



THE WEATHER.
Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, December 26:
San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Saturday; light northwest wind.
G. H. WILLSON,
Local Forecaster.

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THE CALL



THE THEATERS.
Alcazar—"Blue Jeans."
California—"Foxy Grandpa."
Central—"Alphonse and Gaston."
Columbia—"Dolly Garden."
Fischer—"I. O. U."
Grand—"A Little Outcast."
Orpheum—"Vandeville."
The Chutes—"Vandeville. Special Matinee To-Day."
Tivoli Opera-House—"Iris."
Matinee To-Day at All Theaters.

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JAPAN IMPATIENTLY WAITS FOR ACTION BY THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE SIGNAL FOR WAR MAY SOUND IN THE SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY

GREAT BRITAIN RECOGNIZES PANAMA AND THE COLON POPULACE REJOICES

Consul General Gudger Tells of Peace.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The State Department has been officially advised of the recognition by Great Britain of the republic of Panama.

Consul General Gudger at Panama has transmitted to the department a report from the American Consul at Call, Department of Cauca, stating that the Colombian volunteer forces in that section are disbanding and there are no indications of an attack on Panama. From Cartagena comes information of a similar character.

COLON, Dec. 25.—Colon just now is in a state of joyful excitement following upon the news that the British Government had recognized the republic of Panama. This news, which was conveyed early in the day by the British Consul at Panama to the junta, was received here late last evening and immediately circulated. The foreign population of Colon is largely composed of subjects of Great Britain and they joined the natives in their jubilation. Senor Porfirio Melendez, the civil and



SUFFERING IN PATH OF MAD WINDS
Storm Sweeps Middle West, Doing Much Damage.

military governor of Colon, interpreting the feelings of the community, gave permission to the inhabitants to celebrate the event without restriction and full advantage was taken of this permission.

At 8 o'clock last night Governor Melendez, accompanied by a band and a military escort, together with a great crowd of the inhabitants, assembled in front of the British consulate, where the band played old English airs and the crowd cheered most enthusiastically. A torchlight procession was afterward formed, the crowd marching through the streets singing "God Save the King." This sentiment, "God Save the King," is heard everywhere today.

TRANSPORTS BEING MADE READY FOR ACTIVE SEA SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—War Department officials admit that the transports Sherman, Buford and Crook, now at San Francisco, are being made ready for sea. Primarily these vessels are intended for the Manila service, but officials make no concealment of the fact that they want to be ready for any emergency which may arise at any time, and should the Government desire to use any of them for the transportation of troops to Panama, the ships will be available for that purpose. Still the positive assertion is made that no orders have been received by the quartermaster's office with this end in view. It is simply, it is stated, a case of being prepared if the occasion arises.

The Sherman recently has returned from Manila. She is in need of some repairs, and the present intention of the quartermaster's office is to send her back to the Philippines on February 1. The Buford has been laid up at San Francisco for two years, and just now she is being overhauled and some coal saving appliances installed.

The Crook is in need of a thorough overhauling and renovating, which is being given her.

The cruiser Olympia, Admiral Coughlin's flagship, has been selected to bring Minister Beaupre from Cartagena to Colon, where the Minister will take a passenger steamer for New York.

The Olympia will reach Cartagena Sunday next.

At his request the Colombian government furnished Beaupre an armed escort from Bogota to Cartagena.

COLOMBIAN ENVOY HURRIES MESSAGES TO HIS GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—General Rafael R. Reyes, the Colombian Minister now in Washington on a special mission, spent a busy day today in preparation of his mail dispatches for Colombia. It is supposed these dis-

WASHINGTON, Ind., Dec. 25.—A new five-story building was blown down today in one of the most terrific wind storms that ever passed over this city. It was at first thought that persons who sought shelter in the structure had perished, but six men who had entered the building left it a moment before the crash. Telephone and telegraph wires are down.

Seymour also reports damage by the storm.

PETERSBURG, Ind., Dec. 25.—A terrific snow and wind storm struck this place this morning. Trees and signs were blown down and houses were unroofed. Six inches of snow fell and there was a change of eighteen degrees in an hour. The natural gas power-house caught fire and was burned.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—Almost zero weather prevailed to-night in St. Louis. The day opened comparatively warm and cloudy, but this afternoon a decided change set in, the sky clearing and the temperature falling thirty-one degrees in four hours. This fall in temperature was accompanied by a high wind that gained a velocity of forty miles an hour, doing considerable damage in various parts of the city.

