

THRONGS OF MERRYMAKERS

City's Streets Present Carnival Appearance.

CHRISTMAS EVE'S GAY CROWDS.

Chaffing and Jollity, Rough and Gentle—Caste and Station Utterly Ignored, and Holiday Cheer Makes All Men Glad, for Christmas Comes But Once a Year.

The streets were thronged with hurrying people, pushing, jostling and crowding. The stores were filled with weary, tired shoppers, delivery wagons ran here and there burdened with gifts; noise, dim, and clamor clouded the air; there was joy and mirth and fun-making; a little child with sad and solemn face and tattered garments weened his way unnoted through the boisterous throng, stopping occasionally to peer at the gorgeous display of good things in the brilliantly lighted shop windows.

Good Fairy to Him, Indeed.

It was last night, the night before Christmas. Then, as Jean Valjean did when he first saw the little creature carrying her bucket of water and looking wistfully in at the shop windows, a stranger took the little wail by the hand and led him into a store and made the astounded lad to select whatever he wished.

It was something which shone and dazzled the boy's eyes. He looked at it and in an instant was swallowed up in the maddening crowd, but one little heart was glad to rejoice with exceeding joy. And it was possible, because a hundred and one years ago another child was born to Bethlehem of Judea.

In commemoration of that event Washington will rejoice today in keeping with all the Christian world. The echo of that sweet refrain which the angels sang, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," which has resounded through the centuries, is heard above the clatter of bustling life. It is that spirit which has impelled the good men and women of this great Capital to do great deeds of charity and of love and kindness, in order that even the lowliest may have reason to be glad today.

Nothing But Joyous Enthusiasm.

If street scenes and incidents of yesterday may be taken as an index, there can be no doubt of the fact that Christmas is the most joyous day of all the year. This joy found expression in many ways, and was manifested by men of all ages and all classes.

There was the family man with empty pockets but arms full, a veritable Santa Claus laying in a stock of Christmas toys, the demure matron, likewise making purchases to fill her Christmas basket, and the young man with burning affection, who searched in many jewelry stores for a suitable gift for his lady, the happy merchant with depleted stock, but bearing till, rejoicing in Yuletide prosperity, and the overworked clerk, glad that the season of their most arduous labor was passed.

All this and more, while thousands strolled up and down the streets blowing horns, ringing bells, and in a hundred different ways giving noisy demonstration of their happiness. But the crowds were good natured and jovial, although at times the crush was so great that pedestrians were obliged to shove their way through the throngs. At Seventh Street, Pennsylvania Avenue, and portions of F Street were well-nigh impassable.

Santa Claus Up to Date.

At home the little folk retired early; it needed not a second suggestion to hasten them to slumber, for was not old Kris about to do great deeds of charity to bestow his rich gifts upon all good boys and girls? Was he not coming in his automobile and rattle? For the Santa Claus of today must be up to date, and the absence of snow in this climate precludes the use of his familiar old sleigh and foot-footed reindeer. So the little boys and the big stockings were hung by the mantel and not by the fireplace, for Santa in the modern home comes up through the radiator.

It was long after midnight, however, before the city settled down to slumber; to awaken this morning prepared for the customary observance of the day. Through the organized and individual efforts of the charitable and benevolent nearly every home in Washington and nearly every person will be supplied with a good and wholesome Christmas dinner.

The rich in their plenty have substantially remembered the poor, and there will be who are not made happy in some way.

Some Good Work Done.

The Associated Charities, the Salvation Army, the Central Union Mission, the Howard-Bond Mission, the Nollies of the Mystic Shrine, and dozens of other organizations have been at work for several days providing good cheer for everybody. Alma Temple has prepared and distributed among 1,500 needy families a merry basket laden with delicacies for Christmas dinners, and other organizations have done likewise on a more or less extensive scale.

