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SETS A MARK

President Opens Year With Notable Social Achievement.

8,000 ARE RECEIVED

Mrs. Roosevelt's Costume and the Other Ladies Present.

Washington, Jan. 2.—President Roosevelt's first public reception was attended more largely than any New Year's reception in a number of years. In all 8,100 persons filed through the White House and shook hands with the president, who being apprised that the crowd in line outside the White House was unusually large gave orders that the gates should not be closed until the last person desiring to do so had an opportunity to pay his respects. The reception began promptly at 11 a. m., and it was 2.30 o'clock before the last person in line had been presented to the president, and a quarter of an hour later before the reception came to an end.

Nothing Wanting to the Success.

The weather was delightful, being clear and crosp, so that no hardship was suffered by the throng that waited for hours before admission to the White House. The reception was in every way successful, the attendance being large, the decorations really beautiful, the arrangements perfect and the president in excellent spirits. To each person he extended a cordial "Happy New Year," and Mrs. Roosevelt was equally pleasing to each of those who filed past the line in the Blue Parlor, where the receiving party stood. Miss Alice Roosevelt was conspicuous among those assisting at the reception. A party of her young girl friends by invitation also participated in the function.

Some of the Ladies Present.

The list of ladies invited to assist at the reception is as follows: Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Hitchcock, Miss Wilson. These were in the receiving line. Ladies which several scores of ladies were invited to the Blue Room, and these included besides the ladies of senators, representatives and others in official life, the following: Mrs. U. S. Grant, Mrs. Sartoris, the Misses Sartoris, Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, Mrs. Philip Sheridan, the Misses Sheridan, Mrs. James G. Blaine, Mrs. H. S. B. Beale, Mrs. George Babyan, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Leiter and the Misses Leiter.

Mrs. Roosevelt's Costume.

Mrs. Roosevelt looked exceedingly pretty and youthful in a white dress. The material was a very heavy white silk, corded about an inch apart. A square of Irish lace, with revers of lace, trimmed the bodice, and the high colar, also of lace, was finished at the back with a rosette of white tulle. A few jewels were worn in the corsage, and diamond-topped combs held back the smoothly-dressed hair. An ornament of white leaves in which diamond drops glistened was also worn in the hair. Mrs. Roosevelt's right glove, which was nowy white at the start, was far from that color an hour later, but the tired little hand within it gave no evidence that its owner felt any fatigue. The bouquet she carried was of pink and purple orchids.

ORIENTALS OBSERVED THE DAY

Chinese, Japanese and Koreans Open Their Doors to Their Friends.

Although there was no general reception by the members of the diplomatic corps some of them kept open house and entertained a large number of callers. Particularly was this the case with the legations from the Orient—the Chinese, Japanese and the Korean ministers being 'a't home" to those who came.

The Chinese new year does not occur until about a month from now, but Wu, following the practice of the country in which he is stationed, participated in the festivities of New Year's day, and assisted by the members of his suite received many callers at the handsome home of the legation on Q street. Minister Wu always gives his friends a cup of tea, and many of them enjoyed his hospitality yesterday.

Minister Takahira, of Japan, and his wife celebrated New Year's day as they would at home, where the European calendar is used and where the New year is the greatest event of the season. The members of the legation joined in the festivities. At the Korean legation New Year's day was observed much the same as in this country. A dinner was given last evening and was attended only by gentlemen, there being no women among the household.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON OTHER SHORES

Asia and France Exchange Greetings—In Mexico and Germany.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The customary exchange of New Year's greetings between St. Petersburg and Paris occurred yesterday. The czar telegraphed President Loubet, and the latter replied, each telegram bearing a very friendly message.

City of Mexico, Jan. 2.—President Diaz received thousands of callers yesterday, including the diplomatic corps, the Pan-American delegates (who take rank as diplomats), members of congress, army and navy officers, etc. The president is in the health and was especially cordial to the Pan-Americans.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The New Year's festivities were marked by the emergence of the court from mourning. There wasa service in the morning in the chapel of the palace in the presence of the imperial family. Chancellor von Buelow and other dignitaries. At the New Year's reception the kaiser was very good humored and lively. In his conversation with Ambassador White the emperor referred to President Roosevelt's message in most appreciative terms, saying that Mr. Roosevelt "evidently knows his own mind and speaks it; says what he means, and means what he says."