At the height of the gale portions of the east and north walls of the partially completed \$1,000,000 Buckingham Hotel at West Pine and Kings Highway were blown down, causing damage estimated at \$75,000. The building had been leased for the world's fair period by the Buckingham Club, of which Miss Helen M. Gould is a member, but the contractor says this accident will not interfere with its completion on time. On the world's fair grounds near by considerable damage resulted from the wind, which blew down scaffolds and wrecked some temporary structures.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A severe snow storm, followed by a cold wave, visited Chicago today. The snow com-

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H.A. GUDGER
AMERICAN CONSUL
AT PANAMA

BRITISH STATESMAN AND
OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN
CENTRAL AMERICA.

SEARCHES FOR TICKET AND DIES

A Passenger Lifeless While Companions Converse.

TUCKER, Utah, Dec. 25.—Frank Dubois, a Sunnyside miner, while a passenger on a Rio Grande train, was approached by the conductor and asked for his ticket. The passenger gave a startled glance at the railroad official, put his hand to his left waistcoat pocket, gave a convulsive movement and expired.

The passenger's death was not noticed at the time by the conductor, who thought Dubois had merely commenced a hunt for a displaced ticket. The trainman walked away and friends of Dubois approached the latter, who sat erect, his head slightly to one side. They chatted for some time before some one addressed a remark direct to Dubois, and it was then discovered that he was dead.

The friends of Dubois pulled his hat down over his eyes and allowed the body to remain in a sitting posture until the train reached Salt Lake City. Many passengers noticed the form but had no idea they were traveling with a corpse.

Dubois had been ill for some time with blood poisoning and he was on his way to a hospital when his death occurred. It is supposed that his demise was caused by heart disease, aggravated by his weakened condition.

Newspaper Man Is Killed.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—Hugh A. Mullen, one of the proprietors of the Sunday Philadelphia World and well-known in local politics, was instantly killed to-night by being struck by a train. Among the papers found in his pocket was an accident insurance policy for \$5000. Mr. Mullen was 56 years of age.

INFURIATED WOMEN ARE THEIR FOES

Utah Deputies Meet Angry Wives and Retreat.

Attempted Eviction Causes a Serious Conflict at Clear Creek.

Armed Guards Scatter When the Mob Makes a Demonstration in a Mining Camp.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 25.—A mob of angry women attacked a number of deputy sheriffs who were making evictions at Clear Creek, Carbon County, to-day, forcing the guards to retreat after a hot battle.

The deputy sheriffs in the employ of the coal company were attempting to carry out orders to force all unmarried men to leave the property of the company. Legal notices had previously been served on all occupying company houses in the coal camp. The married men were given until the 31st to vacate.

The guards moved from house to house, forcing the men to leave their homes, until they came to a place where an Italian woman was employed as a cook. When she saw the armed guards enter the room she attacked one of them, striking him in the face with sufficient force to draw blood. The other guards were about to place her under arrest, when a mob of women who had gathered outside rushed to her rescue and attacked the deputy sheriffs in force.

For a few minutes there was a pitched battle, the women hitting, kicking, biting and scratching.

The officers protected themselves as best they could, but were finally forced to retreat. The victorious women then marched up the road singing in Italian a song of victory.

Later the guards returned with reinforcements and succeeded in evicting the strikers without further resistance. The striking miners took no part in the disturbance and urged the women to desist.

On the last day of the month the work of evicting the married strikers will commence. The Utah Fuel Company officials declare that they expect serious trouble at that date, but the union leaders declare that the strikers will make no resistance not authorized by law.

POPE PIUS RECEIVES SEVERAL MILLIONS

Funds Which Were Held Back at Request of Pope Leo XIII Are Now in Vatican.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Rome correspondent of the Figaro maintains the accuracy of the statement that the Pope has received through Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the congregation of the propaganda, several millions of dollars which were held back at the request of the late Pope Leo. The correspondent adds that the money had been invested and that Cardinal Gotti simply transferred to Pope Pius a memorandum of the investments without, however, handing to him the actual securities. It is pointed out that the official denials only cover this latter point.

POLICE KEEP PARIS STRIKERS IN CHECK

Locked Out Bakers Strongly Denounce Use of the Army to Preserve Order.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Beyond a few individual attacks by the striking bakers on bakeries, Paris was quiet today, a condition due to the disposition of a strong force of police and military guards.

The strikers held a meeting in the Bourne du Travail to-day and strongly condemned the use of the army to preserve order.