In all of the different public and semi-public institutions, the inmates were treated to a beautiful repast, at the various homes for the aged, the infirm, the helpless, at St. Elizabeth's, the New-boys' Home, the missions, the Soldiers' Home, and similar places, there will be turkey and cranberry sauce, plum pudding, and all of the delicacies which go to make up the usual Christmas dinner.

Will Not Secure Keeler.

Johnson Thinks He is Obligated in Some Way to Hanlon.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—There is no likelihood that Keeler will play with any Athletics League team next year, says Dan Johnson, "for I think he is obligated to Hanlon in some way."

"Kelly will make a great difference in the Baltimore team, and McGraw's aggression will have to be figured on when the flag is discussed. Conley has a good team, but the other teams are much stronger than they were last year. Boston will be very strong next season, and St. Louis will have a first division bunch."

"The American League managers were allowed to pick whatever they wanted this year. The plan of allotting certain players to certain clubs, such as we had last year, is not satisfactory. Certain of the managers took advantage of the others by signing some man they wanted, especially, and then explained it by saying that the player had told them that he would not sign with the team; but he was allotted to, and would play with no other team in the league but theirs."

Greetings Deluge the Pope.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The Pope is deluged with messages containing the greetings of the season. His Holiness has received 4,000 telegrams and 5,000 messages, many of them from the United States. He also received many costly presents.

MAKING PRESENTS TO THE LUNATICS.

SCENES AT ST. ELIZABETH'S. Honoring Defendants of the Unfortunate Who Imagine Themselves Happier Far Than Their Sane Brethren.

The patients at St. Elizabeth's enjoyed their annual Christmas frolic last night which is provided every year for them through the beneficence of their Uncle Sam. The exercises were held in the chapel, which was festooned with garlands of evergreen and bunches of holly, and an enormous fir tree, ablaze with electric lights, and weighted down with presents, occupied the centre of the stage, where Superintendent A. B. Richardson, his family, and medical staff were seated.

The patients filled the entire body of the hall, and interspersed among them were their attendants, robed in cool, frock-looking sash and aprons and white caps and aprons of white.

Both the men and women wore their best hats and coats, and some of their clothes bore the marks of sartorial superiority, but the wretches had, in some indefinable way, made them appear anything but conventional.

Dementia Shows Through Ordinary Dress.

With the women it was an exuberance of ribbons and extra flourishes; the men all seemed either too big or too small for their garments. But the poor, vacant-minded creatures were a most attentive lot, and observed a decorum not characteristic of a number of persons who go through the world as sane individuals.

When the church organ played one of the attendants, burst into the hall dressed as the benevolent Santa Claus usually appears to human eyes, the patients clapped their hands and acted like children they really are. After the saint of Christmas had made his little speech, and the orchestra had played, Dr. J. C. Simpson, one of the faculty, proceeded to distribute the presents, of which there was one for every patient, and all of a nation calculated to please them for the foundation principle of the treatment at the asylum is to honor every lunatic according to his mind, provided it be a mild one, and only patients of that type were permitted in the chapel.

Thought Himself the Czar.

Dr. Simpson, a big, handsome, smooth-shaven fellow, immaculately attired in evening dress, made jolly with all the crazy people in a whimsical fashion that seemed to please them.

Holding up in view a huge pair of rubber boots, of the very largest size that could be made, he said, "I have a present here for the Czar of all the Russias, Siberia and Asia. Will he kindly step forward?"

This astounding announcement created not the slightest sensation among the audience, as from their midst a tall, ferociously bewhiskered man made his way to the platform. He was belted to the chin in a tight fitting frock coat, the lap ornamented by a red ribbon, which he declares is the Order of the Golden Fleece bestowed on him by the Czar. As he received the boots he gave the doctor a regal, condescending bow and remarked to him generally, "Fardou me, fardou me, I am a czar, I am a czar."

Forgot Part of His Title.