BOMB IN BALCONY

Nihilistic Outrage Provokes Excitement in European Russia.

Paris, Jan. 2.—A dispatch from Kiev, European Russia, says a bomb exploded last night under the balcony of the grand palace of the Grand Duke Constantine. The explosion occurred at a moment when the salons were thronged with guests and a great panic followed, but nobody was injured, although the damage done was considerable. All the windows near the scene of the explosion were shattered.

Nihilist students are suspected of committing the outrage. Fifteen students were arrested.

BLOOD IN THEIR EYE

War Like Party Starts for the Coast of Venezuela.

Port De France, Island Martinique, Jan. 2.—Senormatos and several generals and other important personages and 300 volunteers left port for the Venezuelan coast on the steamer Libertador. Previous to the departure the matos issued a manifesto calling all fellow-countrymen to take up arms.

SLAUGHTER OF SPARROWS

Farmers Go Out, and Their Bag Aggregates Three Tons.

Pana, Ills., Jan. 2.—The annual sparrow hunt of Pleasant township came to an end Monday night, and as a result over three tons of sparrows were killed. The hunt was indulged in by two parties of farmers. Twenty men on each side engaged in the hunt, the stake being a banquet to be given by the party securing the fewest birds.

The victorious party brought in 13,000 birds, while the losers bagged 11,000, a total of 24,0000. The birds averaged four ounces each, making an aggregate weight of over three tons. The hunt had been in progress for one week and was one of the most notable in the history of the state.

MYSTERY IN HIS DEATH

Not Certain Whether It Is a Case of Murder or Suicide.

St. Joseph, Mich., Jan. 2.—Great mystery surrounds the sudden death of James Hidlicka in this city Sunday evening. He was local representative of a machine company and was collecting a few accounts at 5 o'clock. A few minutes later he started toward home and died a few hours later. He was not suffering any disease likely to cause sudden death.

Monday morning Dr. Gowdy, city physician, refused to issue a death certificate before holding a post mortem. Both suicide and murder theories are held, a number of suspicious circumstances backing up each theory.

Schley Writes to High School Pupils.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 2.—The pupils of the Central High School at Lonaconing have received a letter from Admiral Schley thanking them for resolutions sent to him. In it the admiral says: "I sympathize so much with the students, for I yet remember that in the heyday of my young life my love of study increased in the exact ratio of the square of the distance which separated me from study."

Death No Respecter of Faith Healers.

Niles, Mich., Jan. 2.—George Ingalls, a prominent farmer residing twelve miles west of the city, dropped dead here Tuesday, aged 70 years. The decedent was a disciple of Dowie and was actively engaged in making converts to the Dowie church of Chicago. Ingalls' teachings resulted in forming a colony of Dowieites in this county.

Octogenarian Falls Down Stairs.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Melinda Witt died Tuesday as the result of falling down a flight of stairs at her home. She was 84 years old and a widow. Mrs. Witt was an aunt of Elmer Leonard, the Republican chairman of the Twelfth district, and the accident kept him from the love feast Tuesday.

Salt in Large Quantities Found.

Adrian, Mich., Jan. 2.—Salt has been discovered in large quantities at Britton, while boring for oil. The brine when examined by experts is pronounced to be the strongest of any well in the state. A company with $20,000 has been organized to carry on the work.

"Nothing in It," Says Senator Platt.

New York, Jan. 2.—"Nothing in it," said Senator Platt when shown a dispatch from Washington telling of rumors that he was engaged to Mrs. Lillian Janeway. "I will never marry again."

Smallpox at Crawfordsville.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Jan. 2.—Three new cases of smallpox have developed in this city since the one reported the first of last week.

DEATH BUSY EARLY

Opens the New Year with Several Fatal Disasters on the Railway.

