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**Fight For Carter's Child.**  
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 15.—In the Franklin Gray Carter case Chancellor McConnell dissolved the bill of injunction granted for Mrs. Carter, in which she sought to take the lad to New York and fight for his possession in the courts of that state. The child was left in the custody of the mother of Andrew P. Carter at Sweetwater, and its possession will be settled by the courts of Tennessee.

**General Greene's New Job.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—General Francis V. Greene, present police commissioner of New York city, has accepted a position with the Albright-Hayes Power company, which is building a power plant on the Canadian side of Niagara river at Niagara Falls. He will assume his new duties on Jan. 1. General Greene has declined to discuss the story. "Wait awhile," he said: "then I'll tell."

**Froze to Death For Want of Help.**  
OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Dec. 15.—While in an unconscious condition Mrs. Margaret Mills was frozen to death here. On her way home from a visit she tripped and fell heavily to the sidewalk, becoming unconscious. The street is little frequented, and when Mrs. Mills' body was found it was discovered that she had been frozen to death.

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The Rutland Herald has 109 years old last week. The Herald has files of the paper back to the first issue and these from one of the most valuable histories of the state in existence, and should be preserved with the greatest care.

**IN THE HOUSE.**

**Isthmian Canal, Panama Tariff, Tobacco and Labor Discussed.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The house continued in session for a little more than four hours, during which time there was a general discussion on varied topics. The pension appropriation bill was before the house, but no conclusion on it was reached. The isthmian canal and the republic of Panama, the tariff, tobacco interests and questions affecting labor were debated. Mr. Baker (Dem., N. Y.), speaking on the subject of labor, contended that compensating wages are not paid. He cited the testimony as to wages taken before the anthracite coal commission and said it showed "conditions of slavery." He said the United States Steel company sold stock to its employees at a figure thirty points higher than present quotations. In New York, he said, the trusts squeezed the laboring man until he was willing to work at low wages. He referred to the ship-building trust, connecting it with the steel trust, and declared that the stock of both concerns was watered. Without reaching a conclusion on the pension appropriation bill the house adjourned.

**IN THE SENATE.**

**Session Was Spent in Discussing Cuban Trade Bill.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate spent the day on the Cuban bill, most of the time being occupied by Mr. Bailey (Tex.) in an elaborate argument against the constitutionality of the proceeding. He claimed that no treaty changing the revenue laws that was not first authorized by legislation or originating in the house of representatives was valid. Mr. Bailey also opposed the bill as a matter of general policy. Brief speeches were made by Senators Teller, Dewey and Lodge. The latter asserted that Cuba had adopted the same immigration laws as those of the United States in regard to Chinese immigration.

**Cleveland and Party on Hunt.**

GEORGETOWN, S. C., Dec. 15.—Former President Grover Cleveland, accompanied by Commodore E. C. Benedict, Captain Giddings, General A. G. McCook and Commander Hodgins, has arrived here in a special car. The party were met at the railroad wharf by the government launch Water Lily, to which they transferred and left for the hunting preserves of General E. P. Alexander at South Island, where guests the party will be for ten days, during which time they will indulge in duck and deer hunting and fishing.

**Formal Protest From Germany.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt, Secretary Shaw and Baron von Sternburg, the German ambassador, have been in conference in the White House on one of the most important questions that has arisen recently between the two countries. Germany has made a formal protest to the state department against alleged overvaluation of her exports to this country. It is claimed this overvaluation is not only unjust, but threatens to disastrously affect the volume of German exports to the United States.

**Plot to Kill Powell.**

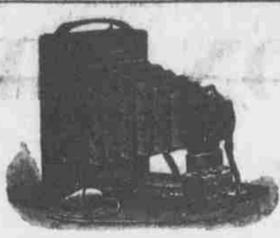
SANTO DOMINGO, Dec. 15.—Reliable information has been obtained that a plot was hatched in the provisional government of Santo Domingo to assassinate the United States minister to that republic, Mr. William F. Powell, and also General Juan Jimenez, the prospective president of the republic. The reason given for the plot against Mr. Powell is that the minister is "too independent and is playing a lone hand, refusing to be influenced by politicians."