"You are forgotten, sir," returned the Czar with kindly forbearance. "You know I am greatly interested in Kamachaka, as we are raising butterflies there to distribute through the world and increase the love for the beautiful," and with an air of military aplomb as he saluted Dr. Richardson he strode away.

For thirty years June Vidal has been an inmate of St. Elizabeth's, coming there when she was a child, and she was as juvenile in manner last night as when the late Dr. Godding received her as a harmless and hopeless imbecile.

Jane, a corpulent negro with a strain of Guinea blood in her veins, was dressed last night in a baby pink dress, cut Kate Greenaway style, which displayed her excessive ebullience, and as she received her present she complimented the doctor on his fresh complexion until he asked her to excuse her own blotches.

The hope of the Napoleonic dynasty, the Prince Imperial, is interred in history. The brave died in Zululand while fighting for the alien flag of England, and yet he received last night from the doctor a scarlet neck kerchief bordered with gold of France.

Refused to Take Gift.

When the doctor handed Ray Cuffin, a mulatto, a piece of dress goo; she threw it back to him indignantly. "Dat air thing is nuffin but a turkey bow," she said, and refused to accept it.

Her strange remark caused no comment except a hearty laugh from the patients.

A great many of the patients, on receiving their gifts, thanked both Dr. Simpson and Dr. Richardson in most appropriate terms, felicitating him on the occasion so well that it was hard to realize that their brains were tainted with insanity.

One fine-looking man, as he received the picture of a dog's head, presented Dr. Richardson with a handsomely framed photograph of himself, and without him a fervent "Good-bye."

"He expects to leave tomorrow," explained the doctor, adding that his case was very nearly hopeless.

Some Strange Delusions.

"He is like the Czar," remarked Dr. Simpson, who had finished his labors. "His majesty has been preparing for years to make a trip to the North Pole, and that is why he wanted those boots, which I am afraid he will never wear out of the temperate zone."

Dr. Richardson made a short address to his people, and when he referred to the birth of Christ, two men in the hall arose, bowed and reentered themselves. They were the victims of a religious mania, and imagine themselves to be the Saviour. Today they had a big dinner with the conventional turkey, cranberry sauce, and plum pudding, when 2,000 patients and 800 employes will sit down to tables which will hold 3,700 pounds of turkey.

Constantinova May Return.

BELGRADE, Servia, Dec. 24.—King Alexander has offered to allow his uncle Constantinova, whom he expelled from Servia some weeks ago for insulting Queen Dragoda, to return, if he begs the Queen's pardon and kisses her hand.

GUARDING PUPILS' HEALTH.

Homeopathic Physicians Endorse Proposed Methods of School Inspection.

The homeopathic physicians of Washington have endorsed the establishment of a system of medical inspection in the public schools in a report drawn up by a number of prominent members of this school of the medical profession, which has been received by the Board of Education.

It recommends practically the same system that has already been proposed by the Medical Society of the District, the only point of difference being the methods of election.

The allopathic physicians favor appointment of medical inspectors by competitive examination, but the homeopaths deem it advisable that the Board of Education should appoint the inspectors, should control them when appointed, and should supervise the entire process which they follow.

The report drawn by the homeopathic physicians is signed by the following members of the medical profession: J. B. Greve, George C. Thomas, J. B. Habbitt, William R. King, S. S. Stearns, L. B. Swormstedt, Charles A. Davis, and F. A. Gardner.

The resignation of R. H. Terrell, principal of the Colored High School, and of E. M. Gregory, a teacher there, were accepted by the Board of Education at a meeting in Franklin School last night.

Mr. Terrell retired to become one of the ten justices of the peace recently appointed under the revised code for the District by the United States. He will enter upon the duties of his office on January 1. Mr. Gregory returns to go to New Jersey to begin the practice of law.

As candidates for appointment as principal of the Colored High School to succeed Mr. Terrell nearly every member of the teaching corps has applied for the position. These include W. B. Hayson, W. T. Jackson, P. B. Bailey, H. L. Bailey, M. E. Westphalen, James Strawn, and Mrs. A. H. Cooper, who is Director of Atlanta University, is also a candidate.

