

STORM AND FLOOD.

Loss of Life in Great Britain.

DISASTERS AMONG SHIPPING.

Vessels Driven Ashore and Many Sailors Perish.

INUNDATIONS OVER IN HOLLAND.

The Bark Caroline of Savannah Wrecked and the Cargo Cast Upon the Beach.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Reports from various parts of Great Britain show that the gale is abating. The storm raged with the greatest fury all day yesterday. Telegraphic communication with Scotland is completely interrupted, while the wires in the midland counties and Ireland are more or less damaged.

There is hardly a town of any size but reports personal casualties and damage to property. Manufacturing towns in the north and west suffered badly. Roofs were torn off and chimneys collapsed, crashing through adjoining buildings and killing a number of working people.

A number of fishing-boats are missing. Three boats were swamped off Stornoway and twenty-two occupants drowned. Much damage was done to houses in Dublin and the suburbs of that city. People in the Donegal hills are reported to be suffering terribly, their cottages being wrecked and flooded.

The ships America and the Mary E. Marshall went ashore near Greenock. The Arklow was driven ashore in Scalpsie Bay and has nine feet of water in her hold. It is expected she will be a total loss. All around the coast vessels are reported to be stranded or in great danger. The ship Carmichael was wrecked off Holyhead and five of her crew were drowned. The other six men on her were rescued with much difficulty.

The four-masted ship County of Kinross, for Hartlepool, was seen off that port lying on her beam ends and apparently sinking. Her crew was seen on her lifeboats on. The actual number of deaths is unknown, but it is expected the list will not be much less than 100. The American ship Kennebec, from Port Blakeley, which had discharged her cargo at Belfast, broke adrift and sank a tow and damaged another vessel.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.—Heavy floods have been caused by the storm in Holland. The rivers Maas and Rott rose twelve feet, inundating parts of Rotterdam. Boats were used in the streets and in the market-places, which were like lakes. Many of the dikes threatened to give way under the heavy pounding of the sea. In several places the water succeeded in breaking through, and the country in the vicinity of the breaks is flooded. Nine houses collapsed, their foundations being undermined.

At Utrecht several persons were drowned by the capsizing of a boat. Telegraph and telephone wires were everywhere broken. The bark Caroline, from Savannah for Hamburg, went ashore near Egmondse and became a total wreck. Her cargo is being washed upon the beach. Part of her crew was drowned.

HAMBURG, Dec. 23.—The river Elbe has overflowed its banks and inundated the lower parts of the town. The water is so deep that trams are unable to run.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.—The storm has caused much damage throughout Belgium. Many of the Belgian fishing-boats are missing.

The town of Dendermonde, at the confluence of the Dender and Scheldt rivers, was inundated by the overflowing of the Dender. The inhabitants were aroused by the tocsin and escaped, but the property loss is great. The villages of Audenarde, Denderbelle, Mespelare, Appels and Baesrode were also inundated.

GODNEY IS UNEASY.

The Indicted Bank President Who Was Not Prosecuted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—E. C. Godney, president of the National River Bank of New York when it failed several years ago, and who was indicted by the Grand Jury at the time of the failure of the bank and whose indictment was one of those found in the pigeon-holes of the office of the District Attorney of New York, was in Chicago to-day on his way to New York. He declined to talk about the matter, but appeared ill at ease. The indictment was the subject of an inquiry by the Lexow committee, who gave it publicity and renewed the demand for some action in the prosecution of Godney. Godney has been living in Cripple Creek, Colo., ever since leaving New York. He declined to register yesterday. He left for the East on the 5 o'clock train.

AN ORATOR INDICTED.

Judge Ballard Charged With Defrauding Oswald Hicks.