**Wreck on New York Central.**

CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 15.—New York Central passenger train No. 3 ran into a string of cars on a siding at Liddley and was badly wrecked. Engineer Harris and Fireman D. Gabrielle of this city were slightly injured and Trainman Edward Dowling of this city seriously injured.

**Rockefeller's Trespass Suit.**

MALONE, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Before County Judge S. A. Bennan the case of William Rockefeller of New York, who owns a private park of 52,000 acres in Franklin county, against Oliver Lamora was opened here. The case is of interest to many New Yorkers who own preserves in the Adirondacks. The action brought to recover penalty for damages.



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**CROWN PRINCE TOO RASH A RIDER**

**The Solitude of German Ruler Is Taken by Many as Significant, Considering His Health—He Wishes to Care For His Son.**

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—The Kaiser has ordered the Crown Prince Frederick William to remain in his room for three days for having raced in a steeplechase against the emperor's wish. The race took place near Potsdam. The crown prince is a venturesome rider and had been reprimanded by the emperor for riding up the steps of the Sans Souci palace at the head of the Second company of the First regiment of the guards, of which regiment he had been appointed colonel a few days before, on which occasion, it is reported, the emperor said he must not endanger his life by steeplechasing. The prince while at Bonn university was noted for driving tandem at full speed to see how closely he could cut corners. The emperor's solicitude for the crown prince is taken by many as significant. They say the German ruler is probably not so fully restored to health as the court physicians and others near him would have the people believe and realizing that he may not live long will not permit the prince to jeopardize his life. This view is strengthened by a report current in Berlin that Emperor William has undergone a second operation for his throat and that the knife may have to be used a third time. Despite all assurances of the emperor's recovery and the harmless quality of the polypus removed from his throat at the first operation, great anxiety is felt in official circles because of the great similarity between the emperor's case and that of his father, Emperor Frederick. It is known that the Kaiser's policy would be to conceal from his people as long as possible the fact that his malady is incurable, just as was done in the case of Emperor Frederick. It was admitted by many eminent specialists at the time of the first operation on Emperor William that the removal of a benign growth is frequently followed by the formation of malignant growths, especially in cases where there is the hereditary taint of cancer.

**Mrs. Rogers' Lover on the Stand.**

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 16.—The state has placed on the witness stand the man for the love of whom, it alleges, Mary H. Rogers murdered her husband. Next to Leo D. Perham, the confessed accomplice of the defendant, Morris Knapp is the most important witness of the prosecution. He admitted an attachment for the defendant based upon the belief that she was free to marry him, told of their personal relations, of frequent long letters received from the woman. Mrs. Rogers had at first represented herself as single, then as the sister of Marcus H. Rogers, the murdered man, and finally told him that she had been married, but that her husband had left her.

**Talked With Napoleon at St. Helena.**

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Major William H. Garland, aged ninety-four years, is dead at the National Soldiers' home here. He had shaken hands with every president of the United States except Washington. He was on the naval cadet detail that welcomed Lafayette on his second visit to America in 1824, and he at one time conversed with Napoleon on the island of St. Helena. Major Garland's wife and children were drowned in the Evansville (Ind.) flood in 1884. He was for many years a Baptist minister.

**Boer Leader For Mexico.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Prospects for the rehabilitation of the Boer country are very poor, according to the reports brought here by General Ben J. Viljoen, one of the Transvaal leaders in the fight with Great Britain, who was a passenger on the Umbria. He is now on his way to Mexico, where he hopes to engage in agricultural interests, for his home is wrecked, and many of the people of his native land are unable to recover from the effects of the war which devastated their lands.

**Boy Bandit Confesses.**

CHICOPEE, Mass., Dec. 16.—Claiming to be only fifteen years old, John T. Malone, who was arrested in Springfield and later confessed to having assaulted, bound and gagged Israel Dick, a Main street merchant, and attempted to rifle the safe, was arraigned in police court on a charge of assault and attempted robbery. He was held under \$500 bonds until Thursday morning, when his case will be considered by the court and an agent of the state board of charities.

