NEBRASKA HORSES TO FRANCE

Local Breeders Make Sales in Calais, Doing Quite Well.

SECOND SHIPMENT JUST STARTED

Lash of Auburn and Cook of Julian Gone with a String of Trotters—Gossip of Track and Stable.

Nebraska is sharing in some of the boom American horse flesh is enjoying across the big pond this year. J. W. Lash of Auburn, owner and trainer of the noted Nebraska stallion, Pat L, and J. H. Cook of Julian left with forty head of horses for Calais, France. The movement follows a precedent set some six months ago by Cook and another horseman of Julian, Mr. Burgess, who shipped forty head to Calais and made a nice thing out of it. They expect to go permanently into the business of shipping horses to foreign shores if they can make arrangements for handling their horses at Calais.

Of the batch that is going over this time twenty are trotters, sixteen of which were raised by Lash. Among the number is the 4-year-old stallion Grant L, a chestnut and a full brother to Pat L, who has a record of 2:09¼. He is expected to bring a good price in Europe. Mr. Cook took twenty heavy draft horses, all raised in Auburn.

Under date of December 9 C. L. Garrison of Sutton, Neb., writes as follows concerning his stock: "I own and raised the trotting mare Bonnie E, 2:13¾; own her sire and dam, five full brothers and sisters, also bred her grandam and great-grandam. Filly, dam of Bonnie E, is 11 years old; was sired by Pilot Mambrino, dam Fan by Clay Abdallah, grandam Sylph by Zero. Bonnie E is her first foal, also the first foal by her sire, Bowshot 4933, son of Fairy Gift, 2:30. Isabelle Sprague, dam of Bowshot, was a daughter of Governor Sprague, 2:20½. Have owned Bowshot since 1889; he will be 12 years old in the spring. Bonnie E was broken at 6 months old, secured her present record at Omaha last September, where she stepped the middle half of her record mile in 1:03 and could have gone the mile in 2:08, as I walked her under the wire. She is a dark brown in color, stands 15½ hands high and weighs in racing shape 1,010 pounds. Geneva Boy, one year younger than Bonnie E, trotted a mile last season, with eight weeks' work, in 2:23½; going one quarter in 33¼ seconds. He will be started in the slow classes next year and should beat 2:20 quite handily. I am now jogging the entire family of Bowshot's and Filly's, and will campaign six of them in 1898, as they are very promising and are now in the finest condition. Should my 3-year-old come to the wire in good shape I look to see her go as fast a mile as any of our western-bred colts or fillies. Filly is the only first class brood mare that I own, and I certainly expect to see her in the great table of producing mares at the close of next season. This mare has been a regular breeder from the first and will drop her eighth foal in the spring, all of them by Bowshot."

Jerome Eddy, a famous old trotting stallion who at one time brought a price of $25,000, was a few days ago sold for $105 at an auction sale in Wakefield, R. I. The big money was paid for him in March, 1883, by Henry C. Jewett & Co. of Buffalo, N. Y. He was then 8 years old and had a record of 2:16¾, which at that time was eclipsed only by the record of Smuggler, 2:15¼, among trotting stallions. Such was the reputation of Jerome Eddy that in 1882 the Buffalo association, at the grand circuit meeting, gave a special purse of $1,500 to be contested for by Eddy and the stallion Black Cloud. Eddy won the first heat in 2:16½, being driven that fast in a futile attempt to beat Smuggler's championship record. The third and fourth heats were dead in 2:19 and 2:29, respectively. Black Cloud won the race. The talk, however, created that day by a stallion trotting a mile in 2:16½ was greater even than over Star Pointer's mile this season in 1:59¼. It boomed the horse into a sale to the Jewetts for $25,000. His sire was Louis Napoleon, by Volunteer; his dam Fanny Mapes, by Alexander's Abdallah. Henry C. Jewett & Co. kept Jerome Eddy until March, 1886, and during these thirteen years they received from him in service fees $36,000. The Jewetts did not sell Eddy in their closing out auction sale, but a month later sold him to S. A. Owen of Hope, R. I., for $500. Mr. Owen died recently; hence the grand old horse was again compelled, when 24 years old, to find a new home and a new master in the person of Wanton R. Carpenter of Matunuck, R. I., and it will be the wish of all horsemen that the great trotter and successful sire will find comfort and rest the remainder of his days. Last spring his sire, Louis Napoleon, 30 years old, was sold for a scog, taken to Saginaw, and on August 24 last some children, playing with matches, set the barn on fire and one of the most famous trotting sires of Michigan was cremated.