MAON, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Grand Jury has returned an indictment against Judge D. P. Ballard of Los Angeles, Cal., for obtaining \$37,500 from Oswald Hicks under false pretenses on a bogus draft on George Irving of Washington, D. C. Ballard was arrested at Springfield, Mo., and brought here. The case will be tried the last week in February. Ballard made Populist speeches in Macon and adjoining counties during the late campaign. Hicks was treasurer of the Populist campaign committee and paid Ballard \$130 for twelve speeches in this county and expenses. The Sheriff has received letters from the officials at Murphysboro, Ill., and Halston, Ia., alleging that Ballard had engaged in speculations in those towns similar to those here.

DEATH OF A LINEMAN.

He Is Supposed to Have Been Murdered by Robbers.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The body of Matthew Fulton, a lineman in the employ of the Central New York Telephone and Telegraph Company, was found this morning beside the tracks of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road. A large gash in Fulton's head was evidently made by some sharp instrument. Fulton's pockets were empty when found. It is thought he may have been murdered. The coroner and the railroad secret service detectives are investigating the case.

OPENED A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX.

But the Detectives Failed to Find Any Plunder.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Detective Roban has opened a box in the vault of the National Safe Deposit Company in the hope of securing stolen property said to have been

deposited there by a gang of alleged thieves from Cleveland, Ohio. The box was rented by Mary Gibbs, who under the name of Maggie Russell is in jail in Cleveland along with half a dozen men charged with numerous burglaries.

"The story telegraphed from Cleveland about the safe deposit vaults," said Detective Roban, "is true, but it is not true that we found any stolen property. We did find \$3500 in greenbacks, two watches and some small trinkets, but a detective and a lawyer from Cleveland failed to identify any of the articles as having been stolen in the recent burglaries at Cleveland."

STONE AWAITS ARREST.

Denies the Charge of Murdering Two Women.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Lewis Stone is at his home, 595 Flourary street, and awaits arrest upon a charge of having murdered two defenseless women in Jamestown, N. Y. He says he is innocent. He is an expert bricklayer, for many years in the employ of a firm of local contractors. He was employed in Buffalo, N. Y., and explains his presence in Jamestown on the night of the murder by saying the train on which he was en route to Chicago stopped at that city and he was obliged to wait several hours for another train. He says the first he knew of the crime was when he saw by the papers that he was wanted for murder. Stone at once surrendered, and the Chicago police notified him they were awaiting instructions by mail, pending receipt of which he was released.

BRUTAL BURGLARY.

Torture Used to Obtain Money From an Old Man.

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 23.—The ring leaders in the gang of masked burglars who, a week ago, beat and bound and under fearful torture secured the \$10,000 which Richard and Sarah Slocum had laid up for a rainy day, have been captured. They are Frank Anderson, a farmer living within two miles of the scene of the robbery; Ralph Vansaler and Jeremiah Casey. Anderson and Vansaler were captured together at the house of the former. They resisted arrest, but were overcome. Casey was captured in the eastern part of the State.

The conspiracy seems to have been put up by Anderson and Casey in the Meadville Jail. Anderson was there on sentence for larceny and met Casey, who was in for some offense. Anderson knew about Slocum's wealth, also that he had called in his money. In less than two weeks after the pair were out of jail, with four others, they met at the Anderson rendezvous and carried out one of the most daring and successful burglaries in the history of crime in this section. Casey's fondness for his cups loosened his tongue, and he divulged the secretiveness and gave the clue which resulted in the capture of the gang.

AFTER THE SENATORSHIP.

Judge Goff Enters the Race Against Steve Elkins.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—A special to the news from Clarksburg, W. Va., says: Judge Nathan Goff, who has been holding court in South Carolina, arrived at his home yesterday, and has been in close conference with political friends, including Hon. George C. S. Davis, who is himself an active candidate for the United States Senate against Elkins. It was given out this evening that Judge Goff would in all probability announce his candidacy for the Senate within the next twenty-four hours. If he does he will probably prove a formidable opponent. He has eight votes pledged to him, and Senator Whitaker and Hon. T. J. Hutchinson each has as many more. Judge Goff's candidacy would draw heavily from Elkins and at the same time solidify the followers of the candidates, all of whom are identified with the Goff wing of the party.

