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LAKE STEAMSHIP FAST IN THE ICE

Vessel Is in Danger of Being Crushed and Sunk. TOLEDO, O., Dec. 26.—The steamer A. L. Hopkins, which left Detroit last Tuesday morning en route to Toledo and which was sighted yesterday abreast of Toledo light, in Maumee Bay, is now fast in the ice and in grave danger of being crushed and sunk. To-day a tug attempted to reach her, but was not able to get within two miles of the boat. To-morrow another attempt will be made.

FIVE ARE KILLED IN A COLLISION

Two Trains Meet Head On and Casualty List Is Large. LONDON, Ont., Dec. 26.—A head-on collision occurred to-night at Wainstead, forty miles west of this city, between train No. 5, known as the Pacific Express, and a fast eastbound freight train on the Sarnia division of the Grand Trunk Railroad.

ROOSEVELT NOT TO BE ARBITRATOR

Continued From Page 1, Column 1. sential friendliness of the American people." The Daily Mail, in a violent attack upon the Government, says: "The most inglorious episode in which Great Britain has engaged in recent years."

TURN BACK SWEDISH BARK. Blockaders Prevent the Landing of Coal at La Guaira. LA GUAIRA, Dec. 26.—The Swedish bark Frammas, from Cardiff, with 45 tons of coal for the La Guaira-Caracas Railroad, a British concern, arrived off this port yesterday and was ordered to remain outside the blockade line.

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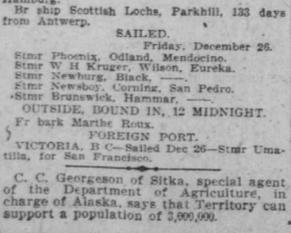
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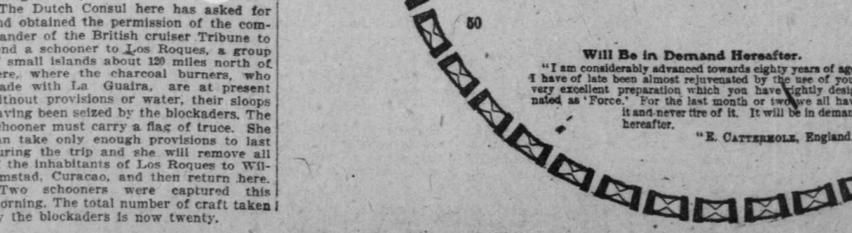
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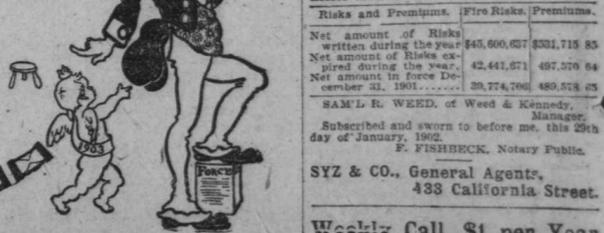
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