A peculiar feature of a recent horse sale is to be found in the fact that $25 bought a full brother of the sensational trotter, Azote, 2:04¾, who is believed by many horsemen to have been the fastest trotter ever foaled, had he been turned out on a fast track at the right time. His brother was tried on the track, but developed no speed. He gained fame in being one of President Cleveland's carriage team in the latter's last administration. About the time that the great Azote was raking in all the free-for-all purses on the grand circuit he was boarding in the White House stables.

"Bob" Kneebs of Sioux City, Ia., has been permanently reinstated in the American Trotting association. Kneebs was accorded temporary reinstatement August 6 and the board of appeals of the association decided that he had been punished sufficiently for transgressing the rules by serving a sentence of nearly two years in a German prison and having his mare Bethel, which was the cause, confiscated by the German government. In 1895 Kneebs took a stable of trotters to Europe and while in Berlin trotted the mare Bethel in a class much slower than hers under the name of Nellie Kneebs. The deception was discovered and the stringent laws governing race track frauds in that country were at once put in force against him. The request for reinstatement was heard on the grounds that the offender had been financially ruined and physically broken in health by reason of his venture in Germany and in the light of those facts the board allowed him the full privileges of the tracks within its jurisdiction.

Neighs and Whinnies.

It is said Williams offered to sell Axtell for $300 when he was a 2-year-old.

Over $65,000 has been left in this country by foreigners for horses the last few weeks.

The deficit in the Chicago horse show accounts has reached $31,000 and is still growing.

Lenora K, 2:16¼, was sold last week for $260. Three years ago her owner refused $8,000 for her.

While Ed Geers did not drive Joe Patchen to his record he drove him in 2:01½ in a race at the Columbus grand circuit meeting, which places him as the only driver having driven two horses in 2:01½ or better, he having given Robert J his mark of 2:01½.

The famous Mambrino king is now turning 26 years, and is so worn that his days as a stallion are nearly over.

Directum, 2:05¼, fastest of trotting stallions, has been returned to California, where he will make the season of 1898.

Dr. Hollenbeck, who was with Budd Doble when that driver had Nancy Hanks, 2:04, says the ex-champion could pace faster than she could trot.

Oregon has bred two world's champions in the light harness horse, Cheballs, pacing, two miles, 4:19¼, and Blondie, trotting, two miles stallion race record, 4:48.

Brown Hal, the sire of Star Pointer, 1:59¼, is the sire of thirteen 2:15 pacers, this being the greatest number to the credit of any horse, while he and Altamont each have sired five 2:10 pacers.

The Iowa reinsman, P. R. McCash, now employed with the Iowa Central railroad, has decided to return to his first love, and will be out with a stable of pacers next season. Mr. McCash will locate at Marshalltown.

Dr. Hill of Syracuse, Neb., who was the pioneer horseman in his locality, and who brought Young Sentinel, 2:26, to Nebraska, and who was for several years secretary of the Nebraska Trotting Horse Breeders' association, has abandoned the horse business and returned to his old profession—dentistry.

An exchange says that spectacles have been patented for horses and are now being used with great success. Their object is not so much to magnify objects as to make the ground in front of the horse appear nearer to his head than it really is. The result is continual high stepping, which, after a while, becomes natural, and give to the horse an aristocratic gait which he will always retain.

EVENTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS.

Ten Books Do a Fair Business at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—There was a decided improvement in the weather today, but the track was still heavy. The talent was in better form, however, and three favorites landed. Ten books drew in and all handled fair business. Results:

First race, selling, six furlongs: Sedan won Elkin second, Tremona third. Time: 1:19.

Second race, selling, one mile: French Grey won, Caddie C second, Tabouret third. Time: 1:48¾.

Third race, selling, one mile: Pete Kitchen won, Ellismere second, Rapalatchie third. Time: 1:48.

Fourth race, handicap, mile and one-sixteenth: Cherry Leaf won St. Roque second, Ida third. Time: 1:58¾.

Fifth race, selling, six furlongs: Judge Steadman won Albert S second, High Test third. Time: 1:19.

SAN FRANCISCO Dec. 28.—Track fast at Ingleside. Results:

First race, selling, six furlongs: Roxey Murphy won, Esperando second, Darechota third. Time: 1:17.