MACLAY SURE TO LEAVE NOW.

MALIGNER'S SALARY LOST TO HIM.

Without Debate Upon the Matter the President Acts Most Promptly After Being Informed of His Refusal to Resign.

"I will not resign," said Edgar Stanton MacLay.

"You are discharged," said President Roosevelt.

These in substance if not in actual words were the two messages which passed between New York and Washington yesterday.

It was the President's message, transmitted through Secretary Long, which had effect, and the author of "A History of the United States Navy," in which Rear Admiral Schley is referred to as a coward, a traitor, and a liar, is to no longer carried as a special laborer on the Government rolls.

MacLay, after having been advised by Rear Admiral Barker of Secretary Long's request for his resignation, wrote the commandant of the navy yard declining to accept the suggestion, and seeking protection behind the civil service rules. He wrote the commandant the following letter:

Wrote to Admiral Barker. "NAVY YARD, NEW YORK, Dec. 23. "Rear Admiral S. Barker, Commandant: "Sir—I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your communication of this day, in which you have requested the following communication from the Honorable Secretary of the Navy: 'I am directed by the President to ask Edward S. MacLay, special laborer, general storekeeper's office, navy yard, New York, to send in his resignation.'"

"I respectfully submit that I was regularly appointed to my present position after having duly passed a clerk's examination in accordance with the requirements of the civil service regulations, and therefore cannot be discharged without being made against me, and without having an opportunity to answer those charges. I have been in the office of fifteen months, have been promoted for efficiency, and so far as I know my work has been satisfactory to my superiors. I have violated no rule or regulation of this office or of the navy yard as far as I am aware."

Fears Doing Himself an Injustice. "Such being the case, I feel that it would not only be an injustice to myself to resign under such circumstances, but would establish a precedent that virtually concerns thousands of civil service employees, national and State. Yours, respectfully, EDGAR S. MACLAY."

Admiral Barker mailed this letter to Secretary Long. Mr. Long received it yesterday morning and took it to President Roosevelt.

The President did not debate the matter. He promptly directed the Secretary to order MacLay's discharge. "I do not want to stand for no back talk from the special laborer-historian in the general storekeeper's office of the Brooklyn navy yard."

He gave him the Wakeman treatment. Secretary Long went back to his office in the Navy Department and wrote out the following telegram, which he sent to Rear Admiral Barker:

"By order of the President Edgar S. MacLay is discharged. Notify him."

General Seaman came here on business connected with the National Guard of his State two weeks ago, and was immediately seized with the attack, which grew steadily worse until yesterday evening, when he made a rally, and the doctors now have hopes of pulling him through.

He is being attended by Dr. Cahill, the hotel physician, and Dr. W. W. Bennett, Mrs. Seaman, who was in New York when her husband's condition became dangerous, returned at once to Washington, and is in attendance upon him constantly.

SAYS TROOPS DELAY PEACE.

Governor Taft on Philippine Conditions.

MANY HINDRANCES TO CIVIL RULE.

Ho Asserts That Soldiers Should Be Quartered in Large Cities, Where They Cannot Mix With Filipinos—Army Officers Not in Harmony With Native Officials.

MANILA, Dec. 24.—Governor Taft, who sailed this morning for the United States, will, upon his arrival at Washington, open the eyes of the Administration to the real situation in the archipelago. There will be many surprises if his complete reports are published.

The present conditions. He will minutely describe the conditions prevailing here, the progress of pacification, and the civil establishment and relations between the military and civil authorities which are necessarily harmonious between chiefs, but frequently conflicting with the provincial subordinates, notably the Governors, the military commanders not appreciating the importance of maintaining friendly relations with them.

It is useless to deny that the Philippine Commission and General Chaffee differ as to the extent of pacification and the necessity for maintaining the various garrisons. Both realize their mutual dependence, but the civil authorities feel that the presence of soldiers in many localities is detrimental to peace and harmful to the soldiers and natives.