**To Probe Colorado Strike.**

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Dec. 16.—The trades and labor assembly of the Cripple Creek district has endorsed the resolution of United States Senator Patterson providing for an investigation of the strike situation in Colorado, and copies have been forwarded to President Roosevelt, Senators Patterson and Teller and to the president of the senate.

**Soldiers Plan Lynching.**

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 16.—Thomas R. Fuller, the Fort Douglas soldier accused of assaulting and seriously injuring a young woman here, has been taken to the state penitentiary for safe keeping.

**RACING AT INGLESIDE.**

**Royal Rogue Outfished Bullman by a Nose.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Some of the best racing of the season was witnessed at Ingleside. Several finishes aroused enthusiasm and especially that in the fifth race. Tommy Burns made his first appearance and had the mount on Royal Rogue. He outfished Bullman and gained the decision by a nose. Cougar upset calculations by taking the third event at odds of 12 to 1. Four favorites were successful. The results: First Race.—Constellator won; Dora L, second; Bee Rosewater, third. Second Race.—Lord Wadsworth won; Ebony, second; Andrew B. Cook, third. Third Race.—Cougar won; Veterano, second; Dupont, third. Fourth Race.—Epicure won; Apumuda, second; Leader, third. Fifth Race.—Royal Rogue won; Beau Ormonde, second; Arabo, third.

**Munroe Beat Limevick.**

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—One of the most uninteresting bouts ever held in this city resulted in a decision for Jack Munroe of Butte, Mont., over Al Limevick of Buffalo in the third round of what was to have been a fifteen round contest before the Criterion club. Limevick showed little knowledge of boxing, while Munroe made a good appearance and had no difficulty in landing at will on his huge opponent.

**Pigeon Fliers' Officers.**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—The annual meeting of the National Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers was held here, at which the following officers were elected: President, L. J. Kemgott, Buffalo; first vice president, George F. Knett, Paterson, N. J.; second vice president, J. P. Harter, Baltimore; national race secretary, John Fisher, New York; secretary, William Verrinder, Philadelphia.

**Hands Across and Siddons Won.**

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—Hands Across and Siddons were the only winning favorites here. Lew Dorsey was well backed in his race and nosed out a victory for his supporters. Autumn Leaves was cut down in her race.

**SPECULATED IN STOCKS.**

**Cashier Bushnell Shot Himself at Yale National Bank.**

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 16.—After greeting a bank examiner who had come unannounced to examine his accounts Asa C. Bushnell, cashier of the Yale National bank, at the corner of State and Chapel streets, this city, went into the basement of the bank and shot himself fatally, death ensuing an hour and a half later at Grace hospital. A statement given out by Elwin S. Greeley, president of the bank, and by John T. Manson, the vice president, said that an investigation of the books indicated that the cashier was indebted to the bank between \$12,000 and \$15,000. The president added: "It is evident that Mr. Bushnell had been speculating in stocks to a limited extent. The small amount to which he is indebted to this bank is amply covered by a surety bond. The United States bank officials are now engaged in making an examination."

**Butler Typhoid Epidemic.**

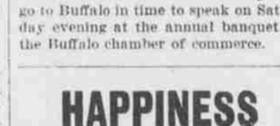
BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 16.—The relief committee here wishes to advise the people of the United States in regard to the epidemic of typhoid fever now in Butler as follows: "Total number of cases to date, 1,254; total number of deaths to date, 51. For the past week the average of new cases has been twelve per day. The population of Butler and Lyndora, adjoining, is 18,000. A conservative estimate of those dependent upon daily wages is 14,000. Typhoid experts and eminent physicians who have had large experience in epidemics of this character insist that we are confronted with a siege that in all human probability will continue to a greater or less degree for a period of from two to three months."

**Governor Odell's Busy Time.**

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Governor Odell spent the most of the day at the executive mansion at work, it is understood, upon his message to the legislature. He and Mrs. Odell will leave late today for Washington, where tomorrow evening he and Mrs. Odell will attend a cabinet dinner at the White House. He will return on Friday and go to Buffalo in time to speak on Saturday evening at the annual banquet of the Buffalo chamber of commerce.

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