MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1901. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

NUMBER 33

GUN NOT BOUGHT BY MORTENSEN.

Second Hand Dealer Positively Identifies Him as Not Being the Purchaser-Just One More Yellow Story.

Wonderful indeed are the jagged and | nothing of the kind. I went down to trregular flights of fancy indulged in the jail with the officers and four or by the special "murder story staff" of a morning contemporary. This "staff" has made a number of most remarkable "finds." So remarkable that it has been necessary to lose them again as speedily as possible; and the thing bids fair

to continue.

Many of its efforts have been of the "yellow" variety. Some of them have had a decided hue. Its lead this morning was a deep saffron. Occupying first place on the front page and in double column display was the startling statement, "Picks Mortensen as the Man Who Bought Pistol," and "Pawnbroker Who Sold the Gun Confronts the Accused in the County Jail."

This had reference to an attempt on the part of the police to prove that Mortensen had gone to the establishment of the pawnbroker and purchased a gun some time prior to the murdera gun that came into the possession of the officers on Saturday night and the ownership of which must be proved to be of value. In the text of the article the statement was also made that "the revolver was identified by the secondhand dealer (Jacob Petrovitzky) as the one he sold, and that when he was taken into the county jail he readily recognized Mortensen as the man who bought the gun and the gun as the one he (the pawnbroker) had sold.

Had this representation been true it would have practically convicted Mortensen. But the fact is, it is not true. On the contrary it is as untrue as false hood and misrepresentation can well be: and as a consequence the second hand dealer feels that he is the victim of as unwarranted a fake as was ever perpetrated. To the Deseret News he solemnly declares that the whole story is a hoax; that he did not identify Mortensen as the man, but that he positively identifies him as not being the man; and further that he never to his knowledge saw Mortensen in his life. As to the gun he cannot tell whether he sold It or not. It is like a thousand other such weapons and he says he has no means of telling whether it was ever | drained to the very bottom."

in his possession. HOW THE GUN WAS FOUND. Secured by Police Who Also Find

Man Who Sold It. The police are in possession of a 38 caliber revilver of the Hopkins & Allen make, and they have reason to believe that the ownership of the weapon will eventually be traced to Peter Morten-The gun was secured by Officer Ed. Davies from a young man residing near Thirteenth South and State The youth found the weapon about a week ago-stamped into the mud near the corner. He cleaned the pistol and has had many target prac tices with it since but never thought to report his find to the officers. Late Saturday night Officers Sperry and Davies heard of the young man and his find and lost no time in looking him up. It was a difficult search as they had little to go by, but finally they found him and secured the revolver. The police say, of course, that there is only a chance that the gun is Mor-

tensen's and that the gun from which the fatal shot was fired may be found at the bottom of the slough which is being drained by the county authoritles. They have a theory, however, that the gun found does belong to the accused man, and that it was secreted on his place for a day or two after the finding of the body and then taken by a friend and thrown away at the point where it was found.

If this theory proves correct it will seriously involve a close relative of Mortensen, Officer Davies and Sperry have had a clue to work on along this line, and they have done nothing else in the case but follow it up. With the discovery of the gun they believe they have accomplished a most important piece of work.

MAN WHO BOUGHT THE GUN. Second Hand Dealer Positively De-

clares it Was Not Mortensen. The officers who expected to connect Mortensen with the gun found on south State street on Saturday night, are entitled to at least one more guess. man on whom they depended to identify the prisoner as the purchaser de-clares that to the best of his knowledge he had never in his life seen the accused before. The truth seems have been thoroughly established that Mortensen did not buy it, statements contrary notwithstanding. Neither has it been shown that it is the same revolver purchased from Jacob Petrovitzky, the pawn broker and sec-ond hand dealer. While Petrovitzky is not absolutely sure about the gun, he is sure about the man, as today's developments in the case disclose. He cannot say positively that the gun is the one he sold. He says it is one like it, but no more. There is nothing about the weapon by which he can identify it, but he positively declares that Peter Mortensen did not purchase it from him. Further more he says he never saw Mortensen until taken into his presence in the county jail yesterday,

he was in the store. When questioned about the gun Petrovitzky said: "I remember selling a gun for \$1.50 legal profession and I remember the man who bought it. The fellow who came into the store

and he is sure Mortensen never entered

his place of business at least not while

was a very large man, much larger than Mortensen. He was not so tall but considerably heavier. "No; Mortensen is not the man. I am sure of that. If Mortensen ever came into my place I never knew it, in fact don't remember ever seeing the man