The strikers claim that 2100 bakers have stopped work, while the Chief of Police says that only 189 have gone out.

DISCOVERS TWO PEN SKETCHES OF DANTE

Professor Giovanni Livi of Bologna Finds a Valuable Parchment Dated in 1323.

ROME, Dec. 25.—Professor Giovanni Livi, director of the state archives at Bologna, which town is the principal center of Dante's fame, has found a parchment dated 1323 on which are two pen sketches representing Dante crowned by Bologna.

This discovery will prove of great interest to those who are searching for an authentic portrait of the poet.

Komura's Note Is a Demand on Russia

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent says it is reported that the note of Baron Komura, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to Baron de Rosen, the Russian Minister, in response to Russia's reply to the claims of Japan, has a paragraph to the effect that only two weeks would be allowed for an answer. This period expires January 7.

Agents of the Mikado Place Orders for Lead With Firms in New South Wales.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Sydney, N. S. W., cables that the Japanese Government has placed orders for large quantities of pig lead with New South Wales concerns, and that the presumption is that this lead will be used for the manufacture of bullets.

INSURGENTS MARCH ON A CAPITAL

Warships of Nations Gather at San Domingo.

SAN DOMINGO, Dec. 25.—It is rumored that the greater part of the people of the republic now under arms favor General Jimenez, the former President, who is said to be marching on this city at the head of a large number of insurgents. The provincial government is making active preparations for defense.

San Pedro de Macoris has declared in favor of the insurgents. The situation here is becoming extremely critical, though the city is quiet in expectation of events.

There is great depression in business circles as the result of the constant disturbances of the financial situation. The financial condition of the Government is very bad owing to the fact that the duties were mortgaged in advance by the Government of President Wos y Gil.

The United States cruiser Panther and the gunboat Newport arrived in port to-day. The German cruisers Yneta and Gazelle have also arrived. The Dutch warship De Ruyter has been sighted.

USES GUN BECAUSE GIFTS WERE LIMITED

Chicago Man Attempts to Kill His Uncle and Wounds His Cousin and Aunt.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—William Kauffman, nephew of George Kauffman, shot and fatally injured his cousin, Rosa Kauffman, and wounded his aunt, Mrs. Rega Kauffman, to-day in a quarrel over Christmas presents. Kauffman declared that his uncle had not given him a proper number of Christmas presents and attempted to shoot him. The women endeavored to act as peacemakers and Kauffman shot them both. He made his escape and has not been arrested.

TREATS OF LYNCHING CAUSE VIGILANCE

Nine Negroes Charged With Murder Are Spirited Away for Safe Keeping.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 25.—Threats of mob violence having become pronounced during the past two days, nine negroes, charged with murder, were to-day spirited away to Madisonville for safe keeping. The negroes are charged with the murder of an unknown man a week ago. One of the prisoners confessed that the stranger was murdered and robbed of \$100 by himself and companions.

MURDER OF NEGRO CAUSES EXCITEMENT

Blacks Threaten an Uprising Because a White Man Slays a Desperado.

QUITMAN, Ga., Dec. 25.—Reports reached here to-night of trouble at the village of Barney, eighteen miles east. The Sheriff with a posse has gone to the scene. The trouble grew out of the killing of a negro desperado by a white man. Rioting is feared, as there is excitement among the blacks.

SHIELDS HIS MOTHER BY KILLING FATHER

Seventeen-Year-Old Lad Commits Murder and Stops an Altercation Between Parents.

JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 25.—Bert Barron, aged 17, shot and killed his father, Matt Barron, a miner, here to-day while protecting his mother from assault. The elder Barron was intoxicated. Young Barron, who is under arrest, says the shooting was accidental.

Mercury at Zero in Omaha.

OMAHA, Dec. 25.—The mercury fell 35 degrees since 10 a. m., reaching zero at 8 o'clock to-night. The cold wave is general over Nebraska and Iowa and a lower temperature is promised to-morrow.

RUSSIA TAKES TIME TO CONSIDER CLAIMS PRESENTED BY JAPAN

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—The Russian Government is still considering the reply of the Japanese Government to its note which was sent in answer to Japan's demands relating to the situation in the Orient. A reconsideration of the proposals made in the Russian note is considered as a matter of course here. Russia has never been disposed to take any step which would lead to an abrupt termination of the negotiations with Japan.

