

New Year breaks over Chicago but finds a day of festivity changed to a day of mourning

MAN CRAZED WITH DRINK

Charles Peckropy an Employee of the Stockyards Shoots Two Persons then Escapes

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A stockyard's employe, Charles Peckropy, crazed with drink this morning entered the room of boarding house and attempted to force a fellow boarder, Vincent Clark, to take a drink. The latter refused and Peckropy shot and mortally wounded him. He then rushed into the hall way, met Mrs. Mary Kreegk, and without warning shot her twice inflicting a fatal wound. Peckropy is still unaccounted for.

FUNDS FOR CODY'S CANAL

Big Horn Canal Scheme of Buffalo Bills Has Been Capitalized at \$3,500,000

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 31.—A telegram has been received from Col. W. F. Cody, who is now in New York, stating that he had secured \$3,500,000 in cash for the big Cody-Salisbury canal and irrigation project in the Big Horn basin and that work will be commenced early in the spring on this and several other enterprises in northern Wyoming.

The Cody-Salisbury canal was planned years ago, but not until now has Col. Cody been able to interest sufficient capital in the scheme to warrant going ahead with the project.

The canal will be seventy-five miles in length. The headgate will be in a deep canon where the Shoshone river cuts through Cedar mountain, six miles above Cody City. The big ditch will pass to the north of Cody City, and will carry sufficient water to irrigate several hundred thousands acres of land. Of the tract to be irrigated, however, 80,000 acres have already been segregated under the Carey act and there are 35,000 acres more of tillable land below the 80,000 acre tract to be reclaimed.

It is estimated that this canal and irrigation project will cost approximately one million dollars, but when completed it will be one of the most complete systems of irrigation to be found anywhere.

The land to be irrigated is the richest of any to be found in the Big Horn basin. It is the land selected by Buffalo Bill after traveling over the west and examining millions of acres of arid tracts.

In addition to the building of the big canal the \$3,500,000 will be used in building mercantile establishments, establishing breeding farms, building hotels, hunting lodges and summer resorts in the mountains west of Cody, and the establishment of stage and automobile lines from Cody to the Yellowstone park. Col. Cody has already arranged for the stage line, which will probably be in operation in time to care for the tourist travel to the park the coming year.

LAKE SHORE TRAIN WRECK

Passenger Double Header Ran Into an Open Switch Killing Both Engineers

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
GENEVA, O., Dec. 31.—The Lake Shore limited, double header, ran into an open switch at sixty miles per hour just west of the city this morning.

Engineers Spring and MacIntosh and Fireman Kelpin were killed outright. A number of passengers were injured, three seriously.

The wreck has caught fire.

WILL REPLY JANUARY 13TH

Word That Russia Has Set That Date to Answer Japan

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
PARIS, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says Russia's reply to Japan will be delivered on January 13th. It is intimated it will be in conciliatory terms.

HAVE OUTSIDE ACCOMPLICES

Car-Barn Bandits Admit They Have Friends Helping Them

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Roeski sweated this afternoon, admits that the car-barn bandits had accomplices outside whom the police have never suspected. He says he would have made his escape if the saw had not broken. All efforts of the police to find the saw have been fruitless.

WILL SERVE 25 YEARS

Murderer and Rioter Gets a Long Sentence For His Crimes

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
HAMILTON, O., Dec. 31.—Joseph Spivey, who created a riot in Oxford, October first and was nearly lynched after shooting down two men and attempting to shoot another was this morning sentenced for twenty-five years on three counts.

Scalded by Steam Explosion

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)

CLEVELAND, Dec. 31.—Seven men were scalded and three probably fatally by an explosion of a steam pipe at the Kuntz cabinet works, today. Those probably fatally hurt are Vincent Kuntz, George Gable and Adolph Gedeon.

Bank Cashier Suicides

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)

MINOT, N. D., Dec. 31.—W. C. Putnam, cashier of the bank at Lansford, committed suicide by shooting today. His accounts are believed to be correct.

APPALING LOSS OF LIFE IN CHICAGO HOLOCAUST

Officials Now Estimate that Fully 600 Are Dead or Dying With Many Bodies Not Yet Recovered

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 31.—At 9 o'clock this morning the police completed the list of bodies recovered in the Iroquois holocaust and found 591 with the prospect of finding other bodies, in the debris. It is almost certain the number will exceed 600.

