NEWS BY WIRE AND CABLE.

Interesting Items of Happenings Throughout The Entire Country.

HALE WINS THE SIX DAYS' RACE.

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Murder and Suicide.

Sam Saulters, colored, at Cincinnati, O., Saturday, shot his wife, killing her, and then committed suicide.

China Adding to Her Navy.

Special Chinese envoys now in Italy have placed several orders for large battleships and cruisers.

Run Over by a Train.

Roe Hall and Joe Willett, of Wedonio, were killed at Maysville, Ky., last Saturday evening, by the E. F. V. engine, on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, in front of which they attempted to drive a buggy.

An Old Man Burned to Death.

The home of Mrs. Charlotte Shellnut was destroyed by fire at Walnut Grove, Ga., Friday night. Mrs. Shellnut, who was about sixty-five years old, rushed back into the house and was burned to death. All the other inmates escaped.

Bicycle Exposition.

The bicycle show was opened Saturday in Palais de d'I' Industri, Paris, and attracted immense throngs of people. There were 550 exhibitors, including 23 Americans, who scored great success, owing to the original arrangement of their exhibits.

A Dishonest Bank Official.

M. A. Spurr, of Nashville, Tenn., convicted of falsely certifying checks while president of the Commercial National bank of that city, was Saturday sentenced by Judge Severns to imprisonment for two years and six months. Spurr has been allowed 30 days in which to prepare an appeal to the United States supreme court.

Walling's Sentence Affirmed.

The court of appeals Saturday reaffirmed the decision of the lower court at Newport, Ky., in sentencing Alonzo Walling to be hung as the accomplice of Scott Jackson in the murder of Pearl Bryan last January. It is quite likely the date fixed for the execution of both men will be made about the anniversary of the murder, or early in February.

One Man Murdered, Another Beaten.

Thomas Barnett was fatally shot by a mob of fifteen men at his home at Jackson, Ky. No cause is assigned and no arrests have been made. Five masked men Friday night took from his house at Jackson, Ky., George Deaton, aged sixty-five, and administered fifty lashes. No one can conjecture why he was so mistreated. Deaton knows the men, but is threatened with death if he tells.

A Pension Examiner Arrested.

At Toronto, Ont., Saturday afternoon, Detective Davis arrested James A. Jordan, of Grand Rapids, Mich., on a charge of forgery involving a large amount of money. Jordan is a United States government official, employed as a pension examiner, and is charged with forging the government signature. There are two United States officials in the city looking after the case.

New Road for Hot Springs.

The construction of a branch of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railroad from Mena, Ark., to Hot Springs seems assured. A preliminary survey of fifteen miles has already been made, and the contract for ties for the road has been let. Active work will begin as soon as the grading of the main line has been completed. The construction of this road will give Hot Springs a much desired and valuable outlet to the West.

$400,000 Iron Furnace Sold.

The Bristol (Tenn.) Iron Furnace, with a capacity of 150 tons a day, was sold Friday in accordance with a decree of court. The property was bought for the Home Iron Company, the bid being $55,000. The property included in the deal is estimated to be worth about $400,000. The bid is likely to be raised, but if the sale should be confirmed it is the purpose of the purchasing company to operate the furnace. The property has stood idle for five years.

A Cast Iron Trust.

The filing of a suit in the United States circuit court at Chattanooga, Tenn., has brought to notice the existence of a cast iron trust, three of whose members are located within that mineral district. The trust is said to be composed of prominent firms in Cincinnati, O., Louisville, Ky., Anniston, Ala., Chattanooga, Tenn., Bessemer, Ala., and South Pittsburg, Tenn., and was formed in December, 1894, since which time prices have been advanced $3 to $9 per ton.

A Remarkable Case.

Marie Barberi's second trial was i every way one of the most remarkabl that has been held in New York city The lawyers had to seek a new line defense. An investigation showed th there was a taint in her blood. T plea of masked or psychical epiley had been made before in criminal cases, but never under such circumstances. Most experts insisted that there could be no appearance of premeditation in the crime of a psychical epileptic. When the jury brought in the verdict Friday of "not guilty," Mrs. Foster, the matron, who had charge of Marie Barberi, pressed a fervid kiss upon the lips of the young woman, exclaiming "Thank God." Mrs. Foster has made arrangements to take her away to some quiet country place.

Hale Wins the Six Days' Race.

Edward Hale, of Ireland, won the six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden, New York, having ridden 1,910 miles and 8 laps between midnight Sunday and 10 o'clock last Saturday night. James S. Rice, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., finished second, with 1,882 miles and 6 laps to his credit. Twelve riders broke the world's record for 142 hours made by Albert Schock in 1893, 1,600 miles and one lap. Twenty-eight men started and fifteen rode at the finish. The strain on all has been great, and all showed the effects of loss of sleep.