The conference has caused some excitement in political circles throughout this section.

RAIDED BY FRENCH'S BAND.

The Station Agent at Nowata Compelled to Open the Safe.

CLAREMORE, I. T., Dec. 23.—The French band of outlaws, headed by Jim French and Cherokee Bill, made a raid last night on the town of Nowata, about twenty-five miles north of here on the Kansas and Arkansas Valley Railroad. Station Agent Bristol, stepping out on the platform of the station, found himself covered with four guns. He was marched through the waiting-room and compelled to open the safe. The robbers got about \$150. They did not molest the passengers in the waiting-room.

After getting the contents of the safe they marched the agent outside, mounted and rode away, going east. It was feared that they would rob the passenger train, which was due, but it pulled out in safety about thirty minutes later.

A COTTAGE BLOWN UP.

Dynamite Used by Men Who Sought Revenge.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 23.—A small vacant cottage in Spring Wells township, owned by Charles A. Frost, was blown up with dynamite last night and almost completely destroyed. Frost resides in a house adjoining. All the windows in his house were shattered by the concussion and the movables were knocked to the floor. Frederick Loy and Charles Breuninger were arrested early this morning, charged with the crime. Frost alleges that Loy had twice received upon him, claiming Frost had taken advantage of him in a real estate deal.

GROVER A GOOD SHOT.

Slaughter of Ducks by the Presidential Party.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Cleveland and his party of duck-hunters returned to the city this morning on the Atlantic Coast Express. The train was due at 7 o'clock, but did not arrive until nearly 9 o'clock, all the trains on the line being late. The President was looking well, being a little browned by his exposure to the sun and wind. Altogether the party killed about 300 ducks, the President being responsible for rather more than half of them. He spoke very appreciatively of his reception at Georgetown yesterday.

SHOT AND HANGED.

End of a Negro Who Attempted to Commit Murder.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—George King, a desperate negro, was lynched at the slaughter-house just below the city this evening.

He had a difficulty with some butchers, and saying he would not be bluffed, went off and got a shotgun and a bag of shot. Constable Guerre came up and tried to arrest him and the negro escaped to a barn, from which he fired into the crowd which gathered, wounding the Constable and half a dozen others. The negro was shot and then dragged to a tree and hanged.

CITIZENS TO ACT.

Investigating Fraud in Chicago.

ALDERMAN POWERS' CASE.

Does Not Relish the Charge Against Him.

CITY COUNCIL UNDER THE BAN.

The Legislature Will Assist in Purifying Politics in Cook County.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Alderman John Powers, who is alleged to have offered to "power" for a consideration sufficient votes in the City Council to kill off the anti-cigarette ordinance, tonight announced that he would demand a searching investigation, which he claims would vindicate himself and the other city officials who are implicated in the alleged exposure.

The Civic Federation will take a hand in the matter. President Lyman J. Gage of the Civic Federation said:

"A great crime has been committed against the people. It should be investigated to the roots. There are judges in the State, prosecuting officers and a Grand Jury to take such matters in hand. Such a crime will not go unpunished. If the officers of the law fail to act and allow such an enormity to go by unnoticed the Civic Federation most certainly shall not allow it to be said that the funds of the organization are being expended in other directions. We have on our hands all we can care for, but we are not so much engrossed that we would allow the Powers case to slide by and out of sight without due justice being administered."

"I understand Alderman Kerr's proposition for the investigation of the police, and his scheme to seek the aid of different business and reform organizations in the work. I am in sympathy with it, but the Civic Federation being busily engaged at the present time will not join in it."

Attorney W. B. Conner, who has been managing the Civic Federation's elections fraud case, thought it would be a mistake for any organization to undertake too much at once. He thought if the investigation could begin on some particular line it would grow out quite fast enough afterward.

"The City Council ought to be investigated," he said, "and I believe the Civic Federation will take up the work with a will."

Members of the General Assembly who were in the city yesterday discussed this question in connection with political affairs. The sentiment among them was that the Legislature ought not to be called upon to take a hand in the investigation, but that they stood ready to relieve Chicago in any way necessary.

