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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

CONGRESS.

WHEN the Senate met on the 23d no quorum was present, and it was fully half an hour before one was secured. The bill to establish a record and pension office of the War Department was reported and passed. The conference report on the Sioux reservation bill was agreed to, and the House amendments to the deficiency bill (striking out the pay of Senate clerks) was disagreed to. The elections bill was then taken up and Mr. Higgins favored and Mr. Voorhees opposed it in lengthy speeches. ....Adjourned.... The proceedings of the House were unimportant, District of Columbia business being under consideration.

AT the expiration of the morning hour in the Senate on the 24d Mr. Sherman reported the caucus bill to provide against the contraction of the currency. Placed on the calendar. Mr. Call then addressed the Senate in opposition to the elections bill, speaking for four hours. Mr. McPherson took the floor, but yielded to Mr. Aldrich, who gave notice of his intention to move an amendment to the rules to close debate on any bill. Laid over. Pending Mr. McPherson's speech against the elections bill the Senate adjourned until next day.... Soon after the House met the Speaker announced appointments to vacancies on several committees and the House adjourned until Friday.

IN the Senate on the 26th Mr. Edmunds offered a resolution extending the laws of Nebraska over the Territory of Oklahoma until July 17, 1891, the Legislature of the Territory having failed to enact a code of laws. Objections were made and the resolution went over. Mr. Morgan addressed the Senate in opposition to the elections bill, and the Senate then adjourned until noon Saturday with the understanding that at that hour the Presiding Officer should declare the Senate adjourned until Monday.

THE Senate was not in session on the 26th. ....The House only met according to adjournment, with only a few members present, and adjourned until Monday.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

THE Comptroller of the Currency has called on all the National banks for a report of their condition at the close of Friday, December 19.

THE President has nominated Henry B. Brown, of Michigan, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, vice Samuel Miller, deceased.

THE President has issued the World's Fair proclamation.

THE President has vetoed a bill for the erection of a public building at Bar Harbor, Me.

SNOW was ten inches deep at Washington as a result of the recent storm.

UNITED STATES TREASURER HUSTON has reconsidered his resignation and agreed to remain in his present position until the end of Mr. Harrison's term.

THE fourth annual meeting of the American Economic Association commenced at Washington on the 26th.

THE EAST.

THE Government experts at Sandy Hook recently tested a new 30-foot rifled gun. Shells were thrown fifteen miles out to sea. During the operations Private Adley was badly injured, his head being struck by a steel bar which was knocked off the gun carriage by the recoil.

THE Tariff Reform Club had a great banquet at Madison Square Garden, New York, on the night of the 23d, the principal speaker being Ex-President Cleveland.

THERE was a bad accident on the Western, N. Y. & Pa. railway at Watsonville, near Bradford, Pa., caused by spreading rails. Twenty-one passengers were more or less hurt.

AT a test of steel manufactured at the Carpenter steel works, Reading, Pa., a one-inch bar broke at the strain of 233,-833 pounds, being about 20,000 pounds in excess of the highest record authoritatively known. The test was made under the supervision of Government officers.

THE trial of John Reed, one of the three men charged with train-wrecking during the New York Central strike, has commenced in Troy, N. Y.

THE miners of the Central Pennsylvania coal regions have served notice on the coal operators demanding a change in the price of mining from 50 cents gross ton to 50 cents net ton, and a new working scale of prices. If the demands are not granted, the men to the number of 15,000 will quit work.

A WOMAN was killed in New York the other day by a hat pin entering her brain when she fell on the sidewalk.

ISAAC H. SAWTELLE has been convicted at Dover, N. H., of the murder of his brother Hiram. He was sentenced to be hanged July 1.

SOME of the leading Philadelphia manufacturers refuse information to census officers.

MRS. ELLEN GIBBONS, aged 80 years, was burned to death in her home in Saratoga, N. Y.

THE Erie railroad depot at Port Jervis, N. Y., was totally destroyed by fire. Loss, $80,000.

THE temperature at Lyndonville, Vt., Christmas night was as low as forty degrees below zero.

SEVERAL vessels went ashore off Rhode Island during the storm of the 26th. Three seamen were drowned.

THE abandoned farms in the State of Maine number 5,310.

MRS. JOHN DRESCH and her three children perished in a fire at Rochester, N. Y., recently.

THE Westinghouse embarrassment at Pittsburgh, Pa., was tided over by bankers advancing the firm $500,000.

THE WEST.