Second race, five furlongs, purse: Lord Marmion won, George Rose second, Hermoso third. Time: 1:01.

Third race, selling, six furlongs: Rebel Jack won, Dr. Marks second, Morinel third. Time: 1:15¾.

Fourth race, selling, mile and one-sixteenth: Shasta Water won, Marquise second, Double Quick third. Time: 1:48¾.

Fifth race, seven furlongs, purse: O'Connell won, Rey el Santa Anita second, Summertime third. Time: 1:28¾.

CORBETT MUST GET IN BOB'S CLASS.

Julian Says that Fitzsimmons Will Then Fight Him.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Martin Julian today on behalf of Robert Fitzsimmons, made the following statement: "Fitzsimmons will defend his right to the title of champion. Mrs. Fitzsimmons has released him from his promise of retirement." Referring to the conditions on which Fitzsimmons will fight Corbett and McCoy, Julian's statement says: "These conditions are as follows. Let Corbett beat a man like Maher or Choynski, and establish his right as a member of Bob's class; let McCoy beat his way up to a commanding position, and come along with his challenge afterward. But first McCoy must fight a fit opponent at the middleweight limit, and not at catch-weights." The statement concludes as follows: "I am not going to allow Mr. Fitzsimmons to accept offers from inferior men. When the proper time comes Fitz will meet them all, one after the other, in the same ring if needs be."

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—"Kid" McCoy announced tonight that he had arranged to meet Al Smith in this city tomorrow, and that he will meet any man named by Fitzsimmons. It is to meet Martin Julian's condition, announced in Chicago today, that McCoy has arranged tomorrow's conference. He is anxious, he says, to find out who Fitzsimmons wants him to fight.

COLLEGIANS ENGAGE AT CHESS.

Second Series Develops Some Interesting Contests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The second round of the intercollegiate chess tournament was played today at the Grammar school as follows: Meyer, Columbia, and Cook, Yale, French defense; Dana, Pennsylvania, and Hewins, Harvard, Petroff; Baird, Columbia, and Southard, Harvard, king's mate gambit; Murdoch, Yale, and Young, Pennsylvania, French defense.

Meyer and Cook had to adjourn their game in an even position after forty-six moves. This game will be adjudicated tomorrow. This was an even contest from beginning to end.

Dana and Hewins selected a sort of drawing continuation of their Petroff, and the game remained even throughout the opening stage. In the middle game Hewins got an attack, won a piece and after thirty moves, the game.

Seward selected a rather weak variation of the king's gambit against Southard. The latter soon got the better position and after twenty-one moves Seward resigned.

Young beat Murdoch in a French defense after forty-three moves. The latter compromised his position in the middle game by an imprudent exchange. Later on he lost several pawns, finally a rook and then he resigned.

WOULD PERMIT ONLY TEN ROUNDS.

Mayor Limits the Daly and Everhardt Fight.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—Jack Daly and Jack Everhardt met before the Tulane Avenue Athletic club tonight with about 1,000 present. The match was originally for twenty rounds, but the mayor would not issue a permit for over ten rounds, and charged $500 for that. Everhardt said he had trained for twenty rounds and refused to go on until he secured an agreement that if both men were on their feet at the end of ten rounds the fight would be declared a draw. Everhardt tried to make it a rough and rushing fight from the start, but Daly was clever enough to keep away from punishment. Daly's left was weak, so that there was not much harm done until the seventh, when Daly learned to use his right and kept it going on the body. In the tenth round Daly's right did a rushing business on Everhardt's body, and there was danger of a knockout. Then Everhardt clinched and wrestled and saved his skin until time was called, and Referee Duffy declared it a draw.

M'COY GOES AFTER FITZSIMMONS.

Wants to Fight for the Middleweight Championship.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—"Kid" McCoy, the conqueror of Creedon, issued a challenge to Fitzsimmons today for a finish fight for the middleweight championship of the world. The young middleweight announced that he has backing for $10,000 and will post a forfeit as soon as called upon to do so. He desires to meet the present champion for a purse and a side stake of at least $5,000. McCoy at once communicated with Dan Stuart, the promoter of the Carson fight last spring, and offered to take Corbett's place in case the Californian fails to sign articles with Fitzsimmons. "Even if Corbett is willing to fight," declared McCoy in his letter to Stuart, "I believe I am entitled to the first chance. Corbett is a beaten man, while I have not as yet been defeated. Fitzsimmons should take me on first and deal with Corbett afterward."