The new members especially are not anxious to become embroiled in Chicago and Cook County politics, and one of them said: "If the Civic Federation will come down to Springfield with a plain case upon which we can act there will be no hesitancy on the part of the Senators and Representatives from the rural districts."

PRIESTS SURRENDER.

Will No Longer Attempt to Fight Bishop Bonacum.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 23.—The priests of the Lincoln diocese, who have been fighting Bishop Bonacum for two years, have surrendered. They admit that the Bishop has won, and if he has not been sustained at Rome the diplomacy of Monsignor Sotelli has left them no chance but to seek employment elsewhere. Father English, the tenth priest to quit the Bonacum diocese, came to Omaha yesterday and now has charge of a parish in this city. The trouble between Bonacum and his priests began two years ago over the refusal of some ruling of Palmyra to submit to some ruling by the Bishop to which he thought was tyrannical. The Bishop was finally tried for libel, charges being preferred by Corbett. The Bishop was acquitted. Sotelli visited Lincoln for the purpose of investigating the trouble, but was unable to do so. The matter was appealed to Rome, but if ever passed upon the verdict was never made public.

The offense of Father English was his testimony against the Bishop in the Corbett case in Nebraska City last May. When the question of authorities on canon law was under consideration the Bishop and his supporters testified that the work of Father Smith of Patterson, N. J., was regarded as authoritative on canon law. Father English contradicted this testimony and produced a letter from the Bishop instructing him, as judge of the diocesan court, to study "Smith on Canon Law," which he regarded as the best work on the subject. Within sixty days after giving this testimony Father English was given orders to vacate the Basting's Mission and report at David City on April 1. An appeal was taken to Sotelli, who assured James English, brother of the priest, that a trial would be granted, "but not now," said the delegate. "Tell him that. He will understand."

He never had a trial. The priests announced to-day that they had surrendered and would seek charges in other dioceses.

NEW LAWS FOR ALASKA.

They Will Be Recommended by Assistant Secretary Hamlin.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—It is understood that Congress will, later in the present session, make an effort to provide a code of laws for the government of Alaska, which is to be submitted as the result of the inspection made last summer by Assistant Secretary Hamlin and Joseph W. Murray, Inspector of salmon fisheries. The gentlemen gave especial attention to the seal fisheries, and will, of course, dwell upon this feature especially in their report, but they will also recommend changes in the entire legal system of the seal islands and the mainland as well, covering all the subjects connected with the government of the Territory.

The Oregon laws are at present in force in Alaska, and have been ever since the organization of the Territory. They are in many instances ill adapted to the local conditions prevailing in Alaska, and even where they are fairly satisfactory the means of administering them are so inefficient as to have caused very serious complaint in the past on the part of the people affected. Hence, besides recommending laws for the government of the seal catch and others looking to the prevention of the destruction of the salmon interests, Messrs. Hamlin and Murray will probably recommend timber laws, new land, mining, liquor, customs and school laws. These

will also probably be a recommendation that three or four judicial districts be created to take the place of the present system, which is comprised in one district.

The report embodying their recommendations is now in course of preparation and will be submitted to Congress as early in the session after the holidays as possible, with the hope that there may be time left for Congressional action. It is believed that the report will take strong grounds for fixing the next year's sealing catch at a lower limit than that of last year.

SNOW BLOCKADE BROKEN.

But From Appearances It Is Only Temporary.

SISSON, Dec. 23.—The blockade between this place and Dunsmuir has been temporarily raised. Last night 200 snow shovellers and an extra train passed through Sisson, en route to the big snow-drift some five miles north of Sisson, and this morning the northbound Oregon express passed through, followed later by two other delayed passenger trains. The storm has abated, but the indications are that considerable more snow will fall before to-morrow. Had it not been that the Southern Pacific Company's rotary plow broke down the blockade would not have resulted. A workman engaged in shovelling snow from a house was seriously injured yesterday by the shed, belonging to J. M. Bowles, falling on him.

