casket, setting it on fire.

### FIND SHORTAGE BY ACCIDENT.

Broker on Christmas Trip is Charged With Embezzling.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—A warrant charging embezzlement, was issued yesterday for Park A. Smith, junior member of the commission firm of Nugent, Smith & Co. He is accused of taking a sum said to be in excess of \$10,000 from the firm.

Smith left here a week ago for Toronto and the East to spend Christmas. An accidental examination of his books after his departure is said to have revealed a shortage.

### MUSICIAN IS PARALYZED.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 30.—Miss Alta Potts, formerly a resident of Spearfish, and who for a year or more was a member of a Minneapolis orchestra and achieved a great deal of fame as a trombone player, is at the home of her mother at Sheridan, Wyo., suffering from the effects of a paralytic stroke in her right arm.

### MURDERER A SUICIDE.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A few hours after she had returned from a visit at Milwaukee, Wis., the body of Miss Marie R. Dunn, a telephone operator of the Wisconsin Central railroad, was found in the lake yesterday. The police are uncertain whether the woman drowned herself or was murdered.

### BATTLE FLEET PASSES ADEN.

Aden, Arabia, Dec. 30.—The sixteen battleships composing the American Atlantic battleship fleet, under command of Rear Admiral Sperry, which is cruising around the world, passed this port yesterday, bound for Suez. The fleet left Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 20.

### TWO SKATERS DROWNED.

Trenton, Mo., Dec. 30.—While skating on a pond near here yesterday, Albert Blanchard and Carl Hildebrand, each twelve years old, broke through the ice and were drowned.

## TEN MEN KILLED IN IMMENSE CAVE-IN

Laborers Are Buried Under Tons of Loose Earth While Digging Trench.

### SEVERAL ARE BADLY INJURED

Disaster Occurs Without Warning; Presence of Gas Makes Rescue Work Difficult.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 30.—Two dead bodies have been recovered and eight more are known to be buried in an immense cave-in of a trench at the blast furnace plant at Ensley early last night. Several other laborers were injured, as also were two foremen who were superintending the work. Most of the dead are foreigners.

The cave-in occurred without warning and the bodies are being recovered with difficulty because of the large amount of gas which is pouring into the excavation from the furnaces. The men were working in a large trench, about eight feet below the surface. They were excavating for the gas line which is to connect the blast furnaces with the new battery of boilers which is to run the plant.

### WALL TOPPLES OVER.

The end of the old gas line, which extends the full length of the furnace plant, had been temporarily bricked up while the laborers were at work on the extension.

Mechanical carriers were used to take away the dirt excavated, and when a carrier broke last night a beam fell on the cement wall which formed one side of the trench the men were digging. The entire wall toppled over on the men and with it tons of loose earth which had been held up by the retaining wall.

When the wall fell it broke down the brickwork at the end of the big four-foot gas main and quantities of gas poured in upon the entombed men.

### OHIO TOGA IS IN AIR.

No Indications of Whose Shoulders It Will Fall.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 30.—With the arrival of Senator Foraker last evening the three leading candidates for the senatorship are here.

There are all sorts of unconfirmed rumors, but the real situation, according to unbiased observers is that the senatorship is up in the air as much as last week, with both the acknowledged leading candidates, Congressman Burton of Cleveland and Editor Charles P. Taft, brother of the president-elect, unable to secure enough votes to land the prize.

### ETHEL IS DEBUTANTE.

Washington, Dec. 30.—In the historic east room of the White House, beautifully decorated for the occasion, President Roosevelt's youngest daughter, Eth