THE newly opened lands about Wausau, Wis., are certain to produce endless litigation, each claim having several claimants.

SITTING BULL'S band of 150 warriors, led by Big Foot, has surrendered to Colonel Sumner, who with 200 soldiers succeeded in surrounding them in the vicinity of Standing Rock while they were making for the Bad Lands.

SINCE the arrival of troops, so a dispatch states, the cowboys have become very daring in the Northwest, not being afraid to take the lives of straggling Indians. Before the arrival of troops this daring was not manifested.

THE Chicago board of education has voted against Bible reading in the public schools.

TWO workmen were killed and several others badly injured in Chicago by the fall of an old building of the Armour Packing Company which was being torn down.

SEVEN persons were hurt by an accident on the Iowa Central near Grinnell.

J. C. STOTT, express agent at Portersville, Cal., has disappeared, leaving $8,400 shortage.

DENVER, Ia., is rejoicing in the prospect of securing $500,000 stock yards and a big packing house.

CHAIRMAN JONES, of the Republican State Central Committee of Illinois, says that the right of five Democratic Senators-elect to sit in the Legislature will be contested. The Legislature is now evenly divided, with three Alliance men holding the balance of power.

Two small children of Victor Rodgers, of Jesseville, Mich., were burned to death while alone in their home the other day.

AT a Christmas entertainment at a church at Nabb's station near Jeffersonville, Ind., Joseph Taflinger and Bud Robinson were probably fatally wounded. The fight sprang up in the rear of the room while the programme of the Sunday school was being carried out.

FRANK E. DICKINSON and Minnie Brundage fell through the ice while skating on a mill pond near Ann Arbor, Mich. Both were students at the Michigan University.

AT East Chicago, Ind., Christmas morning, while a masquerade party was in full blast at the Tod Opera House, a fire broke out, creating a terrible panic. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt.

THE large dry goods firm of Henry R. Heman & Co., Council Bluffs, Iowa, has suspended. The assets are reported at $300,000; liabilities, $200,000.

THE wife of General Fremont was presented with a Christmas gift in the shape of the lovely cottage in which she lives, as a token of affection from a number of women of California, headed by Mrs. Senator Hearst, who raised $10,000 to purchase money.

LINDEMANN'S building with other property at Viroqua, Wis., was consumed by fire, involving a loss of $150,-000; insurance only $16,000.

THE Sanborn County Bank at Woonsocket, S. D., has suspended because of poor business. Leon L. Stevens, the city treasurer, was the owner. The county had $8,000 in the bank.

THE Ohio Oil Company, a branch of the Standard Oil Company, has increased its capital stock from $1,500,000 to $6,000,000.

A REPORT from Pine Ridge Agency says that after a council in the Bad Lands the Indians had resolved to surrender.

THE 600 employes of the Pullman works of Chicago have been notified of a reduction of ten per cent. in wages.

GUSTAV LARSON, a laborer, lost himself in one of the big sewers of Minneapolis and wandered three miles before he could get out. He was badly poisoned.

FIRE in Weyauwega, Wis., the other morning caused the death of Orrin Ennis and did much damage.

THE SOUTH.

THE sugar house on Cartwright Eustis' fusilier plantation in Louisiana burned. Loss, $100,000; insurance, $50,-000.

GENERAL SPINNER, ex-Treasurer of the United States, is slowly dying at Jacksonville, Fla.

THE schooner Mary Ellen, from Salisbury, Md., for Baltimore, is reported lost, together with her crew of five men—Captain Henry Wheatley and son, William Abbott and son and Saul Gale.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., iron men claim that good tin-plate has been made from basic steel made in Chattanooga.

A SPECIAL from Petersburg, Va., says it is reported that the five negroes who were arrested for the murder of Dr. E. H. Riggin, in Mecklenburg County, and committed, were taken from jail and lynched.

SAN AUGUSTINE, Tex., has been seriously damaged by fire.

IN a row at Chilesburg, Ky., a tough named James Parlin from Jacks creek was killed. Two or three others were injured during the fusilade of over 100 shots.

FOREPAUGH'S Theater and the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, were destroyed by fire Christmas day. The loss was heavy.

THE Savannah (Ga.) Fire & Marine Insurance Company has wound up its affairs. Threatened adverse legislation was the principal cause of closing up the business.

THE Edisto phosphate and fertilizer works about three miles from Charleston, S. C., were burned the other night. The loss was about $200,000, fully covered by insurance.

