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1:30 a m—Express daily for Troy, Albany and New York.

2:55 Passenger for Troy, Albany and New York.

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3:10 Fiver for Troy, Albany and New York.

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12:15 a m—Express daily for Rutland, Burlingtion, Montreal, Ogdensburg and
West. Pullman sleeping cars to
Montreal and Ottawa.

7:55 "Passenger daily for Rutland and
Burlington.

2:30 p m—Fiyer for Rutland, Burlington, Montreal and Ogdensburg Pullman
parlor dar to Montreal.

6:15 p m—Local Passenger for Rutland, Burlington and intermediate stations.

Trains from Rutland arrive at Bennington

Trains from Rutland arrive at Bennington 200 a.m., 12:46, 3:40 and 8:10 p. m. Trains from Troy errive at 12:45, 8:25 and 9:20 a. m.; 3:00, 4:25 and 6:45 p. m.

CHATHAM DIVISION.

8:10 a m-Passenger for Chatham and New York. 5:30 p m-Passenger for Chatham. Trains arrive from Chatham at 11:05 a, m. and 6:15 p. m. C. A. NIMMO, Gen. Passenger Agt.

GEO. T. JARVIS, Vice President and Rutland, Vt. General Manager.

HEAVYWEIGHTS MATCHED.

fack Munroe and Tom Sharkey Will Fight About March 1.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-Jack Munroe and Tom Sharkey will be the principals in the next big heavyweight battle. They have been matched to fight on or before March 1, 1904. The winner of the match has been promised a battle with Jim Jeffries for the world's heavyweight championship.

Sharkey and Munroe will fight before the club offering the best inducements, the bids for the contest to be opened on Jan. 15. There are, however, several restrictions to these bids. Sharkey refused to fight in San Francisco, claiming that he had been given the worst of it in Frisco and that they would not let him fight there when he was matched to meet Jeffries. Munroe, on the other hand, would not listen to Sharkey's proposal for a six round contest in either Chicago or Philadel-San Francisco, Chicago and Philadelphia are therefore barred from bidding for the contest.

The winner of the match the entire gate receipts.

The question of a side bet was advanced, but was objected to, as Munroe's backer, Issy Putter, refused to make a wager at even money, stating that the sailor would be a warm favorite at the ringside, and he would therefore get the worst of the odds.

Vanderbilt as an Auto Driver.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-The entries for the second annual international automobile meet under the auspices of the Florida East Coast Automobile association promise to eclipse in number any previous meet entry. Much interest is centered in what speed W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., will do the mile. It is freely predicted that his previous world's record of forty-eight seconds, made in France, will suffer by at least five seconds, which will make Mr. Vanderbilt beat the present world's record by three seconds, as it now stands at forty-six seconds. Speaking of Mr. Vanderbilt's driving, W. J. Morgan, who attended the international race in treland last summer, asked many of the French automobilists who they considered the fastest American driver, and they all accorded that honor to W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and maintained that he should have been one of the drivers representing the Americans in the in ternational race.

Racing at Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22. - Long price horses were to the fore at Ingleside. Arthur Ray took the first race at odds of 15 to 1; Soufriere, a 12 to 1 choice, won the third race, and Harry Thatcher, played from 15 to 10 to 1, led the field in the last race. Some of the spectators objected when the judges placed Silurian first in the fifth. Coronal came with a rush in the fifth, but

Lundin Threw Faust.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. - Hjalmer Lundin got the decision over August Faust in a wrestling match in Brooklyn last night. After Lundin threw Faust once the latter announced that a sore arm prevented him from continu-

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22. Faler nian and The Regent were the only winning favorites here, and The Re gent shared betting honors with Satin. Most of the winners were well backed.

Wood Not to Command Army.

Warren of Wyoming, a member of the senate committee on military affairs. has stated that President Rooseveli said that even if General Wood's nomination as major general were confirmed he would not again promote him while he was president and therefore General Wood would not command the army during the time Mr. Roosevelt was in office. This is a very important statement, as it means that Frederick D. Grant and not Wood will probably command the army in 1900.

Was Starved at Cape Sabine. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 22. Ser. ceant Julius R. Frederick, a noted particlpant in the HI fated Greely expedition which tried to reach the north pole in 1881, is not expected to live more than a few days. Disease contracted furing the long months of suffering and starvation on the bleak snow plains of Tape Saldne has finally mastered Frederick's powerful physicus. His doctors declare there is no hope.

RIVERHEAD, N. Y., Dec. 22.-Austin Corbin's estate has shrunk from nearly \$5,000,000 to something less than \$300,000 since 1896, and the decrease is attributed to the lawsuits brought by his daughter, Mrs. Anno Corbin Bor rowe, who has been fighting the other members of the family in the settle ment of the estate ever since the probate of the will

Carpenter Shows Great Nerve, GENEVA, N. Y., Dec. 22. - George Burr, a carpenter, fell in front of a train on the Pennsylvania division of the New York Central and had an arm completely severed. He rose unassisted, picked up the limb and walked back to the station. Later he was removed to the hospital.

West Virginia's "Illustrious Sons." WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 .- A marble statue of the late war governor, Francis H. Pierpont of West Virginia, was placed in Statuary hall at the capitol ander the invitation of congress to each of the states to place in the capitol statues of two of their "illustrious

Paris Gems Barred at Frontier. BERLIN, Dec. 22. - German police save sent back to the frontier a well known Paris jeweler's representative with his stock of gems.