MAY BE A DOZEN DEAD ON THE ROLL

Fire Follows Quickly on Derailment and Rescuers Have to Hustle—Fireman Decapitated.

Pittsburg, Jan. 2.—As a result of a through passenger train on the Baltimore and Ohio road jumping the track yesterday two men are daed and seventeen injured, five of whom are considered seriously hurt. Through the courtesy of General Superintendent W. R. Woodford, of the Pittsburg division, the following official list of dead and injured is given: Dead—John Collins, Connellsville, Pa., engineer; —— McCune, Connellsville, fireman. Injured seriously—D. J. Partella, mail clerk, Washington; William Avery, B. and O. engineer; G. W. Ryan, Baltimore; C. A. Young, mail clerk, Hagerstown, Md.; R. R. Souser, Napier, Pa.; F. J. Lozy, Chicago, was badly bruised. M. R. McKinley, of Rock Island, Ills., and J. A. Burlan, of Chicago, were among the slightly hurt.

Had to Work Against Fire.

In going down the steep grade one and a half miles west of Glencoe the engine, from cause as yet unexplained, jumped the track at the curve and the entire train piled on top of it. Probably the only thing that prevented a wholesale death list was the fact that the heavy vestibule cars did not beeak up in going over the embankment. The work to rescue the injured had to be done quickly, because the gas tanks in the cars were exploded, and set fire to the wreckage. The flames spread rapidly and in a short time the entire train was burned. The engine was completely demolished and the two dead men, when taken from the debris, were horribly mangled. Collins (who went by the nickname of "Katy") was one of the oldest engineers on the road.

One Killed and an Engineer Missing.

Shreveport, La., Jan. 2.—A Keithville, La., special says one life was lost, two persons were seriously injured, and part of a car of valuable race horses en route from the winter meeting at New Orleans was destroyed in a collision between Texas Pacific fast freight No. 67 and a Houston, East and West Texas freight on the siding at this place yesterday morning. Twelve cars of the Houston, East and West Texas train caught fire and burned to the trucks. W. J. Daniels, of Houston, fireman on the Houston, East and West Texas train, was caught under the wreck, and either crushed or burned to death. A negro fireman named Bob Edwards jumped. His legs were broken and he sustained severe internal injuries. The engineer of the Houston, East and West Texas train, who is said to have been Newt Denton, disappeared immediately after the accident.

Fatalities at Two Bridges.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 2.—A Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling freight train broke through a new bridge at Crescent, near Bridgeport, yesterday and two bridgemen working at the time were buried underneath the wreck and terribly injured, one fatally.

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 2.—At Bridge No. 81, seventy miles west of Albuquerque, Fireman Henry Schopper, of the west-bound California limited, was instantly killed. As the train approached the bridge at full speed Schopper leaned far out to make an observation on the engine. His head struck an iron girder and was severed from the body.

DID HE KIDNAP HIS DAD?

Young Farmer Called on to Tell Where His 80-Year-Old Father Is.

Saginaw, Mich., Jan. 2.—Frederick Hannaman, 80 years of age, a farmer in Lakefield township, near Merrill, has been missing from his home for three months, and John Hannaman, the old man's son, with John Johnson, a junk peddler who has associated with him, is at the county jail here, the former for kidnaping his father and the latter as an accomplice.

On Sept. 2 the father and son came to Saginaw, it is said, and secured a loan of $700 on the old man's farm. On Sept. 7 the old man cashed the $700 check at Merrill. He was not seen after the 15th.

Water Cholera at Michigan City.

Indianapolis, Jan. 2.—The health office of Michigan City reported to the secretary of the state board of health Tuesday that between 1,000 and 2,000 people of that city are afflicted with "water cholera," resulting largely, the local officer says, from the city water company during the recent cold weather furnishing its customers with water pumped from the harbor of Lake Michigan at a place near the emptying point of the main city sewer.

Miss Alice to Christen the Kaiser's Yacht

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Emperor William desires that his new yacht, now building in the United States, shall be christened by President Roosevelt's daughter Alice, and at the New Year's reception at the Old Palace yesterday he requested United States Ambassador White to ask the president to allow Miss Roosevelt to chrsten the vessel.