THE Maverick bank, of San Antonio, Tex., closed its doors after a heavy run that lasted three weeks. Sam Maverick, sole owner of the bank and its business, has made an assignment of all his property, real and personal, to Reagan Houston. The liabilities amount to $844,164, and the assets are estimated at $1,780,915.

IN a saloon row in Birmingham, Ala., George Kelly and Jack Lynch, railroad men, were fatally stabbed.

W. D. SIMPSON, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, is dead.

BY an explosion of a boiler at Kelly & Wells' lumber mill on Black river, forty miles from Newport, Ark., two men were killed. Another man and a woman were severely injured.

GENERAL.

A DISPATCH from Pernambuco says that the Hamburg ship Libussa came into collision with and sunk the British ship Talooldar, bound from Calcutta for London. The captain and twenty-two members of the Talooldar were drowned.

THE Gaulois announces that Emperor William has decided to visit Paris. He will travel in strict incognito.

THE French Government has asked the Chamber to vote 2,800,000 francs for the encouragement of the silk-worm raising industry in France.

PROF. KOCH has left Berlin to enjoy a ten days' rest.

MRS. NELLIE PEARCY was hanged in London for the murder of a Mrs. Hogg and baby. The crime occurred in a quarrel between the two women, Mrs. Pearcy being the paramour of Mrs. Hogg's husband.

HERNANEZ defeated Scully, Parnell's candidate, at Kilkenny, by a majority of 901.

THE Malagasies of Madagascar have attacked the French Catholic missions, wounding Father Moutant.

THE committee of the French Chamber of Deputies have reported against the consideration of the Marcou bill for the abolition of the taxation of titles.

REVOLUTIONARY movements are reported in Peru.

URUGUAY is about to impose higher duties on imports.

THE Russian Government has ordered the construction at Fedoroff's ship yard at Nicolaieff of a gigantic ironclad of 12,480 tons for the Black Sea fleet, which is being strengthened in every way.

THE abnormally cold, foggy and wet season has increased London's annual death rate from eighteen to twenty-six per thousand the past week.

M. PAUL DE ROULEDE has succeeded in forming a new Boulangist party with eleven Deputies. These include M. Laur, the well-known Boulangist, and M. Mery, the Republican. The party will adopt a socialist programme.

THE French journalists who assisted the Nihilist, Padlewski, to escape after the murder of Seliverskoff, have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment at Paris.

THE Archbishop of York, England, is seriously ill and it is feared will not recover. Dr. William Thompson is now over 70, and has been an extremely busy man, both in church and educational work, and is an author.

IT is reported that many persons have perished in Russia owing to the extreme cold, and that a party of thirty were frozen to death while crossing a bleak steppe.

EMPEROR WILLIAM states that the report that he contemplated a visit to Paris was incorrect.

THE theater at Portsmouth, England, has been destroyed by fire.

DIPHTHERIA is scourging Croatia, Austria.

THE Spanish Minister of Finance has issued a decree declaring that Spain must follow the protection movement of America and Europe, and repeal portions of the existing tariffs, and largely increase the duties on horses, mules and cattle, preserved and all salted meats, flour and cereals.

IT is announced in Berlin that the decree which was issued by Prince Bismarck prohibiting the admission of Russian and Polish laborers into Posen, is shortly to be rescinded. The reason assigned for this action is the scarcity of laborers in Posen.

A DISPATCH from Shanghai states that the savage tribes of Formosa have again broken out in rebellion against the Chinese authority on the island and gained advantages over the imperial troops. A Chinese captain and soldiers captured by the savages were afterward found impaled and beheaded, near the scene of their capture. The garrison on the island is being strengthened.

THE Powers, replying to the note of Senator Bocaghe, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in which he complained of the action of the British South Africa Company in Mashonland, expresses sympathy and advises Portugal to avoid collision with the British Company.

THE Archbishop of York, England, is dead.

RAILWAY strikers in Scotland are accused of attempting to wreck a train between Glasgow and Kilbride.

THERE is a split in the English Salvation Army over "Darkest England," which, it appears, was not the conception or the writing of General Booth, but was the scheme of his right hand man, Commissioner Smith, who has resigned.

THE steamer Curier from Heligoland went aground near Helsinger, great belt, Denmark. Six men were drowned.

THE Louisville-Cincinnati tobacco trust has fallen through and all the property has been conveyed back to its original owners. The capital stock of the corporation was $5,000,000.