Intercollegiate Cricket Games.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Cricket association was held at Houston hall today. Delegates were present from Pennsylvania, Haverford and Harvard—W. N. Morise representing Pennsylvania, T. Wister and H. H. Lowry representing Haverford and E. Morgan third and E. A. Waters representing Harvard.

The principal business of the meeting was making dates for the intercollegiate matches. The following schedule was adopted: May 18, Pennsylvania and Haverford, at Haverford; May 21, Harvard and Pennsylvania, at Manheim; May 23, Haverford and Harvard, at Haverford.

The championship for 1897 was formally awarded to Harvard.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Howard H. Lowry, Haverford; vice president, Richard Haughton, Harvard; secretary and treasurer, Alan T. Herrick, Pennsylvania.

Preparing for Tug-of-War.

The tug-of-war team of the Turners which is to meet a team of the Tourist Wheel club is faithfully training for the match, which takes place in their quarters on next Thursday night. They have been pulling two or three times a week since the match was put on and are getting in good shape. The Tourists also are working hard in preparation for the event, and the match promises to be a warm one. The contest will be made the feature of quite an evening's entertainment, for which considerable preparation is being made. The contest itself will be followed by one of the regular monthly dances the Turners are giving during the season.

New Record on a Broad Jump.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Leroy Yakely of this city broke the American amateur standing broad jump record without weights in the Young Men's Christian association contest tonight. He jumped ten feet ten inches, beating the record held by A. G. Schwaner of ten feet nine and seven-eighths inches.

BOOK MEN WILL FIGHT LOUD BILL.

Appoint a Committee to Go to Washington.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The stated intention of Congressman E. F. Loud to press his bill to amend the postal laws relating to second-class mail matter, has resulted in a renewal of the agitation it has before stirred up among the publishers in this city. Mr. Loud's bill admits as mail matter of the second-class "all newspapers and periodical publications which are issued at stated intervals, and as frequently as four times a year," but proposes to prohibit the admission to this class of books, and reprints of books, and to abolish the sample copy privilege.

At a meeting of publishers yesterday at the office of the American Newspaper company it was declared by the speakers that the bill would be more far-reaching in its effects than its provisions would seem to imply. Orville J. Victor, chairman of a committee selected by the publishers last year to work against the bill, explained to the meeting his efforts in Washington, but despite the protests which had been made he pointed out that Mr. Loud had refused to recede from his position, that the bill had been restored to the calendar and would be reached immediately after the appropriation bills had passed.

T. Alfred Vernon, John Elderkin and others made brief addresses in opposition to the Loud bill. A committee to carry on the work of opposing the measure was appointed consisting of F. L. Neely, chairman; C. Alfred Vernon, treasurer; Ormond Smith, James Ogilvie and Charles E. Smith.

ABANDONING THE SMALL SCHOOLS.

Subject Discussed by Indiana Teachers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—A subject of general interest was discussed by the county school superintendent today at the first meeting of the Indiana State Teacher's association. It was "Should Township Trustees Temporarily Abandon Small District Schools and Transport the Pupils to Other and Larger Schools at the Public Expense?" L. O. Harris, one of the oldest educators in the state said that the tendency of the present time was towards a dwindling in many country schools. He favored the plan of having pupils taken in wagons from their homes to strong schools rather than to have them walk to the extremely small schools. He said that there are in Indiana numbers of small district schools that constitute an element of evil of sufficient magnitude to demand the application of a remedy and that it was a considerable element of weakness to the school system. Other papers were read on the subject.

Ratcliffe Gets Six Months.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Edward J. Ratcliffe, the actor who was found guilty of assault in the third degree for striking his wife, was today sentenced to six months in the penitentiary.

Lawyer Towns, counsel for Ratcliffe, made a motion for a new trial, which was denied. Mr. Towns said that there was some justification for the assault.

Judge Newburger looked at Towns in astonishment and said: "I am surprised to hear counsel make such an admission."

The judge, after referring to the recommendation for mercy made by the jury, said: "Wife beating may be popular in some countries, but not in America. I propose in your case to mete out such punishment as will serve as a warning to others that they must not repeat an offense of this kind."

Ratcliffe was taken back to his cell in the Tombs to await transfer to the penitentiary on Blackwell's island, where he will be confined at hard labor. This does not carry with it the deprivation of civil rights that is involved in a state prison sentence. A large crowd was present to hear the actor sentenced. Mrs. Ratcliffe and her father, Peter DeLacy, were absent.