"When I picked up this morning's Herald I thought what the — is the matter with them?" It says I picked Mortensen out from other prisoners as Mortensen out from other prisoners as the man, but that is not true, I did the man, but that is not true, I did the man is the man is not true, I did the man is not true.

place forever and the place will lnow be rented to other tenants or be sold. It is understood that several offers have been made for the place but just what will be done with it has not yet been determined. Young Hay had a lease on it for five years, but the owner, Mr. Frank Kruse, has released Mrs. Hay from the lease and all her property has been removed to the homes of relatives.

The home faces that of Mortensen's, the man who is accused of the foul murder. From the front windows a clear view can be had of the field where the murdered man's body was conthe murdered man's body was con-signed to a rude grave. It cannot be wondered at that Mrs. Hay declares she could never live there again as all the surroundings would continually re-mind her of the tragic fate of her young loving husband.

five of the prisoners came out. One of

the officers pointed Mortensen out to me and said, 'That's the man.' Nat-urally I kept my eyes on him all the

time and did not look at the other

I told the officers when we left, and

I also told Sheets and Janney that Mortensen was not the man. I never

saw him before and he was never in my house in his life. When I saw the paper this morning I think somebody must be crazy. I never said he was

'Does Mortensen look like the man?'

"No, he don't." replied Petrovitsky.
"He don't look like him in any

"Well, I can't say that the gun the police have is the one I sold. I have lots of old guns here, but how am I to tell it is the same one? The one

I sold tooks like this one, but I don't know that it is the same. I would not think of swearing it was, but I will

swear that Mortensen did not buy it." Petrovitzky was loud in his denun-ciation of the paper for accrediting him

with statements he never made.
"It is'nt hight," he said, "Do you

think I would swear a man's life away

by saying things I know are not true?" Detective Sheets and Janney wer

een in relation to the pawnbroker's

statements, and both declared that he told them after seeing Mortensen, that

he did not purchase the weapon.

The officers are still of the opinion that the gun they are after is lying at

the bottom of the slough, but they have

grave doubts as to its recovery.
"I do not believe," said Detective

Sheets, "that a man who was so careful as the murderer was, would use an

old gun like this one. This may be the

one but there is no evidence of it yet. Petrovitzky ought to know if Morten-

sen bought it and he says he didn't. That'e enough for me: I know him and you can depend on what he tells you."

"If Petrovitzky says Mortensen did

not purchase the gun, then that settles it," said Chief Hilton, when told of

the pownbroker's statements.

As an indication of how much stock

the county officers take in the story published this morning, they are going ahead with the work of draining the

slough as outlined in the "News" Sat-

get down there. We will have seven

STILL DIGGING DITCHES.

Sheriff Naylor is Still Waiting for

Pond to be Drained.

The sheriff's office had nothing new

today to report regarding the Morten-

sen case. In fact it expects nothing

further until after the pond has been drained and work in that direction is progressing as rapidly as possible. The

sheriff states that he hopes to find the missing revolver there. If it shall be

taken from the mud he is of the opin-

ion that the chain of evidence will be complete and conclusive. It is not

ANOTHER COINCIDENCE.

Gun Found on State Street Near

Where Stranger Bought Horse.

Another of the many strange coln-

cidences connected with the Hay under

case is the discovery of the gun found by the police on Saturday night at a

point on south State street near where

an unknown man appeared the day af-

ter the tragedy to purchase a horse

Of course, there may be no signifi-cance to the matter whatever. But the

fact that a stranger came into the neighborhood at the time of the mur-

der, with his pockets filled with twen-

ty dollar gold pieces, the kind of money

bought a horse and rode off-nobody

knows where, and that a gun of the exact caliber with which young Hay was

killed has been picked up in the vicin-

ity where the stranger was last seen is to say the least, a little singular.

Mortensen innocent or are the fate

murderer the state has ever had?

The question may well be asked, Is

contributing to free the most depraved

READY FOR TRIAL.