THE Bureau of the American Republics has received a dispatch from the Argentine Republic giving a brief summary of the commerce of that country for the year ended June 30 last. Notwithstanding the revolution, the imports for the year amounted to $175,975,000 and the exports to $159,027,000.

IN a collision between freight trains near St. Thomas, Ont., one man was killed and several injured.

PADLEWSKI, the notorious Nihilist murderer of Paris, is believed to be hiding in Bulgaria.

THREE locomotives have arrived at Matadi, the terminus of the Congo railway.

THE interference of the priests in the North Kilkenny election has greatly disturbed English Nonconformist Liberals.

THE Canadian Customs Department has imposed a fine of $90 on the German sealing schooner Adele, which was seized at Victoria, B. C. The vessel was charged with making a false clearance.

HEINRICH SCHLIEMAN, the noted discoverer of ancient Troy, is dead, aged 68.

THE great National Indian Congress met in Calcutta on the 26th.

Two persons suffering from leprosy have been inoculated at Madrid with lymph according to the method of Dr. Koch. The doctors of the hospital where the lepers are being treated report that the patients have apparently been rapidly improving since the new remedy was applied.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended December 25 numbered 333, compared with 404 the previous week and 288 the corresponding week of last year.

THE LATEST.

WHILE several thousand skaters were disporting themselves on the river at Warwick-on-Avon, England, on the 27th, the ice suddenly and without warning cracked in the middle of the river. An immense fissure opened through which some five hundred of the skaters were plunged into the icy waters. When the first shock was over a number of people hurried to the rescue of the drowning skaters and a number of them were pulled out, but it is feared that many were drowned, as a large number are missing.

IT is thought that a San Francisco physician has discovered a genuine remedy for cancer. The testimony of a number of persons who have been treated and cured has been taken, and three pronounced cases of cancer from the New York Cancer Hospital, have gone West, in charge of a prominent surgeon from New York, to be operated upon to decide whether the treatment shall be introduced into the New York hospital.

A SLEIGHING carnival took place on Pennsylvania avenue, Washington City, on the afternoon of the 27th, and "speeding" was allowed between 4:30 and 5:30 p. m. There was much merriment and few accidents. The sidewalks of the famous thoroughfare were crowded with spectators, who cheered the drivers.

THE preliminary statement of the Union Pacific, issued on the 27th, shows gross earnings of $9,998,184; increase, $276,618; net, $1,170,892; decrease, $164,-945. For eleven months to November 30, gross, $89,852,907; increase, $3,128,-118; net, $18,189,036; decrease, $947,856.

COMPARATIVE examinations of the sputa of patients in Bellevue Hospital, New York City, inoculated for phthisis with Prof. Koch's lymph, together with their generally improved condition, gives strong premonition of the entire success of the treatment for phthisis.

AT Scottdale, Pa., on the 27th, George Pinter invited a young man named Pfunter up-stairs from the room in a boarding house where both were paying addresses to the same young lady, and shot him through the heart. The murderer was arrested.

AT a meeting in Buffalo, N. Y., on the 27th, of the Western New York Newspaper Union the president was authorized to begin the publication of a black-list of undesirable advertisers for the exclusive use of members.

COUNTESS PAHLEN, who took poison Christmas Day on account of the death of her husband, died at National City, Cal., on the 27th.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Christmas in the Penitentiary.

The convicts in the Missouri penitentiary enjoyed Christmas Day as only a holiday is enjoyed within the cold, frowning, forbidding walls of a penal institution. There is a zest and energy about the appreciation shown by the unfortunate and unhappy criminals that removes from the minds of the spectators any doubt that may be entertained about its being a merry Christmas for them. They are in for making the most of the holiday, and the enthusiasm never wanes. A special to a St. Louis paper gives the following account of how the day was passed:

The day was celebrated as usual at the prison, where the striped inmates were given the liberty of the yard and buildings from 8 a. m. until 2 p. m., with an extra good breakfast and dinner thrown in, besides the privilege of purchasing such knick-knacks as their appetites and pockets may dictate or allow. The scene was the same as on other holidays, except that the more and cold kept some of the convicts inside the comfortable corridors of the cell buildings. There were the same old games of chance, the same tendency toward athletics, which found vent in a number of good boxing matches. The day passed too quickly for the convicts, but they enjoyed to the utmost the six hours of unusual liberty accorded them, and were locked up without a single case of insubordination, for each man is on his good behavior on Christmas and July 4.