Western Commercial Travelers.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—At the twentieth annual meeting of the Western Commercial Travelers' association, held in this city today, there was an interesting discussion over the extension of the association and the admission of members not citizens of the United States. It was finally decided to restrict the membership to citizens of this country, but they will be allowed to travel anywhere in the world.

William N. Conklin of St. Louis was elected president for the ensuing year and directors and other officers were selected.

The reports showed the association to be in a prosperous condition. The association has cash on hand to the amount of $86,557, of which $55,971 is in the reserve fund. During 1897 $96,876 was paid out in death certificates.

Result of a Joke

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—It was developed tonight that the shooting of Katie Dosenbach by Marcus Nassauer at Clayton yesterday and his own suicide was the result of a practical joke. It is claimed Nassauer's friends had constantly told him the girl loved him dearly, and she herself entered into the spirit of the fun by telling she was about to leave for Oregon to be married. Driven to desperation by the thought of losing her Nassauer called at her home and shot her and then blew out his brains.

River Coal Operators Combine.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 28.—The meeting of Pittsburg and Cincinnati river coal operators to form the Citizens' Coal company, which began here yesterday, is still in session. After the noon recess it was stated that the details had not yet been arranged, but that the proceedings were harmonious and that the organization would probably be completed in time to begin operations on the first of the year. The company will have a capital of $4,000,000.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Dec. 28.

At New York—Arrived—Sicilia, from Stettin; Georgic, from Liverpool; Obdam, from Rotterdam; Westernland, from Antwerp. Sailed—Nomadic, for Liverpool.

At Liverpool—Sailed—Bovic, for New York.

At Boston — Arrived — Catalonia, from Liverpool.

At Delaware Breakwater—Passed up—Penniland, from Liverpool, for Philadelphia.

At Philadelphia—Arrived—Pennland, from Liverpool.

At San Francisco—Sailed—Australia, for Honolulu; Doric, for Hong Kong, Yokohama and Honolulu.

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OPENS A BROAD QUESTION

Motion Being Argued Before Judge Munger Has Deep Interest.

CONCERNS LIABILITY OF STOCKHOLDERS

Functions of Loan and Trust Companies and Nature of Their Business Involving Responsibility of Members.

A decision is to be rendered by Judge Munger of the federal court which will be of interest to all stockholders of loan and trust companies in the state and especially of those which have failed during the past years of panic.

The question is whether or not the stockholders of such institutions shall be held liable under the laws of the state to the full amount of their holdings of stock in the event that the assets of the defunct company are not sufficient to wipe out in full the claims creditors hold against it. This question has been raised in the receivership case of the American Loan and Trust company, which failed in this city in 1894.

The matter has come up in the shape of a motion on the part of the stockholders to discharge the receiver, Philip Potter, and to wind up and finally dispose of the case. The case was brought by a number of eastern stockholders and resulted in the appointment of Potter as receiver. Potter has been at work for three years in settling the claims and accounts and early in the year filed his final report and asked for his discharge. Exceptions have been filed against the acceptance of the report, but all of these have been on the grounds that the duties of the receivership have not been satisfactorily performed and that Potter's claims for fees were altogether too big. The Rutland County National bank of Vermont, however, has raised the new question.

This bank, in answer to the petition of the stockholders to bring about the discharge of the receiver and the winding up of the case, has filed another, in which it asks also for the discharge of Potter, but requests the appointment of a new receiver. This new receiver is to collect from the stockholders amounts up to the full holdings of stock to pay the claims against the defunct company in full. The sale of the assets of the company has sufficed to satisfy claims only in part.

The motion is based on the grounds that the loan and trust company in reality engaged in the banking business. It is charged that it loaned and otherwise used the deposits placed with it in the transaction of a banking business, although this may not have been done directly. In consequence of this, it is held that the stockholders of such company are not liable for its claims, as are the stockholders of a bank. The stockholders maintain that the company never transacted a banking business. They say that whatever money they loaned and invested consisted of capital stock and proceeds of debenture bonds. All the deposits they received, they contend, were held purely as trust funds and were not handled.

The matter is being argued before Judge Munger. If he should render a decision against the stockholders it is said that proceedings are likely to be begun against the stockholders of all the loan and trust companies which have failed during recent years for the purpose of securing from them satisfaction for claims which were not fully paid up out of the assets of such companies.

REFUSES TO HONOR REQUISITION.

Griffith Not Required to Go to New York.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 28.—Governor Adams this evening refused to honor the requisition of Governor Black of New York, in the case of William H. Griffith of Leadville, Colo., proprietor of the Herald-Democrat and Evening Chronicle of that place, who was indicted by the New York City grand jury on a charge of larceny. The indictment was found on the complaint of Richard J. Bolles of New York, who claims that Griffith secured a loan of $14,000 from him in 1892 upon false representations.

Governor Adams refused the requisition because it appeared to him that the criminal prosecution was not begun in good faith, but in an effort to force Mr. Griffith to pay the debt. Mr. Griffith announces that he will go to New York next summer prepared to stand trial on the indictment.

TELEPHONES DECREASE BUSINESS.

Charged with the Falling Off in Passenger Traffic.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 28.—President S. R. Calloway of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern road today said: "For some time railroad men have been trying to find the reason why, in spite of the fact that business is increasing, especially in the transportation of freight, the passenger traffic is languishing. After figuring on the matter for some time we have come to the conclusion that the long distance telephone is responsible. Business men are using it more and the way it is cutting into our passenger business is a very serious matter to us."

Earnings of the Atchison.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The net income from operation of the Atchison system for the month of November was $1,227,356, an increase of $368,656 over the same month of last year. For the five months of the fiscal year ending November 30 the net income of the system from operation was $4,401,101, an increase of $900,241 over the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year.

Increased Holiday Traffic.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—All of the passenger agents of the western roads report that the business for the holidays was anywhere from 60 to 75 per cent over the similar traffic during last year. Generally this class of business is for the most part confined to students, but this year there was more miscellaneous traffic than during any holiday season during the last five years.

Earnings of Reading Companies.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The statement of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad company and the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron company for November shows net earnings of $1,087,173, a decrease of $176,543 compared with November, 1896. Against these net earnings is charged $745,000 fixed charges, taxes, etc., leaving a surplus of $342,173.

Earnings of the Burlington.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The net earnings of the Burlington system for the month of November were $580,388, an increase of $315,990. For the months from July 1 to November 30 the net earnings of the system were $3,849,746, an increase of $1,538,025 over the same period of the preceding fiscal year.

Fires of a Day.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Fire late this afternoon destroyed the large pipe organ in the office of the Great Northern hotel, entailing a loss of $20,000 upon the managers of the hotel. Although the fire was confined entirely to the pipe organ, it sent out such clouds of smoke that many of the guests became alarmed and a serious panic was narrowly averted. The Searle & Horeth company of this city was banquetting its employes when the fire broke out and the feasters were compelled to adjourn their banquet in a hurry. Later, when the fire was out, they resumed their feasting. By a curious coincidence the last air played by the organ before its destruction was, "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

MASON CITY, Ia., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The Voorhees Robert block suffered heavy loss from fire this morning. Dummick & Wrate, wholesale cigar manufacturers, loss $12,000, insurance $8,000; Hoag & Shipman, clothing, loss $8,000, insurance $6,000; Cobb, house furnishings, loss $3,000, fully covered; Calhoun, music dealer, and Simons, merchant tailor, loss $1,000, fully covered.

DEPUTATION TO VISIT MISSIONS.

Will Study the Work and Surroundings in China.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—At a meeting of the prudential committee of the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions today it was voted to send a deputation to China, consisting of Rev. Judson Smith, D. D., secretary of the foreign department, and Colonel Charles Hawkins and Samuel H. Shapleigh of Allston. The visit is made in response to urgent and repeated invitations from the North China, Foo Chow and Shan Si missions. They wish the executive officials to know their work and its surroundings as they themselves know it, by actual contact and observation.

The visit is to be made during the earlier months of the year. It will begin with the South China mission and move northward with the advancing season, first to the Foo Chow mission, thence to the North China mission, with a month or more allowed for the Shan Si mission. Every mission will be visited, and as far as practicable every station in each mission and enough out stations to make the deputation familiar with the methods of the work, the native laborers and the homes of the native Christian.

The questions on which light will be sought are such as these: The location of several missions, the opportunity for work, success in the work, the adequacy of the mission force, the housing of the missions, the accoudition of the mission premises, the native agency and the means of training it, the mission schools and their work, the medical work, the literary work, woman's work, missionary opportunities, means of making the work effective, the question of self-support. This is the first deputation to China to be sent by the American board.

DEMOCRAT REFUSES TO LET LOOSE.

Rapier Insists that He Is Still Postmaster at Mobile.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 28.—Postmaster P. D. Barker was installed before daylight this morning in office here, after an all night vigil in the postoffice. The inspectors arrived last night and overhauled the accounts of the office and found that they were correct. This morning they took possession and swore in Mr. Barker and the employes on arrival. Two of the employes refused to take oath to the new postmaster and were suspended.

Colonel Rapier, who claims to hold office by virtue of section 3830 of the Revised Statutes, which law requires that removals before expiration of term must be by the advice and consent of the senate, sued out a writ of injunction in the United States circuit court. The plea was that Barker was not and is not postmaster, because Rapier has not been legally removed and Barker's name has not been sent to the senate. Rapier asked that Barker be enjoined from interfering with him in the discharge of his duties as postmaster. Judge Toulmin refused to grant the injunction.

SPIRITUALISTS GET TOGETHER.

National Association Holds a Mass Meeting.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 28.—One of the occasional mass meetings of the National Spiritualists' association began today with an attendance of about 300 from various parts of the country. An address of welcome was delivered by Thomas Lees of this city and the response came from the vice president, Mrs. Cora L. B. Richmond of Washington. An interesting talk on practical spiritualism was given by Mrs. Carrie E. S. Thwing, vice president of the New York association. "Consolations and Blessings of Spiritualism" was the theme of an address by the veteran spiritualist, Rev. Moses Hull. Mrs. Marie Hull followed in a talk on "The Duty of Spiritualists to Their Children." John Hunnaker of Cleveland spoke on "The Necessity of Organization."

This evening further addresses were given by Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Hull, Mr. Hull, Mrs. Thwing and F. B. Woodbury, secretary of the association. The session concluded with spirit communications, so-called, from Mrs. Mosier and Mrs. Anna Thomas, Cleveland mediums.

CURRANTS WILL GO AS BERRIES.

Importer Makes Successful Kick on the Tariff Law.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—P. D. Riefler of Buffalo made a protest today before the Board of Classification of the general appraisers against rating green currants imported from Canada as coming under the assessment of 15 per cent as currants. The claim is made that the law only refers to the dried currants known as zante currants, and the common currant should be classified as free from duty under the new tariff law, which would designate the currant as a berry, as gooseberries and similar fruit are now classed.

Attorney Gibson, for the government, seemed to think that the contention was a just one, and offered no opposition to the protest.

JAPANESE CONSUL RETURNS HOME.

Is Unexpectedly Recalled by His Government.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Among the passengers on the orient-bound steamer Doric, which left today, was M. Funakoshi, Japanese vice consul at this port. His departure was rather hurried and somewhat of a surprise to the Japanese colony, for it was generally supposed that he was soon to go to Washington.

Mr. Funakoshi has lately been acting consul in this city. Recently it was announced that he was about to leave for Washington to accept the secretaryship of the legation, a position which he is said to have secured through powerful influence in Japan. A few days ago, just as he was preparing to leave for Washington, he received a cablegram recalling him to Tokio, with instructions to hasten his return.

Missouri Teachers' Association.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Jefferson City, Mo., says: About 800 teachers were present at the opening session of the State Teachers' association today. A message to the teachers of the state from Governor Stephens was read and then the subjects for discussion were taken up. "The Higher Education of the Blind" was ably discussed by Miss Louise E. Lytzinger of the St. Louis School for the Blind. Principal W. J. S. Bryan of St. Louis High school delivered an address on "Beginning the Study of Greek." Mrs. E. C. Sterling of St. Louis presented "Child Study from the Mother's View Point."

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Today's statement of the treasury shows: Available cash balances, $240,731,658; gold reserve, $160,533,941.

CUBAN WAR IS NOT YET COMMENCED.

Insurgents Said to Be Carefully Equipping Themselves.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 28.—A gentleman from Cuba, who has been in Manzanilla, one of the so-called pacified provinces, says that in reality the war has not begun there for the country has been abandoned to insurgents who have built towns which are supplied with abundant provisions from the neighboring estates established by rebels, who even manufacture gunpowder and have arms factories, tanneries and shoe factories so they can supply their troops with the most indispensable articles. Spanish authority is not recognized, and the inhabitants are comfortably settled under the authority of the Cuban republic. Occasionally the Spanish convoys pass over the high roads, but the insurgents go out and meet them and fighting occurs on the roads, the patriots always taking the offensive.