Attorney Loofbourow Says That Pros-

contion Has Its Evidence.

The preliminary hearing of Peter

Mortensen on the charge of murdering

James R. Hay has not been set as yet but the prosecution is ready to go ahead

with the case whenever the defense is

days the county attorney has had the

evidence in the case in such a shape

that he could proceed with the examin-ation. While the authorities are still

eeking for new evidence they feel sure

of their case now and confidently assert

When asked if he was ready to pro-

ceed with the case Assistant County

Attorney Loofbourow replied: "Yes: we are ready whenever the de-

fense is. We could go to trial tomorrow

But the defendant's counsel do not

seem to be in any hurry about the matter and it is likely the hearing will

will introduce but they appear confi

dent of securing their client's liberty It has been hinted in official circle

that other attorneys will be brought in

many prominent members of the

HOUSE VACATED.

Mrs. Hay is Absolved From the Lease

On Residence.

was once filled with hope and happiness is now a scene of desolation and dark-ness. The home of the late James R.

A little home at Forest Dale which

legal profession have been mentioned in

to the case and as a result the hall

not take place for several days. neys Stewart & Stewart have nothing to say as to the line of defense they

they will convict Mortensen of the atro-

It is known that for several

Mortensen was known to have: that h

from Mr. Gabbott.

leaving he said:

How about the gun?

was asked.

"CRIME AND CRIMINALS." Rev. Philip S. Thacher Preaches a Sermon on the Subject. Rev. Philip S. Thacher of the First

place forever and the place will lnow be

Unitarian Society yesterday delivered an interesting sermon on "Crime and Criminals," which was possibly suggested by the recent events that have so stirred society in this state. During the course of his remarks the preaches decried capital punishment as being nadequate as a deterrent; he then pro-ceeded to advocate reform methods. Mr. Thacher said in part:

"This community has been profoundly shocked by a foul and afrocious mur-der. Some have leaped at the conclu-sion that the suspected is the guilty Circumstances are against him, but, as every man is presumed to be in-nocent until proved guilty, fair play de-mands that we suspend judgment. Innocent men have not only been execut-ed on circumstantial evidence, but there have been cases in which the evidence seemed so irrefutable that innocent men have believed themselves guilty, and have confessed to crimes commit-

ted by others It is hinted that some of our citizens in their righteous indignation, have advocated lynching. This design, if carried out, would make each participant a murderer. Taking the law into one's own hand is so great an evil, and excites such destructive pas-sions, that it should be frowned upon by all who love good order. Mob law deranges the community, and brings good government into disgrace. A de-sire to punish criminals has turned saints into demons, and is fraught with possibilities of ruin to society.

criminals? Parents who allow their children to drift into aimless living the brutalizing effects of war, the in sane desire for money, the low estimate theology puts on human nature, the dogma of the forgiveness of sin, drunkenness, overcrowding rookeries where every feeling of decency is extinguished, want of labor, the mistakes of honest men, strikes, and the evil counsels of half-instructed agitators, the wear and tear of a struggle in which employer and employed are trying the solution of problems not yet solved. These and a hundred other causes thrust people, tottering on the

erge, over into the abyss of crime.
"What are the remedies? Begin with alldren. Only 4 per cent of those who have been decently educated ever be-come criminals. To expect from those who are reared in ignorance anything else but crime is as absurd as to expect to reap wheat from our streets where urday evening. Sheriff Naylor went to forest Dale this morning and before Keep the children diligent and "We are going ahead you will keep them honest. Prevent with the work just as soon as I can criminals from propagating their kind. They have no right to rear wild men men at work and the slough will be and women. No four-footed animal is so dangeraus as that animal which unites the uncuitivated intellect of a man to the uncontrollable passions of a

Protect the boys from the men fiends who prowl about the streets setting traps to catch the unwary, and who lure them into those little offices of hell scattered along Commercial street. These resorts are more deadly than smallpox. Each one is a center of contagion, ever in activity-of a contagion which stays with certainty, recovery

from which is almost hopeless.
"Reform criminals. Here we have wild and ferocious animals caged, because too dangerous to be at large, and then, when their appetite for crime has thought the work of draining the bog will be finished before Wednesday. been whetted, instead of keeping them caged until tamed, we turn them loose, rather worse than before.