The two pardons which, in accordance with an old-established custom, are granted to long-service men on each holiday, fall this time to John McGuire and William W. Taylor. The former has been in the prison since December, 1876, under sentence of fifty years for murder. He killed a man named Brown in Jefferson City in a drunken spree. Taylor was sent up from Webster County in 1877, under sentence of twenty years for murder in the second degree. He killed a man in Hickory County, who boasted that he had wronged Taylor's daughter. The case was tried in Webster County on a change of venue, and the Governor in granting the pardon, made Taylor promise that he would not return to Hickory County. He is seventy-one years old, and is drawing a pension from the Government for services in the army during the Mexican War. He served thirteen years, three months and seven days.

Governor Francis spent a good portion of the forenoon at the prison, and at eleven o'clock called the two men into the round-house, and after some conversation with them handed them the pardons and gave them some advice, to which Warden Morrison added a kind word to each, and they were dressed out. The scene at the gate was affecting. Dozens of the convicts came out to shake hands with "Uncle" Johnny and old man Taylor, both of whom were half laughing and half crying at the prospect of immediate freedom from their long confinement. They have both been model prisoners and were among the oldest in point of prison life.

The breakfast of the convicts consisted of beef hash, coffee and bread. The menu for dinner was roast pork, pickled pigs' feet, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, slaw and ginger cakes. The total cost of the breakfast and dinner was $86.47.

The total number of prisoners in confinement Christmas, male and female, was 1,054, making the cost per capita to the State 3.55 cents.

Boycotted by Chicago Buyers.

Several Kansas City live-stock commission firms have served notice that the American Live-Stock Commission Company, which is a co-operative organization of cattle-raisers, has been boycotted by cattle-buyers of Chicago. There has been a long fight between the commission men and the American Live-Stock Commission Company, and if a boycott can be sustained at Chicago commission men think it will break up the company.

A Bad Loss.

The large building in St. Louis occupied by Starr Bros., dry goods and toys, and the Fratz Toy Company, was badly damaged by fire the other night, and the contents were a total loss. Loss, about $145,000, supposed to be well insured.

Killed While Hunting.

Lewis Wiley, who resided seven miles east of Sedalia, accidentally killed himself while hunting rabbits. Deceased was a son of Thomas Wiley, a well-known Pettis County farmer.

To be Made Presidential Offices.

On January 1 the following fourth class post-offices in Missouri will be raised to the third class, or presidential class: Hermann, La Plata, Versailles, Wellsville, Bonne Terre.

Played with Matches.

At St. Joseph Aaron Hinshillwood, a two-year-old son of A. Hinshillwood, was so badly burned while playing with matches that death was caused after an hour's terrible suffering.

Death of an Old Settler.

James L. Peaks, one of the oldest settlers of Sedalia, passed away at the age of seventy-eight years from general debility. He built the first business block erected in Sedalia.

Jumped from the Rude Bridge.

Christmas night a negro about twenty-three years old jumped from the Rude bridge at St. Louis and was drowned. He told one of the watchmen that his name was Collins.

Child Fatally Burned.

A little girl of J. McNew, twelve miles south of Maryville, was burned to death. Richard Bates was also badly burned in rescuing the child from the fire.

Dropped Dead.

Thomas Jones, the superintendent of the Citizens' Railway Company in St. Louis dropped dead of heart disease on a grip-car of that road.

Death Caused by an Orange Seed.

Henry D'Armour died in St. Louis a few days since from the effects of an orange seed which he swallowed a year ago.

The New England Society.

The New England Society of St. Louis gave its sixth annual banquet at the Southern the other evening. The wealth and beauty of St. Louis were there.

Called to His Door and Shot.

John Gambler, a wealthy farmer near Higginsville, was called to his door by a stranger, the other night, and shot, it was feared fatally.

Missouri Press Association.

The executive committee of the Missouri Press Association met in St. Louis and decided to hold the next convention early in February.

The Negro Messiah Craze.

The Messiah craze among the Kansas City negroes, that was at first regarded as a huge joke, may turn out to be something serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Stanley were the recipients of much attention in St. Louis, of which city Mr. Stanley was a former resident.

Bound Over to the Grand Jury.

Joseph and Baptiste Herman were bound over to the grand jury at Keytesville, the other day, for fatally injuring John A. Brown.

CANCER AND ITS CURE.