MORTIFIED TO DEATH.

Suicide of a Youth Arrested for Gambling on Sunday.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 23.—At Rockford, Coosa County, Ala., Albert Jordan, aged 22 and well connected, was arrested on an indictment from Elmore County charging gambling on Sunday, and was jailed after a desperate, but unsuccessful effort to escape. Last night when Jailer Redd went to Jordan's cell to carry a blanket he found him hanging to a bar by his suspenders with his hands tied behind him with his handkerchief, dead. Mortification over his arrest was the cause.

SOCIETY MEN SUED.

Aftermath of the First Gotham Horse Show.

Made a Big Contract for the Construction of Buildings, Which Was Broken.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Press to-morrow will say Ex-Secretary of the Navy William C. Whitney, Theodore Havermeyer, Prescott Lawrence, Thomas N. Perry, Francis F. Vanderbilt, Rush H. Herdarker, George Green, Reginald W. River, Colonel William Jay, James T. Hyde, T. Sufferin Tallier, John G. Beresford, together with a number of other prominent citizens of New York, are defendants in a case pending in the Chancery Court of New Jersey. The action in question has been brought by Thomas L. Hamilton.

In 1892 the defendants organized the United States Horse and Cattle Show Society for the purpose of giving horse shows in the fall and spring of each year in this city. The society was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey with a capital stock of \$75,000. The new organization leased Manhattan field for five years. The directors, through the executive committee, contracted with Thomas L. Hamilton for the construction of necessary buildings at a cost of over \$56,000. After the first show, which was not a financial success, \$30,000 was paid to Hamilton on his contract, leaving \$26,000 still unpaid. When the final accounting was paid the directors discovered the total amount of unpaid bills was \$40,000. On application, Chancellor McGill made a decree declaring the society insolvent and appointing the directors as receivers. Up to date the receivers have filed no report with the chancellor.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED.

The Mother Badly Scorched During Her Frantic Grief.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 23.—A fire occurred tonight in the flat occupied by Charles Cornwell. Both Mr. Cornwell and his wife were away from their home at the time, three children being left behind. In some unaccountable way the fire started, the first intimation of it being when Mrs. Jane Hanson, an elderly woman living across the hall, heard the children screaming. She opened the door of the Cornwell flat and smoke rolled out, almost smothering her. She saw a smoking bundle on the floor and it proved to be one of the little ones. Picking it up, she ran screaming to the street. Mrs. Cornwell was returning from the grocery store when she saw her neighbor with the burning bundle.

HOBLIT'S CURRENCY PLAN.

An Illinois Banker Has a Most Elaborate Scheme.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 23.—Alvin B. Hoblit, cashier of the National State Bank of this city, a member of the Executive Committee of the Illinois State Bankers' Association, has formulated a currency scheme which he believes is superior to the Baltimore plan, and which has received the endorsement of a number of able financiers in the Illinois State Bankers' Association. His plan is as follows:

First—Begin tending the greenback and treasury notes by issuing \$250,000,000 worth of 3 per cent bonds for banking purposes. Allow banks to issue currency to the par value of these bonds. Discontinue tax on their circulation.

Second—Allow banks with unimpaired capital to issue an additional 20 per cent on circulation secured by their assets. Upon this added currency levy a tax of 1 per cent per annum for the average time it is in circulation.

Third—This 20 per cent of circulation in capital will give the necessary elasticity to currency system needed in times of stringency of the money market.

Fourth—With the proceeds of the sale of bonds retire a like amount of greenbacks and treasury notes, which are a constant menace to the Government.

Killed by a Burst Pipe.

Franklin, La., Dec. 23.—The bursting of a steam pipe at the Caffery Central Sugar Refinery caused the instant death of two men. But slight damage was done to the refinery.

WENT TO PIECES.

Wreck of the Bark Southern Chief.

ABANDONED BY THE CREW.