'Let prisoners have some form of labor, by which they can support those they have injured. To make them good will cost something, but not so much as to keep them bad, or make them worse. Crime is a most expensive lux-

"Capital punishment is not a deter-When there were over 200 offenses for which people were hung, the penalty did not deter others. Death does not reform the criminal. You simply kill him, which is like curing a The potent element in a deterrent punishment is its certainty. Hanging is the most uncertain of penalties

"Treat criminals not upon the lowest, but upon the highest platform of human feeling. Then you will help them toward grander conquests of them-selves. In the worst heart some lovely grace is found like a flower in the

PREVENTED JAIL DELIVERY Sol Kimball Gets a Tip from a Trusty

And Heads Off Escape.

Through the vigilance of Jailer S. F. Kimball of the city jail, a jail delivery has been averted. It came to light yes terday that a scheme was being hatched among some of the desperate characters now confined in the old rookery to saw their way out of joi and it is said the plan was to be carried into execution about the first of the year. The plot came to light through a prisoner who gave the jailer a tip, and it implicates half a dozen or

It is said Mike Aaron was the leading spirit and he successded in smuggli a number of fine steel saws into the ja As a result of the discovery the prithem placed in solitary confinement. I is a coincidence that just one year ago next Wednesday, several prisoners locked in the drunk house tried to batter down the end of the cell, but were discovered by the jailer and locked up in a more secure place.

AGED LADY PASSES AWAY. Wife of Peter C. Madsen Succumbs to

Old Age. Mrs. Fredericka Madsen, wife of Peter C. Madsen, of the Second ward, in this city, died at her home this morning at the age of 80 years. Mrs. Madsen came to Salt Lake from Denmark with her husband in 1859. She settled in her late home in the Second ward and remained there until her death. She was a woman of noble qualities. Generous, kind and loving, ever ready to assist the poor to wait upon the sick were some of the characteristics that endeared her to a host of friends.

The funeral will be held from the Second ward meeting house Thursday af-ternoon at 10 o'clock. The remains may be viewed at the late home, 754 Fifth East street, on Thursday from 11

VERY SERIOUS RELICIOUS RIOTS

Arose From Union of Free and United Churches of Scotland.

SCENE, ISLAND OF LEWES.

Islanders Refused to Countenance Al-Bance-Locked Minister Out-Police Called in.

London, Dec. 30 .- The island of Lewes has been the scene of serious religious riots, arising from the union of the Free and the United churches of Scotland. The Islanders refused to countenance the alliance, and when the minister at Ness joined the United church they locked him out of his church.

A strong force of police was sent from the mainland to open the doors, whereupon the Islanders congregated and throwing volleys of stones at the constables drove them inside the building and bombarded them with rocks until they capitulated and agreed to leave the island. Every member of the police detachment was more or less ser-lously wounded. It is probable that a detachment of troops will be sent to subdue the riot-

Chicago, Dec. 30 .- Frank H. Peavey,

one of the best known grain men in the country, died here today of pneumonia, aged 51 years and 11 months. Made No Offer to Miss Knight.

Frank H. Peavy Dead.

London, Dec. 30.-Messrs. Boxall and Boxall, counsel for the Duke of Manchester, declare there is absolutely no truth in the report published in the United States yesterday that the duke, with the assistance of his father-in-law, Eugene Zimmerman of Cincinnati, had offered Miss Portia Knight, the actress, \$20,000, in full settlement of her claim for damages resulting from alleged breach of promise of marriage. The lawyers say no negotiations for a settlement have occurred, are occurring, or will occur on the subject. The trial, they add, will take its course in the ordinary way.