His Wife Recently Divorced.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 2.—At Wayside, fifteen miles north of this city, George Vroman, postmaster and a leading merchant, shot his 6-year-old daughter and then shot himself. Both died in a few minutes without making any statement. Vroman's wife secured a divorce last week.

Has De Blowitz Retired?

London, Jan. 2.—The Candid Friend says that M. de Blowitz has resigned the Paris correspondence of the London Times and retired to private life, and that he has been succeeded by Arthur Fullerton, an American.

CLOSE TO MANILA

A Hard Fought Battle With the Filipinos is Waged.

Manila, Jan. 2.—Lieutenant Charles D. Rhodes, of the Sixth cavalry, accompanied by two orderlies, when within six miles of Manila yesterday came across twenty armed insurgents in a cuartel, or barracks. The insurgents shouted "Americanos," and Lieutenant Rhodes feigned a retreat, but in reality he took the cuartel in flank and drove out the insurgents, capturing two rifles, three revolvers and some ammunition. Rhodes then burned the barracks down and proceeded to Manila.

General Wheaton's report from the island of Samar indicates that little has been accomplished there. The attitude of the natives is even more unfriendly than ever before. Gen. Chaffee will probably visit the island, in order to investigate the state of affairs prevailing there. On the other hand, in Batangas province, the organized campaign against the insurgents is progressing favorably and speedy results are expected.

DRILLED FOR WATER

And is Sure He Got What He Wanted and to Spare.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 2.—While drilling for water on his farm in the town of Franklin, Milwaukee county, Monday, L. Busch, a farmer, found what he was looking for at a depth of 267 feet, and before he could get out of the way with his machinery he was the possessor of a perpetual geyser on the order of "Old Faithful" in Yellowstone park. Since noon on Monday the fountain has spurted a steady six-inch stream thirty feet into the air, and shows no signs of decreasing.

For a long time the neighboring farmers have complained of a lack of water, and last summer the drought was severe in the township. Now, however, they are confronted with a new problem, and they do not know whether it is a blessing or not, for the water has overflown the land for a mile in several directions.

THE RACE QUESTION

Brought Up Again by a Negro Who Exacts Requirements as to His Children.

Charlestown, Ind., Jan. 2.—The race question is being agitated in Clark county by Rufus Brodas, a negro, living near this city. Separate schools are provided for white and black pupils in this section of the state, but Brodas refused to send his children to the colored teacher in his district, on the ground that the instructor was a Democrat.

Brodas was arrested under the truancy act, and he was taken before a magistrate and fined, but judgment was suspended provided he placed his children in school. Brodas attempted to send his children to Miss Kittie Bower's school, she being a white teacher, but she declined to receive them. Brodas will, therefore, be compelled to patronize the colored teacher.

OMAHA ROAD BUYS LAND

Will Build Machine Shops and a Union Station—Other Projects.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 2.—The Omaha railroad has purchased lots in the heart of Sioux City amounting to sixty acres, and has commenced the construction of large machine shops for the entire Northern Iowa and Dakota divisions, and the building of the largest terminal system in the city.

It is known that the company is preparing to build the link to Le Mars, and that property is already bought for a Union station for all northwest lines here. A line also will be built from Merrill, Ia., to Centerville, S. D., connecting the South Dakota lines with Sioux City. It is stated that the Northwestern's plans provide for the expenditure here of $1,000,000.

Michigan Defeats Stamford.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 2.—By the decisive score of 49 to 0 the Michigan university foot ball team yesterday defeated Stanford university. The score is quite in proportion to the general superiority of the eastern men at the game of foot ball. It does not, however, tell the story of Stanford's desperate but futile efforts against defeat. Michigan's superior knowledge of the game showed in every play.

Woman Hit by a Train.

Richmond, Mich., Jan. 2.—The unconscious form of a woman was found by passengers alighting from a train here Monday. She lay beside the track. She was taken to the Commercial House, where she regained consciousness and gave her name as Mrs. Louis Frost, of Romeo. She had been hit by a train, but was unable to explain.