A Descendant of Pulaski Suicides.

Josephine S. Jerocka, a niece of Gen. Pulaski who fought in the war of the American revolution and was killed at Savannah, Ga., committed suicide by poison at her home in Brooklyn Saturday. Mme. Jerocka was a claimant for $2,000,000, which, it is said, her famous grand uncle had advanced to the United States government to aid it in prosecuting the war of independence. She had, according to her story, been robbed of the papers which established her claim, and was obliged to take a government clerkship in Washington from which, however, she was dismissed by Cleveland in his first term. Since this she has had a terrible struggle with poverty, and was reduced to selling papers. For some time she has been entirely dependent upon charity. Mme. Jeroka wrote to the Washington Star in a hopeless strain intimating that she intended to commit suicide. It was in accordance with this threat that she killed herself Saturday.

Verdict of a Jury Causes Trouble.

There is trouble at Irondale, Ala., where a few days ago Alonzo Thomas, an artist, met a mysterious death while flying from a citizens' posse. A coroner's jury met and rendered a verdict that the man stumbled as he ran and dropped his pistol which went off and killed him. Friends of the dead man have charged that he was killed by the posse, members of which have received letters decked with skulls and crossbones, and written in red ink, warning them of impending death. The recipients of the letters have called on the Federal authorities to protect them by running down the writers. Meanwhile much uneasiness prevails.

New Comet Discovered.

A new comet was discovered soon after midnight at Lick Observatory, Cal., Thursday morning, in the constellation of Pisces by C. D. Perrino. Its position is as follows: Right ascension, 54 minutes; declination, 6 degrees and 20 minutes north. It is as about as bright as a star of the eighth magnitude, and can be seen with a telescope of moderate power. It has a sharp stellar nucleus of ten and one-half or eleventh magnitude, and is about five minutes of an arc in diameter, with indications of a short fan-shaped tail. It is moving rapidly to the east. and more slowly to the south.

A Smuggling Conspiracy Discovered.

A dispatch from St. Johns, New Foundland, says: An audacious smuggling conspiracy was discovered through the recent seizures of contraband tobacco at Fortune Bay. The tobacco was brought from the United States packed in special boxes, two of which were intended to be concealed in lobster cases and exported to England, where the duties on tobacco are very heavy. Immense quantities of canned lobsters are exported from New Foundland to England yearly, which has enabled this practice to be pursued with slight risk of detection.

Revenue Officials Sued.

W. A. Bisbee, owner of the tug Dauntless, has entered suit against Captain W. F. Kilgore, of the revenue cutter Boutwell, and C. R. Bisbee, collector of customs, for $20,000 each in the State circuit court for the unlawful detention of the boat at the port of Jacksonville, Fla., on the 6th, when it was endeavoring to leave to save the schooner Nathan F. Cobb, reported ashore at New Smyrna. He claims that had the boat been allowed to leave, the schooner could have been saved. Other suits will follow on similar grounds.

Want Minister Terrell Recalled.

A dispatch from Constantinople to the London Chronicle says: "Americans here are incensed at Secretary Olney's quibbling statements about the friendly attitude of the authorities here. They defy Mr. Terrell, the United States minister, to disprove the fact that the American house in Hasskuel suburb was looted, the caretaker killed and the American flag torn down. It is regretted that the United States is represented by so practical a tyro in diplomacy as Mr. Terrell, whose recall is anxiously awaited."

An Ex-Minister's Hard Luck.

Ex-Minister Bayhut, who [illegible] released a few months ago from the [illegible]nce, prison, where he was u[illegible] sentence for connecti[illegible] ma canal frauds, was [illegible] n order that he may [illegible] in prison for not [illegible] 00 francs, whi[illegible] in addit[illegible] contempt [illegible]

CONGRESSIONAL DOINGS.

HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 11—This was private bill day in the house and seven war claims carrying an aggregate of $13,467 were favorably acted upon by the committee of the whole as follows: To pay Peter Coole, of Arkansas $904 for stores and supplies used by the federal troops; to pay Augustus P. Burritt $5,139 for the use of the steamer Mattie during the war; to pay Flora A. Darling $5,683 in satisfaction of her claims for arrest and imprisonment and the seizure of her property in New Orleans in 1864; to correct the muster of Francis A. Benton, as a captain of the fourth United States colored cavalry and pay accordingly; to pay John A. Lynch $1,490 for services as assistant quartermaster at Cincinnati in 1861-62 and to refer the claims of Major James Stewart, U. S. A., retired, for longevity pay to the court of claims.