In answer to inquiries the Russian Foreign Office has always insisted that the Russian proposals were so liberal that it would be scarcely probable to conceive any further concessions. While the Foreign Office is unwilling to admit that Russia is prepared to offer more than the concessions outlined in the last note, it is considered possible that the Government may suggest changes by which the Russian requirements may be met and satisfaction given to Japan.

A rumor has been circulated here that the United States Government is still inclined to suggest the reference of the difficulties between Russia and Japan to the Hague arbitration tribunal, but this rumor is believed to be merely the echo of a former suggestion made in the press of the United States.

TOKIO, Dec. 25.—At a dinner given by the Oriental Association to-night Former Minister Kato, who presided, said he deeply regretted that the people had not been taken into the confidence of the Government regarding the position of affairs between Japan and Russia. Nevertheless, he said, should the Emperor declare war, the nation would be found ready to give him unanimous support.

Count Okuma, the former Premier, said he agreed with the view expressed by Mr. Kato, and he thought it was now high time to let the people know the actual position occupied by the Government. He also declared that not only a feeling of chivalry but a desire for self-preservation required that Japan should buttress the integrity of China. Both speakers thought that the situation had reached an extremely critical stage.

RACE WAR IS STARTED AND NEGRO IS KILLED

Serious Trouble Is Feared at Lockland, a Small Suburb of Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.—In the race war to-day at Lockland, a suburb of this city, a negro was shot and seriously wounded. The trouble was the result of a dozen encounters the white residents have had with the colored inhabitants within the past week. More trouble is feared.

MASSACRE IS PLANNED IN RUSSIA

Horror of Kishineff May Be Repeated Very Soon.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

KISHINEFF, Dec. 19 (via Iglau, Dec. 25).—It is stated that unless the government at St. Petersburg entirely reverses its attitude and unless the expressed indignation of the civilized world prevents another massacre, the horrors of last April will be repeated on the Russian Christmas day, January 7.

The Jews here are terrified already and their terror is well founded. Leaflets vehemently calling on "Christians and Russians" to arise again and annihilate the Jews were found strewn in the "Moscow," a tea shop, to-day.

It was in Moscow that pamphlets denouncing the Jews for alleged ritualistic violation, inciting the first massacre, were discovered. Grigovief, proprietor of the tea shop, took the new pamphlets to the police to-day. Thereupon Prince Urusow, governor of Bessarabia, summoned Dr. Mucznik, a prominent physician, president of various charities and head of the Jewish community. This dialogue followed:

Prince Urusow—What would the Jews do if there was another outbreak against them?

Dr. Mucznik—Next time we will defend our lives at all cost.

The Prince—Very well, try it. But remember when the first drop of Christian blood is shed I cannot and I will not be responsible for what the police and soldiers will do.

Dr. Mucznik withdrew to bear his fateful message to his friends.

WANT OUTSIDE AID FOR RUSSIAN JEWS

England and America Will Be Asked to Put Stop to Outrages in Russia.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Baron Rothschild presided to-night at a joint meeting of the foreign committee and the board of deputation of the Anglo-Jewish Association, which was attended by the Rev. Dr. Herman Adler, chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British empire, and other prominent Jews.

The meeting considered the latest reports from Russia, predicting a renewal of the anti-Jewish outrages at Kishineff on the Russian Christmas day.

It was decided to approach Foreign Secretary Lansdowne and urge upon him the necessity of joint action by the Governments of Great Britain and the United States for the purpose of averting the further persecution of Jews in Russia.

HUNTERS FIND BODY OF WELL DRESSED MAN

Death Had Resulted From Shooting and the Evidence Is That of Suicide.

SALEM, Ind., Dec. 25.—Two hunters discovered the body of a well dressed man in the woods to-day near the Monon Railroad. A pistol with one chamber empty was clutched in the right hand. On the other hand was a glove. His mouth and lips were powder burned and a bullet was taken from just under the skull at the back of the head. On the right arm just above the elbow was found the name "G. Hope," tattooed. The body is supposed to be that of a Louisville man.

DRIVEN TO CRIME BY POVERTY ON CHRISTMAS

Father Murders His Three Motherless Children and Commits Suicide by Hanging.

HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Brooding over his inability to purchase Christmas gifts for his three motherless children, Joseph Phillips, a Hollowville farmer, last night murdered the children and then hanged himself in a barn.

New Orleans Postmaster Dead.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—J. Watts Kearney, Postmaster at New Orleans, died to-night. He was a prominent Confederate veteran, though since the war he has been a strong Republican.