Mrs. Hobart's New Year's Beneficence.

New York, Jan. 2.—The Paterson, N. J., Children's Day nursery received a New York's gift from Mrs. Jennie T. Hobart, widow of the late Vice President Hobart. It is a plot of land 100x125 feet in Paterson. Mrs. Hobart also gave $25,000 with which to erect and completely furnish a modern building adapted to the needs of the nursery.

Wealthy Farmer Found Murdered.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 2.—Lars Alexsen, a wealthy farmer near Audubon, Ia., has been found dead with his skull crashed in. He was undoubtedly murdered. No motive is known for the crime.

No Market Report.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—New Year's Day closed the exchanges all over the country and there are no market reports.

LOEB'S DISCOVERY

Further Statement of the Result of His Experiments Upon Animal Life.

CHALLENGE FUNDAMENTAL IDEAS

Heat as a Factor in the Problem of Life Has to Give Way to Electricity.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Professor Jacques Loeb, of Chicago university, in announcing his belief that the life of higher organisms is electro-dynamic in its nature said that he had discovered the physical processes that accompany life; that electricity, and not heat energy, is the basis of life. He does not claim to have solved the problem of "What is life," but to have proved a theory which overthrows a fundamental portion of the teachings of text books on physiology. "The energy of foodstuffs," Professor Loeb said, as a conclusion, "and the motions of heart are not, after all, due to the production of heat, but to the chemical energy in electrically charged molecules," and again he put it this way:

Experiments With a Jelly Fish.

"A part of the chemical energy of foodstuffs is transformed into electrical energy which, in turn, gives energy to the muscles and organs of the body." Dr. Loeb described his experiments with a jelly fish and explained that when he placed the fish in a solution electrically charged, such as salt, it responded, while when he subjected it to a solution that was a non-conductor it did not respond. Proceeding from further experiments he found—first, that the muscles contracted rythmically in solutions which had these electrical charges in them, and second, that the contraction of the muscles depended on the number of charges on the differentations."

Climax of the Professor's Work.

The announcement that electricity and not heat is the life energy is the climax of Professor Loeb's famous experiments, which have extended over ten years. He was first led into this line of research by the observation that electricity was able to effect protoplasm in a more universal manner than any other stimulus. He then came to the conclusion that if electricity was able to have such effects in the form of currents it ought to have like results when in the form of "ions." An "ion," he explains, is an atom or group of atoms carrying a charge of electricity.

Says He Tried the "Ions."

He first set to work to investigate along the lines of parthenogenesis, or artificial reproduction, and discovered that the electric ion was responsible. Then he took up the study of the cause for the rhythmic beat of the heart, and again traced the agent to the same source. When, with the aid of Professor A. P. Mathews, the same causes were discovered to be behind the secret of nerve action the series was complete, and the savant's ambition attained.

CUMMINS CALLS UPON SHAW

Governor-Elect and Governor of Iowa Swap Congratulations.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 2.—Governor-elect Cummins called on Governor Shaw Tuesday to pay his respects and to extend congratulations upon the governor's appointment to the treasury portfolio. Some of the political opponents of Governor Shaw have sought to make it appear that Cummins was disposed to criticise the appointment, and the call of Tuesday is taken by the politicians as effectually disposing of that allegation.

Governor Shaw had informed the governor-elect that he would read his message to the incoming executive, and he was on the point of going to the office of the governor-elect to do so when Cummins called. The gentlemen conferred at length on the message, but no disagreement is said to exist. Governor Shaw left for Washington last night.

Holding the Pest in Check.

Lincoln, Ills., Jan. 2.—Reports from the Illinois asylum for feeble-minded children in this city, where there are over 100 pronounced cases of smallpox among the 1,000 inmates and 185 employes, are that no new cases have been discovered and the patients afflicted are doing well. The epidemic originated from a boy sent from Chicago.

They Would Like to See Malle.

Kewanee, Ills., Jan. 2.—Richard Malle, a local merchant, left Kewanee last Friday. Saturday his wife left town. Tuesday local creditors and representatives of Chicago houses levied on the stock in his two stores, which were closed by the officers. Malle's principal creditors are Chicago firms. His whereabouts are unknown.