Only the first two, however, were passed by the house as Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, made an attack on the bill for the relief of Mrs. Flora A. Darling and developed the fact that she was the wife of a Confederate general, a fact not brought out in the original debate in the measure. The result was that a point of no quorum was made on his motion to lay the bill on the table and it went over until next Friday.

At the night session of the house thirty-three bills were favorably acted upon. There were no features of the session. Among the bills were the following: To increase the pension of Adelaide Morris, widow of the late Arthur Morris, formerly captain of the fourth United States artillery, to $30 per month; to pension the widow of Jos. Keefe, late captain of the fourth United States infantry, at $20 per month; to increase the pension of the widow of Col. David B. McKibben, of the 158th Pennsylvania to $10 per month; to pension Ira Harris, late lieutenant commander of the navy, at $30 per month. To pension the widow of the late brevet Major General Horatio P. Vancleave at $30 per month and to grant an honorable discharge to Capt. Elisha B. Batt, of the Nineteenth Michigan infantry, who was dismissed for cowardice by Gen. Rosecranz, at Murfreesboro.

SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The final vote on the immigration bill will be taken in the senate next Thursday at 4 p.m., according to an agreement reached today. Little doubt is entertained as to the passage of the measure and as it already has passed the house it will be in conference before the holidays.

Senator Call, Democrat, called renewed attention to the Cuban question by three resolutions, one being a bitter denunciation of the manner in which it is alleged Gen. Antonio Maceo had been killed while under a flag of truce. Other resolutions by Mr. Call requested the president to demand the release of United States prisoners at the Spanish penal settlement on the island of Ceuta, and also ask the secretary of State for a list of Americans held in Spanish prisons. The Call resolutions went to the committee on foreign affairs.

Several spirited political colloquies occurred on the floor during the day. Mr. Allen's speech protesting against the intemperate criticism of Populism in Nebraska, led to a passage between him and Mr. Hoar, in which the Massachusetts senator declared that it was a new and novel departure for senators to appear as the representatives of political parties instead of representatives of their State. In the course of Mr. Allen's remarks he paid a glowing tribute to Mr. William J. Bryan as the foremost citizen of Nebraska, and the greatest orator since the days of Webster and Clay.

Later in the day Mr. Chandler and Mr. Mitchell had a good natured encounter.

HOUSE.

Beyond agreeing to a resolution for a two weeks holiday recess, beginning December 22, the proceedings in the house to-day were almost entirely devoid of public interest. Most of the day was spent in a struggle over the bill of Mr. Morse of Massachusetts, to render the laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia more stringent. The opposition was inclined to filibuster against the measure, but it was finally passed. The president's veto of a bill to pension Lydia A. Taft, "a divorced widow" was sustained, 98 to 85, two-thirds not voting to override the presidential disproval. Several minor bills were passed.

SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Morgan, of Alabama, held the attention of the Senate, and well filled galleries for an hour to-day by his earnest advocacy of a strong and decisive policy in dealing with the Cuban question. The prominence of Mr. Morgan in the Cuban debate of late session, when he had charge of the Cuban resolutions reported from the committee on foreign relations, gave especial interest to his speech to-day. He spoke in dispassionate style, although his words had a directness and severity in picturing the horrors existing in Cuba, such as is seldom heard in the Senate. Mr. Morgan spoke freely of the possibilities of war, welcoming it if necessary to guarantee the protection of American citizens. He asserted that Spain's bankruptcy would prevent the collection of any indemnity for wrongs. The senator questioned the wisdom of the pres[illegible]sition that the granting [illegible] rights would be "un-[illegible] Morgan's views on the wh[illegible]uld be adopted [illegible] following: Al-[illegible]erent rights [illegible]inasmuch [illegible] a more coer-[illegible]ain that the [illegible] decisive ac-[illegible]n any move-[illegible]ple of that [illegible]s. I[illegible] come "untimely," and that our duty now demands active intervention. If that crumbles away, I will again fall back to the position that a just cause for our own people requires us to declare an armed neutrality ready to assail either belligerent that inflicts wrongs on our own people. If the president should say "The time has arrived, the hour has struck," would any American be so base as not to hold up his hands while the battle is raging?"

At the close of Mr. Morgan's speech his resolution was adopted requesting the secretary of state for papers and information relative to the Competitor prisoners and other American citizens held in Cuba by the Spanish authorities.

The question of passing the bill granting Nancy Allabach a pension, the veto of the president notwithstanding, occasioned considerable debate, but was finally passed over the veto, yeas 41, nays 11.