Fifty-two Miles Southwest of Cape Flattery.

ONLY ONE SEAMAN WAS INJURED.

The Vessel and Cargo of Lumber Are Fully Covered by Insurance.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 23.—The bark Southern Chief, from Tacoma for Adelaide, Australia, succumbed to the fury of last Wednesday's storm. She went to pieces and was abandoned fifty-two miles southwest of Cape Flattery. Her captain, W. W. Plumb, formerly of the late bark James Couston, and crew, fifteen persons all told, were taken off the sinking vessel Friday morning by the barkentine Skagit and brought to this port.

An unknown ship previously passed the Southern Chief and refused to heed her signals of distress. Only one seaman was injured, having his leg jammed by lumber. The Southern Chief ran into the gale early Thursday morning, which, together with cross seas, opened up seams in the vessel and she quickly became water-logged. Over 30,000 feet of lumber were jettisoned when her stern quarters were carried away. A heavy sea was sweeping her decks, fore and aft, when the Skagit came along and rescued the crew. The vessel was valued at \$7000 and her cargo cost \$10,000; fully insured.

The revenue-cutter Grant, which was ordered to go out in search for overdue vessels, sailed to-night. She will probably be gone two weeks.

The barkentine Skagit, which arrived to-day, twenty days from San Pedro, reports making a big semi-circle on the voyage to Cape Flattery, and did not encounter any unusually stormy weather, and neither did she sight any vessels in distress, which would seem to dispel the idea that the missing vessels had got out to the westward and were heading in toward shore.

ELECTION CONTEST.

One That Is Likely to Prove Mighty Interesting.

VACAVILLE, Dec. 23.—Papers were filed yesterday by Raleigh Barcar, Democratic nominee for District Attorney, to contest the election of Frank R. Devlin, Republican. The complaint alleges fraud in the voting and that the election officers in four precincts in Vallejo erred in permitting about 200 persons, residents of Mare Island and United States marines and soldiers, to vote. According to the decision of Superior Judge Buckles a few days before election, these men were not entitled to vote, as they were not residents and reside in no precinct in the county. On election day several of these men who were registered in precinct 1 of the First Supervisorial District voted and were arrested, and the others went to other precincts to cast their votes. Mr. Devlin's plurality is only 92, and if Mr. Barcar succeeds in having the four precincts thrown out his election is assured. Should this happen the result would cost Governor-elect Budd 81 votes, that being his plurality in the four precincts.

GREETED BY THOUSANDS.

The Reception to General Booth in Simpson Tabernacle.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—The Salvation Army held a knee drill at the First Presbyterian Church this morning, led by Colonel Lawley of General Booth's staff. At 10:30 there was a holiness meeting led by the general at the Simpson Tabernacle. He delivered a short sermon, which was followed by a revival service.

Sunday night's passing was repeated in the afternoon, there being in many salutations. There were many people along the route who expressed wonderment at the strength of the army. There was an immense gathering in Simpson Tabernacle in the afternoon, which filled the entire edifice, the largest church building in the city.

When the leader and his staff appeared on the platform of the tabernacle a rousing amen from a thousand throats met him. Colonel Lawley opened the service, followed by a prayer and address by General Booth, which was attentively listened to.

ACROSS THE GLACIERS.

Progress of the Exploring Party Toward Mount Rainier's Peak.

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—A message from the Post-Intelligence party for the exploration of Mount Rainier brought by a pigeon, which was released at the mouth of Carbon Glacier at 8 A. M. to-day, tells of the arrival of the party at the base of the mountain on the previous evening and of great avalanches.

The last day's tramp was made on snow-shoes over four or five feet of snow in 26 degrees temperature. The Carbon River and other streams were forded many times and two of the party were ducked in the icy water.

Carbon Glacier rises in a sheer wall of 300 feet. It is greatly depressed, torn, ribbed and ragged by avalanches which have left walls of snow 300 feet high. The party this morning started across the glacier and around St. Elmo's pass to examine the route to the summit.