Cat Causes a Strange Accident.

Dillsboro, Ind., Jan. 2.—While Mrs. L. D. Vidito, of Ripley county, was seated at the supper table, the house cat playfully placed its fore feet in her lap. At the time she felt no pain, but later it developed that the cat's sharp claw had penetrated the large artery near the knee. Mrs. Vidito came near dying from the loss of blood.

Speaker Henderson en Route.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—David B. Henderson, speaker of the national house of representatives, passed through Chicago Tuesday on his way from Dubuque, Ia., where he spent a part of the holidays with members of his family, to Washington. He expressed himself as being highly pleased by the appointment of Governor Shaw, of Iowa, to a place in the president's cabinet.

Young Peter Jackson Defeats Handler.

Waterbury, Conn., Jan. 2.—Young Peter Jackson defeated Jimmy Handler in the third bound here yesterday.

AFTER MORE SHIPS

British Admiralty Invites Bids for Several Ironclads.

Glasgow, Jan. 2.—The British admiralty has invited the Clyde shipyards to tender bids for the construction of two battleships and five armored first-class cruisers and two protected cruisers. Officials ask for promptitude. The new battleships are to have a greater gun power than any vessels now in the navy.

A FATAL MISTAKE

A Beautiful Society Woman Takes Arsenic for Medicine.

Detroit, Jan. 2.—Beaulah Wheeler, a beautiful young society woman, died today at her home from arsenical poisoning, having taken arsenic for antipyrin by mistake.

GOV. SHAW IN CHICAGO EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Gov. Shaw, of Iowa arrived here early today on his way to Washington, where he will confer with the president regarding his appointment to the treasury portfolio.

WILL SUE THE UNITED STATES

Citizen Sealers Who Object to Being Legislated Out of Their Jobs.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 2.—United States sealers are to claim damages from this government for the loss of from their government for the loss of their share in the sealing industry, as a result of the statutes made by the United States government forbidding pelagic sealing by United States vessels. Some of those who operated schooners under the United States flag have been seeking data in Victoria for use in preparation of their claims.

The claims made by these sealers are for interference with their industry, for since the enforcement of the statutes against pelagic sealing none has been allowed to seal under the United States flag other than the American Commercial company, which has a sealing monopoly on the Pribyloff islands, and of the United States market for no other skins are admitted to the United States.

Crime Followed by Accident.

Kalispell, Mont., Jan. 2.—Section Foreman Sullivan, of the Great Northern, while in a drunken rage, killed his daughter and seriously injured his wife Tuesday night at Jennings, Mont. A special train sent from here with doctors ran into the ditch, killing the engineer and seriously injuring the fireman, brakeman and doctor.

Beresford to Boss the King's Horses.

London, Jan. 2.—The Gazettte announces that Lord Marcus Beresford has been appointed to manage King Edward's breeding stud at Sandringham, where the three famous brothers, Florizel II, Parsimmon and Diamond Jubilee are. This is held to indicate that the king will renew his patronage of the turf.

Doing Some Business at London.

London, Jan. 2.—The annual clearing house statement shows that the clearances in 1901 reached the unprecedented total of £9,561,169,000, an increase of £600,989,000 over 1900, and £410,900,000 over 1899, hitherto the record year. The largest amount cleared in a single day was £109,143,000, on May 15.

Feature of Which He Was Proud.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 2.—The death of Michael Shannon, aged 78, one of the oldest and best-known millers of the country, took place here Tuesday night. He built the first mill in this city. A peculiar feature, of which he was very proud, was that for 265 years his paternal ancestors were millers.

Blown to Pieces by Dynamite.

Kenton, O., Jan. 2.—Monroe Jackson, an employe at the stone quarry, was blown to pieces by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge. John Hogan and Harry Ziegler, fellow employes, were probably fatally hurt by the same explosion.

Army Lieutenant Shot and Killeb.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 2.—A telephone message from Fort Canby, Wash., says Lieutenant Bevan, of the United States army, was shot and killed yesterday. No particulars are given.