Would Concentrate Troops.

Prior to his departure, Governor Taft said: "The sooner the soldiers are withdrawn from the larger towns of the provinces where civil government has been established and concentrated in a few large garrisons, where they would not be allowed to mix with the natives, the sooner general tranquillity will be established. The rapid recruiting of the constabulary changes the public safety which was first guaranteed by the army, and when the constabulary reaches its full strength within a year I believe that the army can be reduced to 20,000 men."

Civil Government Strong. "The civil government was never so well organized as at present, and I was never so hopeful. The attitude of the Filipino generally is one of loyalty. Progress has been made in nearly every province. The recent municipal elections promise success for the provincial elections in February."

Immediate Congressional action is necessary in relation to the currency, the coastwise shipping laws, and the tariff. A permanent government will be established within a definite period, which will not be delayed by the Samar, the Batangas, and Laguna disturbances.

Cheers for Governor Taft.

A large delegation of Filipino provincial representatives accompanied Governor Taft from the palace to the transport Grant, where the Governor was heartily cheered as he, with assistance, slowly climbed the gangway.

General Seaman has surrendered to the province of Bohol with twenty-five men, a cannon and fifty-four rifles.

Enhancement in a Ravine.

In an engagement in a ravine in Batangas province the Twenty-first Infantry killed twenty-two Filipinos. The conflict was fought hand to hand. Lieutenant Connelly and a private were severely wounded with bullets.

Death Came Here Wealth.

Inventor Was Soon to Have Received a Fortune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Edward Taylor Bradford, a mining engineer, died this afternoon at 32 West Ninety-fourth street, where he had boarded with a Mrs. Brown. Early in the day he had called at the office of Coroner's physician O'Hanlon, at 121 West Ninety-fifth street, and had told Dr. O'Hanlon that he was suffering from heart disease and that some patent medicine he had been taking seemed to be doing him more harm than good.

Dr. O'Hanlon advised him to let the patent medicines alone and gave him a prescription.

"I want to live at least another week," said Bradford, "because then I will get a million dollars for an invention I have perfected."

Bradford went back to the boarding house and laughed and joked with two friends. About 2 o'clock they left him. An hour later he was found dead on his bed. A physician said he seemed to have died from heart disease.

Soon after Bradford's death two men called at the house and tried to persuade Mrs. Brown to give them Bradford's papers and effects. Mrs. Brown refused, saying that she intended to turn them over to the public administrator, she said she did not know who the two men were.

It is said that one of Bradford's visitors early in the afternoon was Alfred Purdy, of 117 West Fifty-seventh street. Purdy refused tonight to talk about Bradford's invention. His brother, Oscar, said with some reluctance: "My brother knew Bradford. He had met him in Denver. He was interested in a smelter which Bradford had invented and had almost perfected. This smelter, which he called the 'Bull' smelter, was of something like 600-hp. A company had been formed and ready to buy the invention. One million dollars was to be paid for it. Bradford had a wife and two children in Denver. They came on to see him recently, and returned about two weeks ago."

Cyclone in Colorado.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 24.—A tornado struck the eastern foothills yesterday, and reports of serious damage to buildings and improvements are numerous. The worst effect was in Golden, about thirteen miles west of Denver, where over a score of houses were unroofed. No fatalities are reported.

Explosion Wrecked Three Buildings. KENTON, Ohio, Dec. 23.—An explosion of gas in Bartholomew's fruit store today demolished three storerooms and injured five persons, two seriously. Wind damage also broken in nearly every building around the public square, and it was all caused by a plumber loosening for a leak with a candle.

MRS. DENNIS IMPROVING.

Police Decide Not to Press Her for Story of the Assault.

It was stated at Garfield Hospital last night that Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis had continued to improve during the day. Dr. Wade H. Atkinson visited the hospital twice yesterday, and found Mrs. Dennis much better.