AN ULTIMATUM TO VENEZUELA

London, Dec. 30,-Commenting on the London Times' statement from Washington that persons of considerable importance in official circles there profess to believe that war between the United States and Germany is inevitable, the St. James Gazette, though it does not believe that such a disaster will be 2lowed to occur over a dispute in regard to the debts of Venezuela to Germany, says that if it does, there can be no doubt that English sympathies will be with Agaerica. At the same time the St. James Gazetts expresses the hope that the United States will not allow such states as Venezuela to gain the impression that they can reckon on the protection of the Monroe doctrine if they choose to repudiate their obliga-

A dispatch to the Central News from Berlin says: "It is believed to be certain here that an ultimatum will "s issued within three days and that an attack on Venezuela will follow directly after. In addition to the Vineta, the Falke, two training ships and the cruiser Geler

have been ordered to La Guyara.
'In the meanwhile, I am officially assured that the German charge d'affaires has not left Caracas, and that diplo matic relations have not yet been brokman's toothache by cutting his head en off. The pour parleurs continue. tweeen Germany and the United States in regard to the German course of ac-tion in Venezuela."

Berlin, Dec. 30 .- An official note, published this afternoon says the negotiations between Germany and Venezuela continue and that the German minister is still at Caracas.

Zeefontein Prisoners Released. London, Dec. 30 .- The war office today

ssued a further list of British casua! ties at Zeefontein, showing that fifty men were wounded and that 246 were made prisoners. The latter have all been released.

Russia's Reply to United States.

The Hague, Dec. 30.-M. Komaroff, the Russian chamberlain, has handed to Prof. Asser, one of the Dutch members of the permanent arbitration court and arbitrator of the claims of Ameri can sealers, on the seizure of their vessels by the Russian government about six years ago, Russia's reply to the last note of the United States on the subject of the Bering Sea sealing

Gen. Baron Yamaguchi Resigns. Yokohama, Dec. 30.-Gen. Baron Yam-

aguchi, who commanded the Japanese troops in China, has resigned the com-The queen looked alert and bright and mand of the Fifth division of the Japa nese army. The general's action was looting had been brought against him.

B. & O. Freight Train Wrecked. Parkersburg, Va., Dec. 30 .- Two men

are missing, one badly injured, one en-gine and four cars are at the foot of an embankment, two other cars are wrecked and a hundre feet of track torn up as a result of a collision with a heavy rock by a westbound freight train on the Baltimore & Ohio at a tunnel near Long Run this morning. The engine struck the rock, which had rolled a wn from the hill, just as the train came out of the tunnel. The two missing men are Fireman A. P. Hines and blakeman A. Putman, both of Grafton. They are probably dead be-neath the wreck. Engineer Hope Goudy of Grafton was so seriously injured he probably will not recover. Heavy rains posened the rock.

Federal Prisoners Did Not Mutiny. Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 30,-Warden McClaughrey denies that there was an attempted mutiny at the federal prison parts of Saturday. He says the report was intense.

chused by the finding of a file on one of the prisoners and the story of an-

Dover, N. H., Weavers Strike. Dover, N. H., Dec. 30 .- Claiming that they have been paid less than other workmen employed on the same class of goods elsewhere, 200 weavers at the Cocheco cotton mills here struck today, As the strikers have the sanction of their national organization, it is feared that the entire mill force of the city, numbering from 3,500 to 3,800, will be-

THE SCHLEY CASE.

Capt. Parker Says that the Admiral Regards it as Closed.

New York, Dec. 30.-Capt. James Parker, of Perth Amboy, N. J., one of Admiral Schley's counsel, said today that Admiral Schley regards the case as closed, but that his friends will ask Congress to vindicate him by retiring him on full pay and reimbursing him for the expenses of his trial.

Two Skaters Drowned.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 30 .- Special to Gazette from Lakeview says: Walter Brown, aged 17, and Fred Snelling, aged 16, were drowned at noon oday, while skating on Goose lake, ten miles from here. The bodies were recovered after being in the water four hours and were brought to Lakeview. Brown is the son of a prominent sheep man of this place, and Snelling is an orphan and with a sister lived with a maiden aunt. They were both bright and popular boys and were employed in the Lake County Examiner office.

Official Version of C. & O. Wreck.

Washington, Dec. 30 .- The official version of the wreck on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad yesterday was telegraphed today to the office of the company in this city by President Stevens at Richmond, Va. The dispatch from Mr.

"No. 9, composed of engine, one bag-gage car and ore coach, struck a slide two miles west of Reusens, on the James River branch of the C. & O. railway about 7 o'clock last night, derailing the engine, but doing no fur-ther damage. Conductor Whitaker, Enginemian Fisher, Baggageman Thompson and Express Messenger Shannon, with others, pushed the coach back out of the way of possible danger and were engaged in pushing baggage car back when another slide came, striking the baggage car and 'hrowing it into the river with the four men first mentioned, all of whom were killed. No other persons injured except slightly."