The coroner still believes the total will reach seven hundred as the basement and upper dressing rooms of the stage and part of the upper galleries have not been thoroughly searched.

At the city hall where the lists of the victims and descriptions of the unidentified dead are being compiled, men, women and children throng the corridors. The death list is being added to hourly by the hospital reports where the injured were taken. The police believe that at least two hundred and fifty were injured.

The pumps are working on the basement which is flooded. At every step in the building the police find diamonds, jewels and furs. No one is permitted to enter the building without special permit from the chief of police and accompanied by a special. Thou-

LOOTED THREE SAFES

Robbers Make a Good Haul and Get Away Safely

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 31.—At San Jose last night burglars blew open the postoffice safe and stole one thousand dollars. They also opened the safe of the Uher Hardware store and secured two hundred; also the same amount from the safe of the Westside saloon, then escaped in a buggy.

TARIFF BILL DEFEATED

Cuban Congress Will Not Levy Additional Duties on the United States

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
HAVANA, Dec. 31.—The senate last night defeated the bill proposing to raise 25 per cent duties on American goods. The house today will probably take similar action.

FRENCH PANAMA COMPANY

Meeting of Stockholders Shows Some Opposition to Panama

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
PARIS, Dec. 31.—The annual meeting of the French Panama company, today was the occasion of an uproarious tumult. President Loud when the secretary alluded to the independence of the Panama republic warned the stockholders of the danger of the company being repudiated by Colombia should they open negotiations with the new state. The meeting closed after approving the accounts of the past year. The present commissioners were re-elected.

WORD FROM SAN DOMINGO

Important Capture of Arms and Ammunition Made by Provisional Government

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from Powell dated yesterday says two sailing vessels from Curacao bound for Agusa loaded with arms and ammunition for the insurgents were captured by the provisional dominion government.

The latter assuming the offensive was successful at Guerin. The prisoners are being sent to Sandomingo city.

SENATOR CRUM RETURNS HOME

Business Conditions Good in Middle West But "No Place Like Idaho"

Mr. Geo. E. Crum, one of the firm of White Bros. company, returned last night from an extended business trip throughout Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory and speaks very encouragingly of the business conditions existing in those states.

When asked concerning the general business conditions he said:

"I found good business conditions obtaining everywhere, one hears occasionally about the impending danger of a panic, but I saw nothing to cause any alarm along this line. There were evidences on all sides of prosperous conditions. Railroads were taxed to their utmost to handle their traffic, shippers in all departments of trade were complaining of a shortage of cars to handle the business."

"Farmers seem to be in the height of prosperity. They are improving their ranches and living better than ever before."

"In the cities I found a remarkable growth and increased values in real estate. Business men everywhere seem to have had a splendid trade. So long as farmers are reaping good crops and selling them at satisfactory prices, business men are flush with business and railroads handling enormous traffic, I see no occasion for any one to sound the tocsin of alarm of a panic."

"Yes, there was an intense interest manifested in the development of the resources of Idaho. People are turning their faces to the great northwest and are looking this way for investment. Many of them have been here and have seen the wonderful resources of this country and a climate containing the very 'wine of life' and are now impatient to come here and make permanent investments."

"Since making this trip I am firmer than ever in the conviction that there is no place like Idaho."

Chicago Wheat

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—There was no attempt to transact business on the board of trade today, the terrible fire of yesterday casting a gloom over the brokers.

No one seemed to care to trade, and when the depressed feeling became more apparent brokers left the pit. May wheat was nominal at 84½c.

HE INSPECTS THE CRUISERS

Japanese Minister at Rome Makes an Official Inspection of the New Warships

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
ROME, Dec. 31.—The Japanese minister went to Genoa this morning to inspect the two Argentine cruisers recently purchased by Japan. The guns are not yet mounted but could be made ready for active service in a short time.

Indictment Against Benson

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)
HELENA, Mont., Dec. 31.—Twin Cities limited Northern Pacific east-bound has been wrecked near Troy, Montana. Some are seriously injured. Seven cars left the track.

DES MOINES, Dec. 31.—The safe of O. Cohen, pawnbroker, was cracked last night and \$8,000 worth of diamonds taken. Ten suspicious characters have been arrested.