Yale Best at Basket Ball.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 2.—The Yale basket ball team defeated the Wisconsin university contingent in a game last night by a score of 35 to 20 points.

Wales Is to Visit the Kaiser.

London, Jan. 2.—King Edward has deputed the Prince of Wales to attend Emperor William's birthday, Jan. 27, at Berlin. It is believed that this action is taken probably with the intention of emphasizing the good relations existing between the two countries.

Ship Declared To Be a Pirate.

Caracas, Jan. 2.—The Official Gazette publishes a decree signed by President Castro, in which the steamer Libertador, formerly the Banrigh, is declared to be a pirate.

Fire in Iowa

Weston, Iowa, Jan. 2.—Fire which started in the general store of Petrus Peterson early today did $45,000 damage and destroyed four of the principal places of business and three dwellings. A strong wind carried the flames rapidly and it was feared at one time the whole town would be destroyed.

IS VERY ILL

Admiral Sampson's Malady Becomes Alarming.

CANNOT BE CHECKED

Secretary Hay Laid Up With Severe Cold in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Admiral Sampson's malady progresses slowly, but very steadily toward the end. Medical science cannot check it. Symptoms of arteria degeneration have appeared, such as are incident to his malady, injecting great uncertainty into the case.

Moreover the patient is becoming less tractable and responsive to the treatment.

Secretary Hay Ill.

Secretary Hay is indisposed as the result of a severe cold, and did not go to the state department today.

LUCKY KANSAS MAN NAMES ALL POSTMASTERS

Washington, Jan. 2.—W. R. Spilman, of Manhattan, Kas., has been appointed chief of appointments of the division of the postoffice department division that has charge of the appointments of all postmasters.

EUGENE CARTER DEAD

Noted Billiard Player Passes Away in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Eugene Carter, the billiard expert, died here today of lung trouble, aged 48.

Take Syndicate Properties

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 2.—A committee of Cleveland bankers has taken charge of he various properties controlled by the Everett-Moore syndicate which own or control many trolley and telephone lines throughout Ohio and Michigan. In a statement issued this afternoon the syndicate says owing to the tightness of money in different centers where they were financiering the enterprises and inability to realize on the bonds and stocks belonging to the company, it was decided to place the property in the hands of the committee of bankers, who are large holders of the securities, to handle. The committee says nearly all the properties are in good condition, perfectly solvent, and in no wise embarrassed.

Smooth Sailing Now

New York, Jan. 2.—The Northern Pacific railway company today issued notice that the whole of the preferred stock was retired yesterday and that every holder of 4 per cent convertible certificates would be required to convert them into common stock. It is generally believed in Wall street that all obstacles are removed for carrying out the plan for the adjustment of the difficulties which grew out of the contest for the control of the Northern Pacific last May.

Five Men Killed

Macon, Ga., Jan. 2.—The boiler of an engine on the Central Georgia railway exploded in the shops in this city this morning, killing five men outright and badly injuring twelve others, three of whom will probably die.

Belmont the Nominee

New York, Jan. 2.—Justice Scott, of the supreme court, this afternoon handed down a decision declaring Perry Belmont to be the regular democratic nominee for congress in the seventh New York district.

Iowa Burglary

Desoto, Iowa, Jan. 2.—The Brown dry goods store was burglarized last night and $2,000 worth of clothing, dry goods and jewelry secured.

Dickens and His Titles.

Charles Dickens had great difficulty in choosing titles for his various publications, says The Golden Penny. The following is a list of no fewer than 14 suggestions given by the author to his adviser, Foster, for the title of one book, out of which, need hardly be added, No. 6 was chosen:

1. According to Crocker.
2. Prove It.
3. Stubborn Things.
4. Mr. Grandgrind's Facts.
5. The Grindstone.
6. Hard Times.
7. Two and Two Are Four.
8. Something Tangible.
9. Our Hard Headed Friend.
10. Rust and Dust.
11. Simple Arithmetic.
12. A Matter of Calculation.
13. A Mere Matter of Figures.
14. The Grandgrind Philosophy.