Presidential Appointments.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The President today made the following appointments—Porto Rico provisional regiment of infantry, captains. John Field, Frank J. Graham, Edwin J. Griffith. First Lieutenants-Stewart McCue

Ralph E. Campbell, Miles K. Taulbo. Second Lieutenants—Frank C. Wood, G. A. Derbyshire, Eibert M. Robinson, A. Moreno, William S. Woodruff, Rich-ard H. Poillon, Jr., J. D. Pritchard, William L. Patterson. Philippine Scouts—First Lieuts, Am-brose C. G. Williams-Foote, John Holt-man.

Second Lieutenants-Lorengo Alexis de Clairmont, Jesse Hazelltine, Jose

del Rosario, Howard White, Frank C, Barendt.

Father Crowley to Do Penance. Chicago, Dec. 30 .- The Daily News today says that Father Jeremiah Crowley, the ex-communicated priest of the Catholic church at Oregon, Ills., has left Chicago to do penance in a western monastery in order that he may be restored to his standing in the church. The location of the monastery is no stated, but the service stipulated by Cardinal Martinelli is being done under the supervision of the Right Rev Bishop Richard Scannell, of the diocese of Omaha, and within the province o Dubuque, which includes the states of Nebraska, Iowa, and Wyoming. severest condition laid down for the priest is that he must leave permanently the arch diocese of Chicago. It is said in Chicago Catholic circles that Father Crowley will probably be given some small church in the West at the conclusion of his penance.

Fire at Aurora, Ind.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30,-The Cincinnati fire department was called on today in extinguishing a fire at Roger Wheel works at Aurora, Ind. The fire origiit was hoped it could be limited to that pertion of the plant. No statement as to the amount of loss has been receiv ed. The factory is a large one with of fices in this city. It employes over 300

Jesse Coombs Suicides.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 30 .- Special to the Gazette from Lakeview says:

Jesse Coombs, son of Pierce Coombs, a stock man of Lakeview, shot himself through the head this morning and died instantly. He was with a younger brother on his father's ranch, fifteer miles from here. His brother had prepared breakfast and had called when he heard the shot. He was twen-ty years old and had frequently said that he intended taking his life.

Alleged Murderer Arrested.

Seale, Ala., Dec. 30.—Sheriff Hodges has arrested Uriah Porter, the alleged murderer of William Ficher. Porter defied the community and Gov. Jenks ordered out a company of militia Saturday to aid in his capture, Porter is now in jail at Opelika.

Queen Alexandra Looking Better. London, Dec. 39.-King Edward and Oneen Alexandra went to Sandringham this afternoon. Owing to the recent illness of her majesty unusually large crowds lined the route to the railroad

showed little trace of sickness.

MURDERED THE ENGINEER. Men then Took Possession of Train and Ran Matters.

St. Louis, Dec. 30 .- A special to the Post-Dispatch from Memphis, Tenn., Four men, headed by Ashley Cooke

of Mississippi, deliberately killed J. M. Rhea, a railread engineer of Vicksburg. who was a pasenger on the north bound Yazoo & Mississippi Valley train just south of Leland, Miss., this morning and then took possesion of the train, compelled the engineer to un-couple the engine and to carry them on up the road where they tried to escape.

All were captured. Cooke is a wealthy planter and merchant of Cleveland, Miss. He was ac-companied by A. M. Phipps, postmaster at Shelby, Miss. Tom Lauderdale, a relative of Phipps' and another man named Blackman. Cooke had a 45-caliber revolver. Blackman and Lauder-dale each had a Winchester rifle. Phipps was unarmed. Throughout all parts of Mississippi the indignation is

PENNSYLVANIA'S RIVERS RACING.

Dangerous Freshets in the Schuylkill-Susquehanna Rising-Waters of Tennessee On the Rampage-Heavy Rains.

has fallen almost incessantly since Saturday evening, has resulted in a dangerous freshet in the Schuylkill river and throughout the stream is fifteen feet above normal. All of the big industrial plants along the Schuylkill at Manayunk and Morristown are flooded and work has been suspended.

The county bridge at Port Kennedy Pa., has been wecked and the tracks of the Philadelphia Reading railway at Spring Mill, about 8 miles from here, are submerged. Traffic, however, has not been seriously handicapped.

In this city the river is out of its banks near the B, & O, rallway station, the water having backed out to Twentyfourth street, the first thoroughfares east of the station. Cellars of dwellings are flooded and many residents along the river earlier today sought safer quarters.

The Wissahlekon drive, through Fairmont park, which runs along the Schuylkill river for miles, is under water. Two new brick dwellings in Ken-sington, in the northeastern section of the city, collapsed early today, having been undermined by the heavy rain. The houses were not occupied. Many farms in Tacony, Wissinoming, Collegville, Holmesburg and Torresdale, suburbs of this city, have been seriously damaged by the storm and the cellars of residences are flooded. Small creeks emptying into the Delaware river are out of their banks and the flatland btween Frankford and Bridesburg is under several feet of water.

FLOOD AT READING.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 30.-A thirteen foot flood was raging in the Schulykill river early this morning as a result of the heavy railfall of the past two days. No serious damage was done, however, and the water is receding.

THE SUSQUEHANNA RISING. Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 30,-The Sus-

quehanna river is again rising and there are indications of another flood if the rain continues to fall as heavily as it has during the last two days. Paxton and Yellow Beeches creek we bankfull and rising. The indications are that similar conditions exist in the creeks above the city as the heavy rainfall has been general throughout the state.

RECEDING AT NORRISTOWN.

Norristown, Pa., Dec. 30,-The Schuyl-kill river, which has been steadily rising for the past twenty-four hours is receding and the danger is said to be Much damage has been done to the mills and factories between here and Conchocken. The new bridge being constructed over the river at Port Kennedy, has been washed away, Along the Polkomen creek much damage resulted as the water rose fourteen feet. TORRENTIAL RAINS IN THE SOUTH.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30 .- The torrential rains of the past two days in Georgia, Alabama and east Tennessee and por-tions of North Carolina caused the

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.-The rain which continue to rise during the next thirtysix hours and it is feared much damage will result. Three people were drowned at West Point, Ga., while attempting eross the turbulent Chattahoochee and Thomas Russell, an engineer on the Atlanta & West Point railroad, was a freight wreck caused by a near Notasulga, Ala. Thouswashout washout hear Notasulga, Ala. Thousands of dollars worth of property has been destroyed at West Point and there is much suffering. Today the water in the streets of West Point was from one to five feet deep.

Many of the people spent the night in Fort Tyler, No trains have been sent

in Fort Tyler, No trains have been sent through from Atlanta to Montgomery over the Atlanta & West Point road since Saturday and the Southern rail-way's New York and New Orleans lim-ited last night was sent around by Birmingham and Meridan. A washout is reported on the Southern between Asheville and Knoxville. At Columbus, Ga., the Chattahoochee registered 38 feet. The property damage is already beavy. Nearly five inches of rain has fallen in the city of Rome, Ga. Two washouts are reported on the main line f the Louisville & Nashville road south of Montgomery.

THE TENNESSEE 29 FEET ABOVE LOW WATER.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 30 .- The Tennessee river was 29.5 feet above low water mark at 18 o'clock today with the prospect that 30 feet will be reached this afternoon. Reports indicate that Figh water is prevailing throughout Upper East Tennessee. The river has risen 14.7 feet since Saturday. Two inches of snow fell here last night and it began melting this morning. HEAVY RAIN AT CHATTANOOGA.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 30.-An over the Tennessee river basin since Saturday, sent the water over the 33 foot danger line here at 10 o'clock to-day. Water is now rising at the rate of four inches an hour. The Tennessee flood warning service announces that the river will reach 28 feet here by 10 o'clock tonight and will go over forty feet by tomorrow afternoon. Merchants are removing goods from their basements in expectation that they will be

FLOOD AT PITTSBURG AVERTED. Pittsburg, Dec. 30 .- The threatened Sunday averted by the cold snap and the rivers at this point will not reach over a 20 foot stage. Dispatches from the headwaters report the waters falling at all