BRYAN AND THE CZAR

Nicholas Expresses Friendship For United States.

IT IS SHARED BY THE RUSSIAN PEOPLI

Ruler of the Moscovite Empire Gave Evidence of Deep Interest In and Acquaintance With Our Affairs.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22. - Wil-Ham Jennings Bryan was received in audience by Czar Nicholas at noon at the Winter palace. The audience, which lasted for fifteen

minutes, was arranged almost on the spur of the moment by Ambassador McCormick, who was uncertain as to the time of Mr. Bryan's arrival at St. Petersburg.

During the conversation with Mr. Bryan his majesty expressed in the most emphatie manner the feeling of friendship entertained by him and by the Russian nation for the United States and the hope that the good relations which have always existed be tween the two countries would never be disturbed. He gave evidence of the deepest interest in and acquaintance with affairs in the United States.

In response to Mr. Bryan's inquiry concerning the progress of public instruction in Russia his majesty gave a minute description of the system of education in the Russian empire, showing an intimate knowledge of educational methods and the statistics relating thereto.

Mr. Bryan was entertained at dinner by Ambassador McCormick before leaving for Berlin.

MINE EXPLOSION.

Careless Foreign Worker Carried a Naked Lamp.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 22. Great excitement prevailed in Plymouth when word was sent to the surface from the Nottingham colliery that a serious explosion had occurred in No. 3 slope of that mine, operated by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company, Ambulances and physicians were hurried to the top of the slope, and half Trading an hour later eight men were brought from the mine burned by the gas.

The injuries of Commisky, Bonner and Regeskey are serious. The concussion which followed the accident hurled some of the timber and bracing work in all directions, though no seri ous damage was done to the workings. The mine, as a rule, is not a gaseous one, and had it not been for the carelessness of a foreigner in carrying a naked imp the explosion would not have occurred. At the time the necident happened the men had been working in the red ash vein, known as the eleventh gangway. It was miraculous that any of the men escaped alive.

Rogers Trial Ends; Jury Out. BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 22. - The case of Mary H. Rogers, charged with the murder of her husband, Marcus M. Rogers, by the use of chloroform on the night of Aug. 12, 1902, was given to the jury last night. The judge's charge occupied one hour. More than a thousand people crowded into the narrow confines of the courtroom. Mrs. Rogers bore herself well during the final arguments of O. M. Barber for

the state. His speech to the jury was a merciless arraignment of the prisoner, whom he characterized as a woman devoid of all feeling except w personal instincts were to be gratified. He said that the defendant had for five days during the presentation of most damaging evidence against her sat calmly before the bar of justice and exhibited a brazen effrontery and callousness that was astonishing.

A Turkey Train: Value, \$100,000. ST, LOUIS, Dec 22. Turkeys are not curve in M1 const. One firm has shinped 323000 of them to New York in a singly load. It is said to be the first "tur") special" ever run out of St Lou's. The train consisted of nineteen cars, carrying 32,600 turkeys, weighing in all about 500,000 pounds, and represented a value of from \$90,000 to \$100, tion, the New York price of turkeys being from 18 to 20 cents a pound.

Christmas at Waldorf For Hanna. NEW YORK, Dec. 22. Senator Marcus A. Hanna may be forced to eat his Christmas dinner in this city. He has been attacked by rheumatism, from which he has suffered severely at times, and is now confined to his rooms in the Waldorf-Astoria, where he is under the care of a physician. While it is said at the hotel that there is nothing alarming in his condition, he is forced to de ny himself to visitors.

Murder and Forgery Charged. BUFFALO, Dec. 22.-The grand Jury has reported four indictments against Charles Boniev. Two allege murder in the first degree and the other two allege forgery. The murder charges are based on the killing of Franz Frehr and his wife, Joanna Frehr. The forgery indictments are based on the signtrig of the dead man's name to a deed. Bonler has confessed the forgery.

Two Consuls of Panama.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22,-The state department has recognized Nathaniel Brandon as vice consul of Panama at New York and Juan Francisco Arias as consul of Panama at Mobile, Ala.

Fever Abates at Butler. BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 22.-There have been no deaths during the last twenty-

four hours from typhoid fever and but one new case reported.

On the Eve of War. BERLIN, Dec. 22 .- On the eve of war is the opinion of a large part of the German press in regard to the crisis in

BERNINGTON BRIEFS.

Nows of the Town and Village Told Briefly For Busy Beaders Miss Ella Purcell is home from Cohoes for a couple of weeks.

Miss Maude Belden is home from a several weeks visit in Brooklyn. Harry Jubb is home from the Uni-

versity of Vermont for the holidays. Miss Cecil Powers will be home tonorrow to spend the holiday vacation. Miss Linda Bahan has been spendng several days in Troy with friends. Miss Amy Cutler is expected home tomorrow to spend the two weeks vaca-

Misses Hope and Ruth Graves are iome from Philadelphia to spend Christmas and New Years.

One man and his wife who reside in the village have not missed a session of court since Mrs Rogers' trial was begun. They have put in a prompt appearance every time and secured

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C. H. DEWEY, Scoretary.

Dated at Bennington, VL, Nov. 25, 1981. 44w6.