The Residue of the Estate of the Late Mrs. George W. Allen Turned Over to the New York Cancer Hospital—A New Discovery in the Treatment of Cancer Being Tested in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—G. W. Granniss, executor of the estate of Mrs. George W. Cullum, deceased, has disposed of the residue of the real estate in this city belonging to deceased, and will shortly forward the proceeds, amounting to $40,000, to the New York Cancer Hospital. The status of the estate in this city was originally $150,000, and $110,000 has already been forwarded for the maintenance of the hospital in accordance with the wishes of the deceased, by whom it was founded, and whose death resulted from cancer.

The property here was acquired by General Henry W. Halleck in early days while Secretary of California. After his death in 1872 his widow married General Cullum.

Colonel Granniss, executor of the estate, has had occasion to examine into the methods of treating cancer, and in this connection, it is stated, believes he has found in the discovery of a San Francisco physician a genuine remedy for the disease. The testimony of a number of persons who have been treated and cured has been taken, and three pronounced cases of cancer from the New York hospital are now on the way to San Francisco in charge of a prominent surgeon from New York to be operated upon and to decide whether the treatment shall be introduced into the New York hospital.

A PENSION PROBLEM.

A Nice Question Raised by Reason of a Decision that Men Having Served in the Confederate Army and who Afterwards Espoused the Cause of the Union are Pensionable Under the New Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—A pension problem has arisen under the new Pension law of last June. The act grants pensions to soldiers who served ninety days and are now disabled from earning a support, provided they were honorably discharged. The officials of the Pension-office were of the opinion that the act of June 27, 1890, did not include soldiers who had been in the Confederate service, as the act is silent in regard to this class of pensioners, neither does it repeal Section 4,716 or wind up with the usual saving clause—"all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed."

The question was referred to Assistant Secretary Bussey, who decided that claimants who served in the Confederate army prior to enlistment in the United States service are entitled under the act of June 27, 1890, and are placed on the same footing as all other Union soldiers. Some of the official minds of the Pension Bureau are bothered to know what to do with those that were wounded while in in the Confederate army. The only restriction that the act of June 27, 1890, makes, is that the disabilities must not be the result of the soldier's own vicious habits.

MANY WERE DROWNED.

Five Hundred Skaters Plunged Into the River Avon by the Breaking of the Ice—Seventeen Bodies Recovered and More Missing.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A terrible accident is reported from Warwick-on-Avon. While several thousand skaters were disporting themselves on the river at that place the ice suddenly and without warning cracked in the middle of the river. An immense fissure opened through which some five hundred of the skaters were plunged into the icy waters. A cry of horror arose from the spectators, while the more fortunate of the skaters lost no time in reaching the river banks. When the first shock was over a number of people hurried to the rescue of the drowning skaters and a number of them were pulled out; but it is feared that many were drowned, as a large number are missing. The latest reports state that seventeen bodies have been recovered, among them several women.

CUM GRANUM SALIS.

Consul Pope Doesn't Believe in the Alleged Frauds.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 28.—Colonel Pope, United States Consul here, said yesterday in reference to a Washington dispatch alleging that American consuls in Ontario have defrauded the United States out of a million dollars: "I think it's nothing more than a sure's nest. The accounts of the consuls are inspected by the Treasury Department, and I do not see how fraud could go on without being discovered. There may be such a thing as petty dishonesty by some of the smaller agencies, but I think that the million dollars could be figured down to about one hundred. I know of one instance only where a fraud has been committed, and the sum was only about one hundred dollars.

A Demented Father and a Plucky Daughter.

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 28.—Nearly two months ago H. H. Mattison, editor of the Fargo Daily Sun, disappeared, and no trace could be found of him. Saturday a letter was received from him by his family dated Salem, Ore. He says in the letter that he remembers starting down the street after supper on the night following the November election, and knows nothing further regarding his actions until he found himself in Salem in a half-famished condition. He is at present employed on the Salem Statesman. During Mattison's absence his daughter Belle has taken charge of the Sun, the paper not having lost an issue.

Big Foot and His Band Captured.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 29.—At headquarters of the Department of the Platte last night a dispatch was received from General Brooke which stated that Major Whiteside, in command of a battalion of the Seventh Cavalry, had captured Big Foot and his entire band near the head of Porcupine creek. About one hundred and fifty bucks surrendered. General Brooke also telegraphed that the hostiles in the Bad Lands had surrendered and would reach Pine Ridge on Tuesday. Bright Eyes sent word last night to the World-Herald that half the hostiles had left the Bad Lands.

More Rant at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Herr Johann Most lectured on "Communistic Anarchism" at Lochboehler's Beer-garden Saturday night, but to a very slim audience. He had only thirty-three auditors, and several of them were any thing but Anarchists. One of his hearers was so un-Anarchistic that he interrupted Most several times, abusing him and his ideas roundly.

Most's speech was as inoffensive and mild as any one could make from his point of view. The speech was all in German, and was frequently, but not enthusiastically applauded.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY.

A German Farmer in Wilkin County, Minn., Makes a Desperate Attempt to Annihilate His Family—His Wife and Son Killed and One Daughter Dangerously Wounded—Suicide of the Murderer.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 29.—A horrible tragedy occurred near the town of Carlisle, in Wilkin County, Saturday night. Carl Reher, a German sixty years of age, lived in Wilkin County, about twelve miles from this city. His family consisted of a wife, aged forty-nine, son Henry, twenty-five, and three daughters, aged twenty-two, sixteen and fourteen. A few weeks ago after a violent family broil, Reher quit the house and went to live in Elizabeth, a town eight miles distant.

Saturday he returned to his home about nine o'clock in the evening. After greeting his family he stepped into a room at the back of the house, and a moment later reappeared at the door with a self-cocking revolver in each hand, which he leveled and began firing. After wounding his eldest son, daughter and wife, the lamp was extinguished by one of the bullets.

The entire family made a rush for the door, hoping to escape in the darkness. Reher dropped his revolver and drew a huge carving knife, with which he fatally stabbed his son. The three daughters got safely out of the house and hid themselves in the outbuildings. Reher then turned on his wife and stabbed and hacked her full of holes, any one of half a dozen of which would have been fatal.

When the neighbors, who were attracted by the shooting, arrived, they found Reher stone dead, with a bullet in his brain and a rope around his neck. He had thrown the rope over a beam and put the noose around his neck, and as the noose tightened, had blown out his brains. The eldest daughter will probably recover, though her wound is dangerous. Except the frequent quarrels in the family, there was no known cause for Reher's action. The tragedy is one of the most horrible as well as inexplicable in the criminal annals of Minnesota.

A CANADIAN ALARMIST.

He is Fearful that the United States is Getting in Readiness to Absorb the Dominion—"Have the Militia Ready."

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 28.—At the commercial banquet Friday, night in response to the toast of "The Army and Navy," Colonel Geo. T. Denison said: "The patriotic Canadian can not but look with great anxiety at the movement now going on in the United States in a spirit—to say the least of it—not friendly to this country. I have little or no doubt that portions of the last Tariff bill in the United States were carried by people at the bottom of the movement for the purpose of bringing pressure to bear upon the people of Canada in the hope that they would be able to cut off a large share of our trade. Their purpose is to try and bring about a closer if not absolute union between the two countries.

"I may say in behalf of the militia of Canada that we will do all we can to preserve the autonomy of our native land. The policy of both parties in the United States is one in view of which we can only say: 'Have the militia ready to do their duty and the people of Canada in every walk of life ready to stand shoulder to shoulder behind the militia.'"

The Colonel predicted the cutting off of bonded privileges in the transit of food within a year, and hoped preparations would be made to meet the inevitable action.

A NEAT JOB.

Eighty-Two Thousand Dollars' Worth of Negotiable Certificates Recovered and the Man that Stole Them Captured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—On the 30th of November James J. Hamilton, secretary of the Big Bend Mining Company, started from this city for his home in Seattle, Wash., having in his possession various certificates, the face value of which is over $82,000. While waiting for his train in the Pennsylvania depot, Jersey City, his valise, which contained the stocks and other papers of value, was stolen. The police were informed of the loss, and by very shrewd detective work succeeded in tracing the thief to Philadelphia, where he was arrested on the 17th of December. The thief, who proved to be Harry Edwards, twenty-four years of age, of Camden, N. J., confessed his guilt, and was yesterday brought to Jersey City to await trial. All the property, excepting a bank book belonging to Mr. Hamilton, has been recovered.

SIMPLY SHAMEFUL.

Unwarranted Treatment of Railroad Laborers by the Union Pacific.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—Over one thousand of the discharged laborers from the Union Pacific railroad along Puget Sound are in the city, and their situation is deplorable. Most of them are destitute and are unable to get their money from the contractors, Smith & Co., which was due December 26. The contractors have been unable to get the money from the railroad company, hence their inability to pay the men. Mr. Smith is now in Omaha endeavoring to secure money from the Union Pacific. He has telegraphed that the company has promised him $200,000 this week, and on this assurance the clamors of the men have for a time been quieted. Many of the laborers are in such desperate straits that they are cashing their checks at fifty per cent.