During the night a big ice jam formed in the Allegheny river between the Fort Wayne railroad bridge and the bridge at Sixteenth street and for a time threatened to sweep the new railroad away. The gorge caused the rivers to overflow and at 4 o'clock this morning Pine street and River avenue, Allegheny, were flooded. The Allegheny de-partment of public safety at once sent out men to warn people living in the lower part of the city to vacate their homes, but a half hour later the jam suddenly broke with an awful crash. Some of the flase work under the new bridge was torn away but otherwise the death of four persons as far as and death of four persons as far as and inflicted serious damage to all leaded coal barges, lying and kinds of property. The rains have been bridge on the Allegheny side, were torn from its moorings and forced upon torn from its moorings and forced upon. weather, accompanied by high winds. River avenue. They were badly dam-The weather bureau announced today aged as were about twenty freight cars that the Chattahoochee river would along the Pittsburg & Western tracks.

THE NORTHWESTERN STATES GOVERNORS.

points.

Meet in Helena This Afternoon to Discuss Proposed Northern Pacific-Great Northern-Burlington Merger- Minnesota, South Dakota, Idaho, Montana and Washington Represented.

and attorneys-general of four northwestern states and the attorney-general of another, will meet in the state supreme court room in Helena this afternoon to discuss and if possible agree on a plan for the prevention of the gigantic Northern Pacific-Great Northern-Burlington railway merger.

The governors present will be Van Sant, of Minnesota, who suggested the meeting; Herried, of South Dakota; Hunt, of Idaho, and Toole, of Montana. Atty.-Gen. Stratton, of Washington, will represent that state. It has been understood that Gov. White of North Dakota and the attorney-general of that state would be present, but it was stated today that neither could attend the meeting, Gov. White stating that it is imposible for him to leave the state at present. The mileage of both the Northern Pacific and Great Northern North Dakota is very heavy. What effect, if any, the absence of Gov. White will have on any possible action to be taken, is problematical. All of the visiting governors and attorneys-general are expected to arrive in Helena about noon, and at 2 o'clock the first meeting is scheduled. Whether the first meeting is scheduled. Whether or not these meetings will be open will depend entirely on Gov. Van Sant. The conference is not expected to last

Helena, Mont., Dec. 30.—Governors over tomorrow. Gov. Van Sant,it is and attorneys-general of four north-believed, has a well defined plan of fighting the merger drawn on state constitutional lines and is expected to advocate the adoption of this plan other northwestern states, in several of which, notably Montana, the constitutional provisions against railway consolidations, are similar to those of Gov. Van Sant and Atty. Gen. Doug-

lass, of Minnesota, and Gov. Herried and Atty. Gen. Pyle, of South Dakota, arrived during the morning and held an informal conference with Gov. Toole Gov. Van Sant confirmed the report that North Dakota would not be represented at the meeting. Both Gov. Van Sant and Atty. Gen. Douglass refused to make any statement as to their probable plans. well known to make any further state-ment necessary at this time," said Gov.

Van Sant. "Yes, I have my ideas as to what action I would like taken at this meeting, but of course I cannot say whether or not these other gentlemen will agree with me." Gov. Pyle, of South Dakota, sail he

had nothing to suggest.

"We came here at Gov. Van Sant's invitation." said he, "and have no idea what action is contemplated." Gov. Pyle intimated that he was rath-

PHYSICIAN HURT.

Falls in Front of Street Car and is Sent to the Hospital.

Dr. LeFebre met with a severe accident at 8:30 this morning. He was advanced age had begun to start answ crossing Second South street near First | in life. West, and when on the car track, he slipped and fell. A car was close upon the doctor at the time, and before the motorman could stop his car, it had struck him considerable of a blow. He injured internally, and later attended one of the waiters.

to by Dr. Richards, and sent to the Sisters' hospital, where he is being cared for. Dr. LeFebre returned from Alaska some time ago, having been financially ruined by the great storm which destroyed part of Cape Nome, and at an

No More News Agents on Trains.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 30.-All news agents on the trains of the Northern Pacific are to be discontinued after the was picked up and helped into Hover's | first of January. Daily papers will be drug store, where it was found he was kept on the dining cars and supplied by