THE GROUND TREMBLED.

Slight Shocks of Earthquake in the South.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 23.—A shock of earthquake was experienced in this city at 10:20 A. M. to-day. No damage was done, nor was the disturbance so great as at the last time, but the oscillations were distinctly marked and readily recognized.

POMONA, Dec. 23.—There was an earthquake here at 10:22 o'clock to-day. One shock was heavy and one light, coming apparently from the southwest. Crackery was rattled on shelves.

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 23.—Quite a heavy shock of earthquake was felt here at 10:20 A. M. The vibrations were from south to north. No damage was done.

STRUCK BY AN ENGINE.

Possibly Fatal Accident on the Los Angeles Terminal Railroad.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—E. A. Fike, a carbenet, unmarried, living at Garvanza was run over and fatally injured by a Terminal railroad train at 7 o'clock this evening at the junction of Pasadena avenue. Fike was on an electric streetcar going to Garvanza. The train came up, the engine colliding with the car on which

Fike was sitting. Becoming frightened, he jumped off the car and was caught by the engine and run over. Fike is horribly mangled, and physicians say he will not live till morning.

The injury to the electric car was very slight. There were thirty-five people on the car at the time and a panic ensued, but Fike was the only one injured.

CROOKED WORK SOMEWHERE.

Queer Action of a Pinkerton Agency Detective.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—An alleged embezzler from one of the oldest banks in Bloomington, Ill., has been run down by an Allan O. Pinkerton Agency detective here, but the latter suddenly disappeared after he became friendly with the alleged embezzler, without even giving the latter's name. The detective gave his name on arriving in this city two weeks ago as J. M. Brooks, but told certain people his name was William Bell. He was very anxious to have it understood he was not working for the Pinkerton Bros.' Detective Agency.

According to his story, one of the oldest and most trusted employees of a Bloomington bank, which is a branch of a Chicago institution, asked for a vacation and went to Yankton, S. D., and then asked for an extension of time and came to the coast. His books were examined, and it was found he was \$37,000 short. The case was put in the hands of the Allan O. Pinkerton Agency, and Brooks started out to run his man down. He trailed him to Kansas City, Ogden, Butte, Portland, Or., and finally to Seattle, where he was living under the name of Walker.

Brooks, after arriving here, claimed to locate his man and get a confession from him that he had \$17,000 sewed in the lining of his coat. He said he did not want to return, but would settle if the bank would give him \$18,000 that was owed to him. Extradition papers were made out, but the matter was kept from the police because of the danger of the arresting the man and spoiling the chance of a recovery of the money.

Suddenly the detective became friendly with the alleged embezzler and commenced avoiding the attorney. Then he became involved with a fair siren named Lillian, and, after a trip into the woods ostensibly for a deer hunt, he took a train for San Francisco, and the next day Lillian left for that city by steamer. So far as can be learned nothing has been done to settle the affair with the bank. Brooks never let any one see the alleged embezzler, so it is not known who he is.

WAS A CONSPIRACY.

What Oregon Railroad Officials Think of the Accident on Their Road.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—A special to the Ledger from Walla Walla says: The statement yesterday that the cause given for the Oregon and Navigation accident near Gales Junction, in which Engineer Robert Walker lost his life, was due to the spreading of the rails, is reported to be without foundation. Every indication goes to show that the rails, ties and everything about the track was in perfect condition, and railroad officials attribute the accident to a conspiracy of some sort.

In speaking of the matter to-day, a railroad official said:

"We regard the accident as due to placing upon the outside rail a nut or spike, maliciously or otherwise, and it is thought that something of this nature will be brought out at the investigation."

Now Free From Debt.

SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 23.—The debt of the Young Men's Christian Association was cleared to-day. There was an indebtedness of \$9000 on the property which had to be raised by popular subscription to save it. All but \$125 had been subscribed up to this morning, when the Congregational Church has contributed \$3000 toward paying off the indebtedness. The other churches also subscribed liberally.

Strikers Remain Firm.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec.