

### BEECHER WASN'T THERE.

The Anniversary of the New England Society at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The New England Society of New York celebrated its seventy-ninth anniversary this evening by a banquet at Delmonico's. Covers were laid for 250, and the banquet hall was, as on former occasions, all decorated with flags, banners, flowers and rare plants. Ex-Lieut.-Gov. Stewart L. Woodford presided. Among the distinguished guests present were General W. T. Sherman, ex-Gov. Loag, of Mass., Henry Cabot Lodge, Chauncey M. Depew, General Horace Porter, Frederick R. Conder, Daniel F. Appleton, Josiah M. Fiske, M. W. Cooper, Hon. Calvin E. Pratt, J. P. Morgan, William L. Strong, Louis K. Loring and James J. Goodwin. After the 6 o'clock had been removed President Woodford made a brief address. The regular toasts of the evening were then in order.

### A DANGEROUS MAN KILLED.

Shot to Death While in Jail for Passing Confederate Money.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—In Madisonville, just across Lake Pontchartrain, William Fleitas tendered a fifty-dollar Confederate note to a small boy in a store in payment for goods, and went home. The authorities went to recover the goods, but Fleitas had barricaded his residence and made a desperate resistance with a pitchfork. A number of shots were fired into the building, but he held the fort twenty-four hours. On the way to jail Fleitas swore he would kill every one engaged in his arrest upon his release. The threats had their effect. On Sunday night a crowd surrounded the jail and shot the prisoner to death. He was dangerous and overbearing, and had shown symptoms of insanity. He killed a man a year ago, but was acquitted.

### Mrs. Stahl's Murderers.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 22.—Detectives who were put on the track of the murderers of Mrs. Gottlieb Stahl, the old lady found strangled in her saloon in this city, have arrested Lawrence King and his partner, G. W. Jackson, as they claim to have good grounds for suspecting them of complicity in the crime. Their belief is that but two men were concerned in the murder, as two glasses of beer had been drawn and were left untouched on the counter. A year ago Mrs. Stahl was robbed of \$1,100, and no clue to the robbers was ever obtained. The authorities think that whoever committed the first crime are guilty of strangling the old woman.

### Fish-Hooks and Horse-Medicine.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The alleged dynamite plot to blow up the Windsor railway station turns out to be a ludicrous mistake on the part of the police. The fragments of the so-called infernal machine with American clock-work attachments were examined by Col. Majendie, chief inspector of explosives, who reports that they are parts of a patent fishing-tackle. The tin cans said to have contained dynamite have been found to be harmless, having been filled with ordinary oil man's paint. The bottle which the police asserted was filled with nitro-glycerine contained a patent horse medicine.

### Storey's Will Again.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The controversy over the arrangement of the estate of the late Wilbur F. Storey, was renewed this morning before Judge Knickerbocker, in the Probate Court, in the shape of a motion to probate the document of August 15, 1879, alleged to be the will of Storey. Mrs. Eureka Storey presented a petition praying that the will be admitted to probate. After hearing arguments Judge Knickerbocker denied the prayer of the petition, also stating the reasons for refusing to admit the 1881 will to probate.

### A Collision.

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Dec. 22.—This morning as passenger train No. 4, on the West Baltimore & Ohio was passing a long siding near here, the dining car and two sleeping cars jumped from the track and overturned. The dining car caught fire and was entirely consumed. Two of its occupants were severely, but not seriously, burned. Several others were more or less burned. The occupants of the sleeping cars were thrown from their berths in one confused mass, but none seriously injured. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

### The Trouble Settled.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—The trouble between Samuel Muller, chief of the installation department of the World's Exposition, and the exhibitors, has been settled to the satisfaction of the latter. The Board of Management has appointed a committee to investigate all complaints, and where a real grievance exists a report will be made immediately to the management. The Exhibitors' Association has ratified this agreement.

### A Schooner Wrecked.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 22.—A schooner loaded with pine slabs, supposed to be an English vessel, went ashore on the beach of an island half a mile south-east of the life-saving station at Biddeford pool, during last night, and is a total wreck. She lies bottom up, with a portion of her rigging and spars clinging to her. It is supposed all hands were lost. She is about one hundred tons burden.

### Fire in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—The furniture factory of Graham & Schmidt, on South Carolina street, was partially destroyed by fire this evening, loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$14,000. The goods of several firms doing business adjacent to the factory were slightly damaged by water. Capt. William Dunn, of Truck Company No. 1, was badly injured by being struck on the head by falling boards.

### Minister Lowell at Dinner.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A dinner was given to-night at Cambridge, in celebration of the six hundredth anniversary of the foundation of St. Peter's College. United States Minister Lowell, and Prince Albert, the eldest son of the Prince of Wales, were among the speakers of the evening.

### What a Spy Says.

CAIRO, Dec. 22.—A spy who has arrived from Dabsh reports that 14,000 rebels have been sent by El Mahdi to reinforce Osman Digma, but on hearing of the arrival of the British troops at Kosti they were halted at Barber, where they now remain to oppose the British advance.

### A Runner Denied.

BRAND, Dec. 22.—The rumor that Bismarck was about to visit Paris is officially denied.

## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

### TOPICS OF VARIED CHARACTER.

#### A Reconciliation of the Two Houses Possible—An Alabama Claims Decision—Other Matters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—With a little forbearance both Houses of Congress can now extricate themselves from their awkward predicament with regard to the naval appropriations bill. The Senate yields to the house by abandoning all its amendments looking to the reconstruction of the navy, but maintains its principles that appropriations should be made on the basis of the estimates for this year, not on those of two years ago. If the House on Wednesday will waive its tacit understanding that no business should be transacted till January 5, and pass the Senate substitute, which is the bill the House itself passed last session, and no factious question is raised as to the presence of a quorum, both Houses can adjourn over the holidays with the honors pretty evenly divided.

The chief signal officer reports the wrecks of several vessels on the North Carolina coast. The weather is bad and a very high sea is running. Among the vessels mentioned is the sloop Vim, of Portland, Me., bound for Jacksonville, Fla. The crews were all saved.

### ALABAMA CLAIMS.

#### Immediate Payment of Those of the First Class Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Court of Alabama Claims certified to the Secretary of State, for immediate payment, all judgments of the first-class for actual damages by Confederate cruisers, rendered up to November 30. The total amount, including judgments previously certified, totals up about three million one hundred thousand dollars. Nearly all these first-class cases have now been disposed of, either by verbal trial or by adjudication on controlling points of law. The court is now hearing the second-class cases for war premiums paid, which, under the law, can only be settled pro rata after the several days ago. Lyman expects to take a position with the Bell Telephone Company. Col. William B. Thompson, General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, will be nominated by the President to succeed Lyman, and it is thought that John Jameson, Assistant General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, will succeed Col. Thompson.

#### Concerning Imported Rags.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Secretary of the Treasury to-day issued a circular modifying all previous circulars respecting the importation of old rags. The new circular provides that no old rags, except those afloat on or before January 1, 1885, on vessels bound directly to the United States shall be landed in the United States, except upon disinfection by boiling in water for from two to four hours, or subjected to the action of confined sulphurous acid gas.

#### Iberia Parish Rioters Indicted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Private dispatches received here to-day state that the United States Grand Jury in New Orleans has indicted the leading participants in the Lorcaville election killing affair, in Iberia Parish, La., which forms the chief basis of contest filed by Wm. P. Kellogg against Gay as representative of the Third Louisiana District in the next Congress.

#### Postal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The House committee on postoffices and post roads, as soon as an opportunity offers, will report favorably a bill extending the free delivery system to cities of 10,000 inhabitants and to postoffices where the yearly receipts aggregate \$10,000.

#### Choctaws vs. the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Court of Claims to-day began consideration of the claim of the Choctaw Indian Nation against the United States, involving about five million dollars.

#### The Great Corn Crop of Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 22.—According to the report of the Illinois Board of Agriculture, the aggregate corn crop of the state for 1884 is 207,556,622 bushels, and exceeds the crops of the three preceding years by 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 bushels. The area was 6,898,819 acres, which is less than that of any preceding year since 1873. The average yield is thirty-three bushels per acre, which exceeds the yield per acre of any year since 1872, excepting the crops of 1875 and 1873. The average price received by the farmers is reported to be 22 cents a bushel, making the value of the entire crop \$60,300,153, which is the smallest return to the producer of any corn crop given in the State during the past twenty years, excepting in 1868, 1872, 1873 and 1878. The crop is sound and of superior quality, and has been gathered and stored in good condition. The low price of the crop has induced farmers to hold their grain as far as their means will permit.

#### Southern Failures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Seranton Bank, at Seranton, Miss., and H. Krebs & Son, general store at the same place, have made assignments. The Seranton bank was a private institution started in July, 1883, by Paul J. Sanson, of New Orleans, and managed by H. F. Krebs, the Swedish vice consul.

#### A Wealthy Man Frozen to Death.

MARQUETTE, Mich., Dec. 22.—Thomas Godley, aged 60 years, a wealthy English mill-owner, started to go from this place to the village of Harvey, four miles distant, when he was caught in a snow-storm, and frozen to death.

#### A Chicago Fire.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A fire to-night in the building, 128 and 130 Fifth avenue, occupied by Albert Stern, dealer in notions and fancy goods, and Schreiner & Son, meat packers, caused a loss of \$15,000 fully insured.

## MONTREAL'S ICE CARNIVAL.

### The Executive Committee Announces a List of its Attractions.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—The cold snap has dispelled all fears that the ice palace will not be built in time through lack of ice. The executive committee have issued an official program. Among the prominent features will be the opening of St. Helena Island boulevard, the unveiling of a mammoth ice lion, a skating tournament for the championship of America, snow-shoe attack on the palace defended by a garrison, foot-race on the ice, an international curling match, etc. During the carnival week special tickets will be issued to strangers only, giving admission to everything going on at the Victoria rink. A large number of New Yorkers have already secured accommodations for the carnival session, which opens on January 25.

#### A Juror Sick Again.

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 22.—The Holcomb murder trial adjourned till to-morrow owing to the sickness of one of the jurymen, George Page. The other jurors were removed to different quarters. The people are becoming superstitious over the case and say the trial will never be concluded.

The defense had eighteen witnesses here this morning and some on the way from long distances. They hope to go on with the case to-morrow. Page was taken sick late Saturday night. Yesterday he had fever, and this morning Dr. Williams came into court and stated that he was not able to be in court to-day, but it was possible he would be well enough to sit to-morrow. Four members of the jury visited Judge Gridley yesterday and protested against staying in the quarters now occupied by them. The judge ordered them sent to a new hotel, where Mr. Page will be taken as soon as he is able. Judge Gridley stands this morning that he had instructed the sheriff to get some place for the jury other than a hotel, as soon as possible, as he did not want them in a public place.

#### A Gasoline Tank Explodes.

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, Mass., Dec. 22.—At 1:40 this morning while Bradley Childs, manager of the Odd Fellows' block, was filling a gasoline tank in the cellar, the gas ignited, an explosion followed, and windows were blown out, partitions broken down, show cases smashed, and a large stock of crockery destroyed. Twenty feet of the rear brick wall was moved four inches. Childs was badly cut about the head and his hair was burnt off. Two boys seated in front of the building were thrown to the opposite side of the street.

#### Opposed to Secret Societies.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The attack on freemasonry by Catholic Church authorities has been renewed. The archbishop of Paris has warned the clergymen of his archdiocese of the evil effects of secret societies and has instructed them to use every endeavor to prevent their parishioners from joining the Masonic order.

#### Hard Times in Canada, Too.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—This morning O. J. and William Wilson, whose bank at Earlville closed last Friday, filed an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. They put the total assets at \$99,000, and the total liabilities at \$167,000. Their failure is a bad one, as it will distress many farmers and poor people who left small savings there.

## TRADE AND FINANCE.

#### New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Money loaned at easy rates and closed at 1 1/4 per cent. Exchange closed quiet and lower at 4.8 1/2 @ 4.8 3/4; actual rates 4.80 @ 4.80 1/2 for 60 days, and 4.8 1/2 @ 4.8 3/4 for demand.

#### New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Flour—Dull but steady; superfine, \$2.30 @ 2.35; round hoop Ohio, \$2.75 @ 2.80; city mill extra, \$4.25 @ 4.30; Middl. city, \$2.50 @ 2.55; Southern floor quiet; common to choice extra \$1.06 1/2 @ 1.07 1/2.

#### New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Opens dull and irregular, closing about steady and without material change. Spot lots quiet, closing about yesterday's prices. Spot sales of No. 2 red state at 33 1/2; No. 2 red winter 30 1/2 @ 30 3/4; and ungraded winter red at 26 1/2; No. 2 red, January, 30 1/2 @ 30 3/4; do February, 28 1/2 @ 28 3/4; do March, 24 1/2 @ 24 3/4.

#### Grand Rapids.

TELEGRAM OFFICE, Dec. 22.—GRAIN—Corn, 56c. Oats, 25 1/2 @ 26; retail 35c. Wheat in December, 72c. Red long berry, 74c. Soft berry, 72c. Rye, 36c. Barley, 30c. FLOUR AND FEED—Patry, \$1.30 wholesale; \$5.00 retail; patent, \$5.30 wholesale; \$6.00 retail; middling, per ton, \$18.00 wholesale; \$1.90 per cent. Meal and feed, per ton, \$20.00 wholesale; \$1.10 per cent.

THE PROVISIONS—Beef, per side, \$10.00 @ 10.50. Veals \$5.00 @ 6.00, screws, Lamb \$5.00 @ 6.00; mutton, \$4.00 @ 4.50. Dressed hogs, \$4.00 @ 4.50. Pork: Per barrel, mess, \$16.00; lard, 140.00; shoulders, 90c; smoked, beef, 15c; bacon, 12 1/2c. Lard: Tubs, 10c; kettles, 10c.

BUTTER AND CHEESE—Butter: Tubs and jars 18c; creamery, tubs, 25c. Cheese: 12 1/2c. POULTRY—Fowls: Dressed, 10c @ 11c. Turkeys, dressed, 10c @ 11c. Ducks, dressed, 10c @ 11c. EGGS—Fresh, 10c; broken, 10c. VEGETABLES—Potatoes: 2 1/2c. Onions: Per lb, yellow, 10c; silver skins, 10c @ 11c. Beans, per lb, 10c. Cabbages, per hundred, \$3.00 @ 3.50. Squash, per hundred, \$2.00 @ 2.50. Cranberries, \$3.00 per ton.

FRUIT—Apples, per bushel, 15c @ 20c. Strawberries—White, 10c; black, 10c; strain, 10c. HALF-PINTS—Barrel, \$1.25; Sugar, \$1.10. SWEETS—Tins, \$1.00 @ 1.25. HOPS—Green, per lb, 7c; part cured, 6c @ 7c; full cured, 8c @ 9c. Dry hives and kips, 8c @ 10c. Red-green, 8c @ 10c; do, do, do, 8c @ 10c. SWEET POTATOS—Shawnee, or Boston, per bushel, 10c @ 12c; full, 10c @ 12c. Winter, per bushel, 10c @ 12c. WHEAT—Fine washed, 10c @ 11c; coarse washed 10c @ 11c. HAY—10c @ 11c; baled \$1.10 per ton wholesale; 10c @ 11c per ton. WOOD—Hard, selling at \$1.25 per cord for block split wood \$1.50. WOOD—Soft, sold at \$1.25 per cord; oak and spruce, \$1.50 per cord. RICE—Water white, per gallon, 12c; legal, 10c.

## THE MILLARD CASE.

### YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

#### Continuation of the Testimony for the Defense—Dr. Wood, of this City, Testifies as Expert.

The Deputy Sheriff pounded the gavel and called the Kent Circuit Court in session at 8:30 yesterday morning. The defense called Mrs. Compton to the stand, who testified: On the day Mrs. Millard died, Matthew spoke of going after the doctor, and she said: "Don't leave me, Matthew." There was talk about embalming the body.

Cross—After the body was laid out I went home, got my husband and returned to Millard's. There were a great many others there, among them Frank Millard and his wife. George Chandler testified—Worked for Matthew Millard in his store; their relations were perfectly pleasant; was not there when Mrs. Millard died. He was called in the evening and talk with Millard about getting a casket and shroud for his wife from Detroit; he wanted me to get some one to go after it or go to Ionia and telegraph for the burial outfit; he said that Sade had helped him acquire the property that he had and now that Sade is dead he should have a good burial as money could give her; in about a half hour later, after thinking the matter over, advised him not to do that on account of the gossip there who would misconstrue his motives, and if Sade could speak she would not want him to do it; he did not say what he would do then; went over to Jeffreys to see what he had in stock for a burial outfit; heard Mr. Graham, Frank Millard and the men employed in the shop say that there were rats in the foundry and engine room eating the tallow and flour. Defense wanted to show that poison was used to kill these rats, but the evidence was objected to and sustained.

Cross—I took charge of getting matters in readiness for the funeral; did not have any talk with Millard about the gossip which was being talked of him, and which I gave as a reason why he should not send away for the burial outfit; Millard did not tell me to go to Jeffreys and look after a coffin. He wanted to buy his outfit in Detroit. Frank Millard, brother of deceased—Have lived in Grand Rapids since July last; went to the bank on the Monday before her death and saw him fixing poison on crackers for a meal; the paper was marked arsenic with a lead pencil; went down to the house about 8 o'clock with my wife; in the room was my mother and my mother-in-law; that evening Matthew said he had Jeffreys fix some food to eat in the house, but could get no one to do it; he said he wanted to preserve the body until he could get a burial outfit from Detroit; he said there was more of the fluid than he wanted to use, and if the quantity were reduced and strengthened it would answer just as well; he wanted me to go over to the bank and get some out of the safe; he said in reply to my inquiry that what he gave me would do if I had it; I took it out of my pocket and poured it into the bottle; we then went to the body; I held the cup and he injected the fluid once into the mouth and twice into the rectum; we poured from the bottle three times; I stood by the head of the corpse and steadied it; he used a syringe with a metal tube and a rubber ball. The syringe took about all there was in the cup; before injecting into the rectum Matthew said he wanted me to go over to the bank on the side; I then poured out more of the solution into the cup; I went out of the room and left him in there; don't know what he did; did not see any one about the house when I went away.

Cross—The bottle containing the solution was a plain round bottle about six inches high; wore the same vest over to Matthew's that I had on when he gave me the poison. Vena Etteman—Was not present when any conversation took place between Matthew and Mrs. Wortman about having an examination; Mrs. Millard said she did not want Mrs. Wortman there, preferred to have Matthew there. Jacob Graham testified—Worked for Millard as engineer in 1882; got some poison from him; the rats were eating the tallow in the engine room; was present when the body was exhumed.

### Afternoon Session.

Mrs. Millard, mother of respondent called—Remained in the sitting room most of the while; remember of Mrs. Tasker coming to me and asking me if anything could be done; some of those present asked me for spoons to put under the windows; Mrs. Menier asked me if I was going to stay all night; I told her I was; Mr. and Mrs. Place came in through the kitchen; Mr. Chandler then spoke and said there is nothing more for me to do and I guess I will go; it was quite chilly and I told the watchers they had better come and sit in the kitchen as there was a fire in the room; the kitchen while Mr. Millard came in the sitting-room door after a while we proposed that Matthew go to bed; I retired shortly after Matthew did; don't remember of any supper being prepared that evening; the corpse was laid out when I got there; I got up at 3 o'clock the next morning and did not retire again; do not know of Mrs. Place's going into the parlor.

Cross-examined—Am the mother of the respondent; was present at the Circuit Court during the former trial every day; this is the first time I have testified; was at home when I heard of Mrs. Millard's death; it is my recollection that when I first went in I passed right through the sitting-room into the parlor; Bettie Van Vleck is a sister of the deceased; the corpse lay in the parlor on the west side of the room; it was lying on a couch; the head was inclined a little to the east.

Frank Millard, cross-examined—Was not present at the post-mortem examination; I don't remember of having any talk about this crime prior to the post-mortem examination. Hattie Menier—Asked Mr. Millard to get a preparation for the face, and he said it was not necessary, as he had applied something; I insisted and he got some preparation. Lou Millard—I am the daughter of Mr. Millard; had a talk with Louisa Wortman; she asked how I would like her for a mother. Dr. William Wood—Have lived in this city since June, 1884; graduated at the Michigan University in 1882; have had a general practice in medicine and surgery.

Hercule J. Marston read the hypothetical question to which the doctor replied: I should think the symptoms you have described indicated that she was suffering from irritation of the spine. Pain in the stomach is an indication of arsenical poisoning and pressure would increase it; constipation is not a symptom of arsenical poisoning; in arsenical poisoning there is a burning sensation up the spine; a burning constriction of the throat.

Dr. Wood testified at some length and corroborated in detail the opinions already expressed by the other expert witnesses, though maintaining to the end that Mrs. Millard's symptoms indicated spinal irritation. Mr. Mitchell labored hard on the cross-examination to get the doctor to contradict himself, but the more he questioned him the more confused and perplexed did Mr. Mitchell become until he was glad to let the doctor go.

#### Evening Session.

The evening session was devoted to more expert testimony, Dr. Vaughn, of Ann Arbor, being upon the stand. In answer to the hypothetical question he gave it as his opinion that death resulted from natural causes; where white oxide of arsenic has been found in the liver in sufficient quantities to have produced death, and no arsenic was found in the muscles, it would be to me conclusive proof that the arsenic was not administered during life; in all cases coming under my observation, and about which I have read where death was caused by arsenical poison administered a short time before death, traces of arsenic were found in the brain; the large amount of arsenic found in the liver and the finding of none in the brain would lead me to think the poison was administered after death; have made experiments upon dead bodies to see to what extent arsenic injected after death would be diffused through the system; experimented upon a muskrat; injected fifty grains of arsenic in mouth and rectum; put rat in pine box, buried it, and after twenty-five days took it up and examined the organs; arsenic was found in liver, lungs, kidneys, intestines, heart and brain; used syringe as near like the one used by the respondent as near as I could from description; also made experiment upon human body; used teaspoonful of arsenic—about 75 to 100 grains; found arsenic in liver, kidneys, intestines, heart, brain, etc., after 125 days; when I made the injection at the month pressed upon bulb of syringe forcibly, and some of the solution came through the nose; some arsenic would thus adhere to the brain, the partition between it and the nasal passages being so thin; know of no case where the liver could accumulate fifteen grains, administered during life, or any sufficient amount to cause death, where arsenic would not be found in the tissues of the leg, and in the brain; if from ten to fifteen grains of white oxide of arsenic were given a short time before death a small trace might be found in the stomach after 125 days.

Cross-examined—The longer the time arsenic had been administered the more chance it would have for getting into the system, and a larger quantity would appear in the brain; a trace is any quantity which can be detected by sight and is unweighable; the smallest weighable quantity is one 1,320th of a grain; if white oxide of arsenic is administered during life the smallest quantity known to cause death is from 2 to 2 1/2 grains; if eighty grains were given to a person before death I would find a trace in the brain; would find a trace if four grains caused death; have examined one human brain for arsenic and found a trace; arsenic was found in the brain of deceased bodies for the first time to my knowledge in 1875. The prosecution said he wished to recall the witness in the morning and the court adjourned until 8:30 o'clock to-day.

#### A Heavenly Visitor.

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 22.—A shock was felt in this city about 10 o'clock Saturday night, which was then attributed to an earthquake, but which has since been proved to have been caused by the explosion of a meteor, or aerolite, several reputable persons having reported seeing the fiery visitor. They also say they distinctly felt the shock. James White, who lives eight miles South of the city, says he saw the flash and heard the explosion, and that it came from the north and perceptible for several minutes after the explosion took place. The meteor came from a southeasterly direction. Telegraphic reports from Coldwater, Albion, Sherwood and elsewhere report similar experience.

#### Persistent Strikers.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 22.—All the machinery of the Manville mills started up this morning, but only the operatives in the carding and spinning departments, with six weavers out of six hundred, responded, so it is thought a shut-down will again take place this evening. The weavers seem united in their demands and will not return to work if a cut-down is persisted in.

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- Brocade Velvets,
- Cotton Flannels,
- Children's Cloaks,
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