Sleighing in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The wife of Secretary Proctor and his two sons were thrown from a sleigh yesterday while the horses were running away. Mrs. Proctor and her sons were not hurt, but the driver was badly injured about the chest, and was also knocked senseless. The sleigh was demolished.

A sleighing carnival took place on Pennsylvania avenue yesterday afternoon, and "speeding" was allowed between 4:30 and 5:30 p. m. There was much merriment and few accidents. The sidewalks of the famous thoroughfare were crowded with spectators.

Arrangements for the President's New Year's Reception.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Harrison's New Year's reception promises to be largely attended. He will be assisted in receiving guests by Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Morton and the ladies of the Cabinet. The reception will begin at eleven o'clock, when the members of the Cabinet and judges of the Supreme Court will be received, followed by the Senators and Representatives in Congress, army and navy officers and others in official position. The public will be received at 11:30 a. m., and the reception will terminate at 1 p. m.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

—A sister-in-law of one of the best known and distinguished members of Parliament keeps a fashionable lodging house in London, whose in the season a majority of the patrons are Americans.

—Among the unpublished Thackeray manuscripts now offered for sale in London are a note-book containing 1,200 fragments of unpublished verses, a scrap-book with 400 tracings and sketchings, and an album of sketches.

—Lady Martin (Miss Helen Faucit), in whose pew Browning used to sit when visiting the little church at Llanbadlio, Wales, when he spent the autumn of 1868 at that place, has had a memorial tablet put on the church with the inscription: "In memory of Robert Browning, poet, born 1812, died 1889, who worshiped in this church ten weeks in autumn, 1868, by his friend Helen Faucit Martin."

—Jo. Howard says of Henry Ward Beecher: "I have seen him hundreds of times take his letters from the post-office, open them as he walked along the street, continue opening them in houses where he called, and, in other words, attend to his own business. That Mrs. Hoecher opened some of his letters is quite likely, but to say that it was the regular procedure, she determining what to answer and what to throw away, is simply silly."

—A selection from the correspondence of the late Queen Elizabeth of Prussia, wife of King Frederick William IV., is to be published toward the end of next year. It will be edited by Empress Frederick. A large collection of the accomplished Queen's letters was made by Emperor Frederick, who intended to publish a number of them. He had also proposed to write a short biography of his aunt, for whose intellectual qualities he had the greatest admiration.

—The London Literary World says that during one of his recent sailing trips a fire broke out in Mr. R. L. Stevenson's cabin, and the burning things were hurriedly carried on deck or flung into the sea. Suddenly Mrs. Stevenson saw two of the crew with a burning box which they were about to cast overboard. Fortunately she was in time to save it, or all Mr. Stevenson's literary notes for many months past, including the greater part of a story being written under contract for $4,000, and much of the history of the island which is for the future to be his home, would have been irrecoverably lost.

—While Evangelist Moody was thundering strong truths into the hearts of his hearers at Buffalo, N. Y., recently, an aged deacon who sat near him on the platform kept interjecting audible and fervent "Amens" and "Goods." "A man with principle in a man to be admired above many others," roared out Mr. Moody. "That's true," mumbled out the deacon in tones of rapture. The evangelist turned around instanter and shouted in his mellow voice: "True, of course it's true. What do you suppose I'm telling here to-night lies?" The poor little deacon subsided.

—Dr. Holmes tells in the Atlantic that he has "just cleared the eight-barred gate" and taken a step into a field which few come within sight of and still fewer enter. The genial doctor says women grow old easier than men, and this is a strain from his "De Senectute:" "O, if we could all go out of flower as gracefully, as pleasingly, as we come into blossom! I always think of the morning glory as the loveliest example of a graceful yielding to the inevitable. It is beautiful before its twisted corolla opens; it is comely as it folds its petals inward, when its brief hours of perfection are over."

HUMOROUS.

—Tommy—"Paw, what is pig lead?" Mr. Figg—"There is no pig lead. He has to be toiled."—Indianapolis Journal.

—A correspondent who signs herself "Sophia" says that woman is twice as good as man, and proves it thus by the very orthography: W-o-m-a-n—double you, O man!—American Hebrew.

—Jones—(at the fair)—"Pretty girls at that cigar booth, eh!" Brown (musically)