The poorer Spanish soldiers are in such a condition that much sympathy is aroused, they being mostly boys, thin, pale and ill, and complaining of the wretched quality of their scanty rations, and of not receiving any pay for months. Only very sick soldiers are admitted to the Spanish hospitals, and others who are really ill are compelled to sleep in courtyards, exposed to the weather. Their condition is pitiful in the extreme, arousing sympathy among the insurgents who know that these mere lads have been conscripted and sent to fight them under conditions which no veteran troops would stand without mutiny.

The Cuban republic, he says, is a fact and over a considerable part of the island its authority is felt.

THINK THE NATIVES ARE SUBDUED.

England Encouraged by Late Advices from India.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Peshawur says:

The British columns have returned from Khyber Pass after punishing with slight opposition the Zakka Khels in the Bazar valley. Military operations on the frontier are now concluded. Every Afridi and Arakazai valley has been visited.

It now appears that the enemy's loss has been more than first believed, and out of all proportion to its possible fighting strength. Its trade, without centers for the necessaries of life, has been closed and its autumn tillage prevented. The complete submission of the Arakzai's is now accomplished.

Many hitherto unknown strategical frontier routes have been surveyed and mapped out. The vaunted prestige of the Afridis has been lowered, and their punishment has paved the way for the permanent settlement of the country. It is firmly believed that cut off from India and threatened with an invasion of their country in the spring they will now submit. It is also expected that the internal friction resulting from the operations will prove almost as severe a punishment as the operations themselves.

DAVITT DEFENDS HIS COUNTRYMEN.

Says the Irish Do Not Corrupt American Politics.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Michael Davitt had a long letter in the Daily Chronicle today in reply to one that appeared in its columns yesterday signed by Adjutant General John E. Ballaine of the state of Washington. He accepts the latter's sentiments as representing a large section of American opinion, but protests against the statements that Tammany hall is an Irish organization, and that Irishmen are responsible for corrupt municipal government.

While regretting the corruption in the politics of New York and Chicago, he points out that in many directions, such as water and lighting, New York far surpasses London in progress and enlightenment.

RECEIVES VENEZUELAN MINISTER.

Long Break in Diplomatic Relations with England Ended.

OSBORNE, Isle of Wight, Dec. 28.—Queen Victoria received the Venezuelan minister in audience today.

Fatal Accident on Shipboard.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—A special dispatch from Bermuda reports an accident at sea on the ship Vanloo, in which six lives were lost. The Vanloo, which is on a voyage from Cardiff to St. John, N. B., has put in there with loss of sails. It reports that on the 20th inst. the foreyard suddenly parted and fell to the deck. A number of men were at work in the rigging at the time and others were on deck immediately below. Of nine who were carried down by the falling yard or were struck when descending, three were killed instantly and three others, who took the chances of escaping by jumping into the sea, were drowned. Only the day before one of the crew was killed by falling from aloft to the deck.

Bohemian Burgomaster Arrested

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—The burgomaster of Werschowitz, a suburb of Prague, has been arrested. In his possession were found many compromising papers concerning the recent riots in Prague. It is alleged that he assisted in placing the bomb under the German school house at Werschowitz, which the Czechs attacked and attempted to demolish last Thursday, when the police interfered and fired on the rioters.

Germany Suggests a Change.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The government has expressed its willingness to grant an exequateur to Edmond Zebodowski of Illinois, recently appointed United States consul at Breslau, if he should be appointed United States consul at Fuerth, Charles W. Erdman of Kentucky, who was appointed United States consul at Fuerth, being transferred to Breslau.

Tariff Negotiations to Continue.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The National Zeitung today denies that the tariff negotiations with the United States have been broken off, adding that they have only just commenced and will continue.

Father Run Down by His Son's Engine

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., Dec. 28.—Antoine Goinette, aged 55 years, was run over and instantly killed at Richmond yesterday by a train, whose engineer was Goinette's son.

Threatened Millionaires.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—J. W. Harris, a North Carolina negro, was arraigned today on the charge of sending threatening letters to William K. Vanderbilt, Charles Breadway Rouss, John Wanamaker and other prominent men. The letters demanded money under threat of personal violence, and alleged that the writer was a member of a society formed to effect relief from millionaires at any price. No one appeared to prosecute.

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