Early in the day Mr. Allen introduced a resolution for the appointment of a committee of nine senators to investigate the extent to which money was used in the recent presidential election.

LATEST LOUISIANA NEWS.

Relief Committee to be Formed.

In obedience to the circular letter of the Louisiana State relief committee, Representative Richardson has issued a call for a mass meeting of the people of drought-stricken Bienville parish, at Sparta, on Saturday, Dec. 19, to appoint a parish relief committee.

To Fatten 1,000 Head of Cattle.

B. F. Stokes, of Ennis, Ellis county, Texas, was at Alexandria, Sunday, and made a contract with the Red River Oil Mill to feed 1,000 head of Louisiana cattle. The cattle are to arrive about Jan. 1. He has 4,888 head of cattle bought, and will cut out the thinnest to feed at Alexandria.

A Cripple Run Over and Killed.

At an early hour Sunday morning the west-bound freight train of the Southern Pacific railroad, when just outside of New Iberia, struck and instantly killed a crippled man, supposed to be one E. F. Johnston, who was on his way to Franklin, La., in search of work.

Naval Battalion Inspection.

The Naval Battalion held their quarterly muster and inspection Sunday at Audubon Park, and made a splendid showing. Quite a crowd were on hand to watch the work of the young men. The battalion is growing in numbers and importance every day, and is now quite a feature in the martial forces of New Orleans.

Dock Commission Case Decided.

Justice Breaux, in the supreme court of Louisiana, Monday, declared the dock commission act constitutional. The decision was rendered on an appeal taken from the supreme court in the case of John A. Duffy vs. the city of New Orleans. The case has been watched with considerable interest as a great deal depended on the decision.

Taken to Vicksburg.

Sheriff A. J. Seiver, jr., reached the city of New Orleans Monday morning and left in the evening for Vicksburg, Miss., having in his custody the Italian, Joseph Defatto, wanted in Vicksburg, Miss., for embezzlement. The accused was arrested in New Orleans some days ago by Detectives Rance and Stubbs, on a telegram from Chief Groome, of Vicksburg on the charge of being a fugitive from justice.

Crushed by a Train.

Monday morning a young man named William Hubert, a drummer by occupation, reached New Orleans on the Texas and pacific train and was conveyed to the hospital, suffering from his right foot being crushed and left leg being broken. The injured man claims that he attempted to cross the railroad track at White Castle in front of engine No. 99, of the Texas and Pacific road, when he slipped and fell and was run over.

Receiver for the Silver Statue.

A receiver has been appointed for the celebrated silver statue of Ada Rehan, which attracted great attention at the World's Fair, on application of Wm. Beckford and A. H. Mitchell, of Helena, Mont., who claim to have invested $10,000 in the company that paid for the statue. They say the affairs of the company are in bad shape. This statue is on exhibition in a local store. F. B. Highbee, who brought the statue to Topeka, claims to own a majority of the stock in the company. He says he incurred the displeasure of the other stockholders during the recent campaign by supporting McKinley, and that this caused the trouble.

Terrible Mine Disaster.

A special dispatch from Yuma, Cal., Friday, said that news had reached Yuma from Hedges, fifteen miles distant in San Diego-county, of a terrible disaster in the Queen mine at Yuma, owned by the Gold Cross Mining and Milling Company. Some time Thursday night a cave-in occurred in the main shaft, and as a result several miners have lost their lives and more are injured. Reports are meagre and conflicting, but the generally accepted one is that four miners are entombed at the bottom of the shaft with no chances of escape, and four or five have been rescued badly injured.

Kruger Talks Pacifically.

President Kruger, in proroguing the volksraad at Pretoria, South Africa, Friday, said that the burghers desired peaceful progress, would act only on defensive, never on the offensive, and wished to preserve friendly relations with Great Britain.

DUN & CO'S. TRADE REVIEW

Doubt About Congressional Action Puts Off Improvement.

THE WHEAT MARKET HAS WEAKENED.

Cotton Has Declined and the Crop Nearly Marketed--Textile Industries Work Larger Forces -- Quotations Unchanged.

R. G. Dun & Co's. weekly review of trade says: The approach of the holidays and doubt about the action of congress put off further improvement until the new year. While industries have gained in working force, they are waiting for commensurate gain in demand and meanwhile are trying to clear away embarrassments which restrict them. The wheat market has weakened, with less gloomy news from other countries and larger Western receipts, though only 3,691,374 bushels, against 6,093,404 last year. Disappointment about the break in prices may help to increase receipts. Atlantic exports were but 2,755,651 bushels, flour included, and for the two weeks have been but 4,748,118 bushels, against 4,172,440 last year.