It has been determined not to again press her for a statement as to the assault until her condition improves beyond the danger point.

SERVICE IN GARDNER CHAPEL.

Private Communion in Mrs. Jack's Famous Venetian Palace.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—At 12 o'clock tonight, at the hour in the neighboring city towers began ringing out the chimes of another Christmas, the Rev. Dr. William B. Frisbie, rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, stood before the altar in the little oratory of Mrs. John L. Gardner's famous Venetian palace in the Back Bay and celebrated the Holy Communion.

The service was distinctly private, only members of Mrs. Gardner's household being present, and was dedicatory in character. Frisbie consecrated the altar in connection with the communion service.

Not until Mrs. Gardner threw open the doors of the building to her guests at a formal housewarming, early next month, probably on January 6, will the society people of Boston have the privilege of even a glimpse of the carefully guarded interior, and Dr. Frisbie is pledged not to divulge to parishioners the slightest tidings of how the palace is furnished.

The upper part of the palace is practically completed, and Mrs. Gardner, with a retinue of servants, has been occupying her private apartments there for the last fortnight. On the easterly corner of the same upper story is Mrs. Gardner's sleeping apartment, the windows of which are heavily hung with canopy yellow silk draperies. Directly off this room is the oratory, which, to use the words of one enthusiast, is of "surpassing magnificence."

The chapel is quite small and will accommodate not more than a dozen persons, and is intended solely for the occupants' private use. The altar is of English oak, elaborately carved, and the interior is hung with the rarest of old tapestries bought from Europe by Mrs. Gardner several years ago.

The remainder of the building is being rushed to completion as rapidly as possible, as it is Mrs. Gardner's wish to have the palace entirely completed before the formal opening.

FORGERY CHARGE MAY BE BROUGHT.

MAGISTRATE DENOUNCES CHIPP. Refuses to Reduce Amount of Bail When Prisoner is Arraigned in Centre Street Police Court.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Charles P. Chipp, the bookkeeper in the bureau of assessments and arrears, who was arrested last Thursday upon a charge of stealing money from the department, was arraigned today in the Centre Street police court for examination, and was held in \$10,000 bail for the grand jury. Francis H. Boland, his counsel, sought to have the bail reduced to \$5,000, but Magistrate Brann would not listen to the proposition.

A Serious Accusation.

"The accusation against this man," he said, "is a serious one. It seems to me, indeed, that the district attorney would be justified in bringing in a charge of forgery. The way of the transgressor is hard, and justly so."

"Recent men rarely get their due. I have no sympathy with public rogues. For the matter of that, I have less with men who prey upon the public funds."

The suggestion put forward by Magistrate Brann that Chipp might be charged with forgery was not lost upon Assistant District Attorney Schurman. He turned at once to look up the law on the subject, and while he was so engaged Magistrate Brann made some remarks which served to add to the dejection that afflicted Chipp.

Like Tweed's Case.

"This man's offences," the magistrate said, leaning back in his chair and seemingly soliloquizing, "are similar to those committed by Tweed. I think Tweed had a cumulative sentence. If I remember rightly, Justice Davis sentenced him to a term that would have amounted to about sixty years."

Chipp was shortly afterwards taken back to the Tombs.

Comptroller Cole is considerably disturbed by the reports that defalcations in the bureau of assessments have been found to reach a very large sum. He took particular pains to impress upon reporters today that the investigation instituted by him (covering only seven years—from the time, in fact, when Colonel Glion was put in charge of the department) disclosed a shortage of only \$30,000.

To Go Through the Books.

Mayor-elect Loo, it is said, will instruct his commissioners of accounts to go through the books of every branch of the finance department with a view of ascertaining whether other frauds have been practiced.

NOT OPPOSED TO THE SALE.

Alleged Demonstration in Danish West Indies a Myth. SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 24.—A despatch to the "News" from St. Thomas states that no demonstration has occurred there against the cession of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The only basis for the report was that a squad of marines from the Danish warship Valmyen marched through the town.

They were followed by the rabble, as they were called by the Danish war vessel which visited the island, and the affair had no political significance whatsoever. The despatch adds that the United States natives favor the sale of the islands.

GENERAL ALGER'S CONDITION.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—A bulletin issued by General Alger's physicians late this afternoon said the general's condition remained unchanged. The patient's pulse and temperature showed no change from the morning.

Earlier in the day Doctors Longyear and Jennings had issued a bulletin to this effect: "General Alger passed a very good night, sleeping much of the time. He had very little pain or discomfort. Temperature, 99.2, pulse, 74, every branch of the body and of the second day is very encouraging."

DEATH IN COMPANY.

Boardman, who sent a dispatch, at a late hour, to the chief of police of Schenectady, N. Y., asking that the authorities there locate and notify relatives of Klingler of his death. No reply has yet been received.

The room where Klingler and the woman died is a small, square apartment, having a single window, a gas jet, a bed, a bureau, and a washstand. The single door of the room opens on a hallway. Adjoining room 22 is a bathroom on the one side and room 23 on the other. The latter was unoccupied.

The Dead Man's Effects.

A satchel belonging to Klingler was found in his room, and is held by the police with his other effects. In this satchel was a pocketbook, containing about \$10, and papers. The papers established his identity. A Bible was also found in the satchel.

Slews were taken last night to identify the woman found dead. A number of persons viewed her remains.

To a reporter last night Mr. Lyons stated that he had not yet been able to obtain a license to run a hotel, although he had applied for one. The police, in view of this condition of affairs, understand that no violation of the law resulted from the failure of Mr. Lyons to require his guest to register.

Luther D. Watt, a guest at Hoy's Hotel, Eighth and D Streets, knew Klingler since the latter came to this city. He said the dead man has relatives throughout New York State. He knew nothing about the woman.

SENATOR SEWELL WEAKER.

Death May Come at Any Time, It Is Stated. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Senator Sewell is growing steadily weaker. He is conscious, but may die tonight.

BOTH CANDIDATES ARE ANTI-CROKER.

NEW YORK FIGHT COMPLICATED. Perry Belmont Attacks His Former Leader, While O'Grady Declares He Is Not the Squire's Man.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—It looks as if the villains in Tammany Hall who are opposed to the dictation of Mr. Croker had taken advantage of his absence from the city and put up two anti-Crocker candidates for Congress as Tammany nominees in the Seventh District. Perry Belmont, who was nominated on Saturday night by alleged bolters from a regular Tammany convention, declared today that Mr. Croker had equivocated, to put it mildly, and that he was glad of an opportunity to fight him.

Not Croker's Man. Councilman Joe O'Grady, who was nominated at what is alleged to have been the adjourned regular convention, under the leadership of Police Commissioner Murphy, on Monday evening, says that he is not Croker's candidate and that his nomination was not favored by the chief.

Mr. Belmont gave out a statement this afternoon in which he cast several bricks at the squire. He said: "If I had been the candidate of Mr. Croker I would not have accepted the nomination. Mr. Croker's assertion that he had been neutral in this matter and has, as he expressed it, 'kept his hands off,' has been discovered by me to be false in every particular. He dictated the nomination of Mr. O'Grady in the convention which met illegally last night. He said what was not true when he said he would leave the matter to the district leaders."

Invites His Opposition.

"If he had the courage and frankness that most men should have in such matters, he would have told me and my friends that he was against me; he has been against me from the beginning, and he will be against me to the end of this campaign, and I invite his opposition."

"When Councilman O'Grady was asked if it was true that his nomination was dictated by Mr. Croker, he looked surprised. "What," he said, "Croker dictated to me? You're trying to fool me. Why, Croker does not know anything about me. You bet he did not want me nominated."

So Protest Filed.