Pacific coast dispatches show that exports continue very heavy, and about 300,000 tons are available from California. The market has declined 2 1-4c, and the decrease in demand for flour, with high rail rates, has closed nearly all the Superior, Duluth and many of the other Northwestern mills.

Cotton has declined in spite of all stories that the crop has been nearly marketed, and continues to come forward steadily. With over 5,000,000 bales already in sight, there are estimates based on the government report that the yield will be 8,300,000, which would leave little to come forward. When the offical report first came there was a rush of buyers; a few minutes turned the current, and a much more rapid decline followed.

Textile industries are working a larger force than in October, but there is not much evidence of larger demand, and some kinds of goods are accumulating.

As raw cotton is lower, some yielding in prices of staples is expected, and buying is on that account more restricted, a few qualities of goods having slightly declined.

Print cloths are weak in tone, with enormous stocks. Woolen goods are not in better demand and there is some disposition to make commitments ahead. Sales of wool in two weeks were 14,378,000 pounds, against 11,999,200 last year and 10,852,700 in 1892. They are this year largely between traders, as the mills find at present little encouragement to buy and London sales are a shade weaker. Quotations are not changed, though more frequent concessions are reported.

Failures for the week have been 330 in the United States, against 333 last year, and 43 in Canada, against 54 last year.

Some One Cried "Fire."

A panic occurred in St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Pittsburg, Pa., Monday morning, caused by the bursting of a steam-pipe, but fortunately no one was injured. A large crowd was in attendance at 9 o'clock mass. One of the steam-pipes under a stairway bursted and the escaping steam poured into the church. Some one cried "fire," and the people commenced a wild rush for the exits. Quiet was restored and ten minutes later those who had left the church returned and the service was continued. Several women fainted during the excitement.

Monitor Ram Puritan.

One more formidable addition to the navy of the United States was made Thursday when the monitor ram Puritan was formally put in commission at the Brooklyn navy yard. It is thirty-two years since the keel of the Puritan was laid and four years since she was launched. Now that she is ready for service, she is regarded as for defensive purposes superior to navy vessels of the first class, while for offensive warfare she is little inferior to first class craft. She is 300 feet long and 60 feet wide, and has a displacement of 6200 tons. Her equipment consists of about twelve 4-inch rifles, six 4-inch rapid-fire rifles, six 6-pounders, two 1-pounders, and two revolving cannon of 37 mm.

Good Roads Congress.

The New York World of Saturday says: The national good roads congress will meet in Orlandy, Fla., February 20, 1897. The executive committee, composed of Messrs. O'Neal, Palmer, Bell-Clarke, Gore, Jackson and Cheney, are putting forth their best efforts to make the congress a success. They are sending invitations signed by Mahlon Gore, mayor of Orlando, to the governors, mayors and other prominent persons all over the United States.

Tragic Suicide in Toledo.

Over the grave of his fiancee in Calvary Cemetery, Sunday morning, Edmund E. Wright, aged 20, a member of a prominent Toledo, O., family, committed suicide. After placing a bunch of flowers on the tomb, Wright sent a bullet into his heart, dying almost immediately. The tragic deed was witnessed by a former female companion of the dead girl, who had accompanied Wright to the cemetery. The deceased was Miss Claude Osborne, well known in local society.

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MANY LIVES LOST.

Vessel Goes Down With 200 Passengers and the Crew.

The North German Floyd steamer Salier was totally lost off the Corrobedo Rocks, on the coast of Spain. There were 210 passengers on board. Her crew was composed of 65 men. All on board, passengers and crew, are reported lost. The Salier's passengers consisted of 113 Russians, 35 Gallicians, 61 Spaniards and 1 German. The Salier was bound from Bremen to Buenos Ayres via Corunna. The passengers were mostly in the steerage. The Corrobedo Rocks, on which it is believed that the Salier was lost, are situated off the southwest coast of Corunna, and should have been given a wide berth before the steamer headed eastward and then in a northeasterly direction for the bay leading up to Villagaria.

Portugal Must Apologise to Germany.

The German warship Condor is on her way from Port Natal to Lorenzo Marquese, where Thursday night the German and Dutch consulates were attacked and the British flag torn to shreds. The Dutch consul was wounded. Germany has demanded satisfaction of Portugal. Lorenzo Marquere is the principal town of Portugese South Africa.

Result of a Boyish Prank.

Vernon White, a thirteen-year-old boy, was accidentally hanged, at Omaha, Neb., as the result of a boyish prank. With his playmates he was playing police. When they captured criminals they were condemned to hang. He was condemned, and a pillow slip was tied around his neck and he suspended himself by the neck to a bedroom door. Before assistance arrived he was dead.