

MR. ED MURPHY IS NOT THE MAN

To Represent the Great State of New York in the U. S. Senate

SAYS GROVER CLEVELAND.

He Talks Plainly and Emphatically on the Subject.

A Leader Who is Able to Originate and Promote Important Policies is Needed—He Has Told Murphy and Croker All This Before—Serious Difficulties to Be Met—Pfeffer to Vote With the Democrats on Reorganization of the Senate—Republicans Lose the Wyoming Legislature—Fusionists Get All of North Dakota's Electors—One Republican Elector Chosen in California—Pat Collins Not Offered John C. New's Place.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—A special dispatch to the Times from New York says: There has been a disposition in some quarters to question Mr. Cleveland's attitude on the Senatorship from New York. During the past few days the Times correspondent has referred repeatedly to the matter, and has said that everybody knows to be true, that Mr. Cleveland had from the first announced himself as unalterably opposed to the election of Edward Murphy, Jr.

This was not a part of the political gossip of the town. It had been obtained from trustworthy sources, from the men most likely to know Mr. Cleveland's opinion on this question, from friends anxious to secure a Senator who could be looked upon as a representative of the new administration, and who might be depended upon to assist the President-elect and his party in a complete correction of tariff abuses.

Mr. Cleveland makes a statement. In order to settle this question the Times correspondent called upon Mr. Cleveland to-day and asked him if he wished to say anything for publication about his attitude on the question. He saw no reason why he should be called upon to confirm his own expressed opinion. He consented, however, to say this:

"It ought not to be necessary for me to repeat for the public what I have so often expressed to many gentlemen in private conversation. Among these have been Mr. Murphy himself, Mr. Croker and gentlemen who have been prominent in the party from every part of the State of New York. It must not be forgotten, however, that the party has a very hard task to perform if we expect to keep the word which we have passed to the people of the country. They have given us a phenomenal majority, one showing that they expect us to do much. In doing this a great deal depends upon the State of New York and its great metropolises.

The Kind of a Man Needed. "The interests of the State and of the party demand, it seems to me, the selection of a Senator who can not only defend the principles of our party, but who can originate and promote policies that may be presented for consideration in the Senate. In order to insure this the Senator from New York should be a man, not only experienced in public affairs, but who has a clear conception of the vital issues with which he must deal during the next few years.

"Speaking frankly, as I have already done to those entitled to know my views, I do not seem to me that the selection of Mr. Murphy shows a desire or intention of placing in the Senate a man of such a type. This first use of our power would, I fear, cause much disappointment, not only in New York, but in the country. This party ought not to be called upon to face when it is considered how much there is to do and what serious difficulties have to be surmounted before it can be done."

PEPPER IS DEMOCRATIC.

He Won't Vote With the Republicans in Reorganizing the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—[Special.]—Senator Pepper is expected to vote with the Democrats in the reorganization of the Senate. This statement is made upon the authority of a well-known Democratic Congressman who is taking an active interest in the matter and professes to know Senator Pepper's views on the subject. In speaking of Senator Pepper to-day, the Congressman referred to said: "Senator Pepper has nothing to expect at the hands of the Republicans. They are fighting him to the bitter end in Kansas, while the Democrats of the State have practically laid down their hands to him. Some of the Republican leaders have made an effort to secure the aid of the Kansas Populist, but when they had an opportunity to show him some consideration they ignored him. Now, when they need his services and haven't a thing to offer in return, they propose to play upon him as they did with the late David Davis. They cannot offer Mr. Pepper the Vice Presidency, as they did in the case of Davis, but they are prepared to give him an equal share of the Senatorial patronage—which is not large or tempting compared with the inducements held out to him by the Democrats. Not only will he receive a fair share of the Senatorial patronage, but he will have placed at his disposal something from the administration which he can use among the Populists not only in Kansas but in other Populist strongholds.

"Senator Pepper is keener in a political deal than some of his associates gave him credit for when he first entered the Senate. He knows he occupies a position something similar to that occupied by Mahone, of Virginia, when the latter made certain demands of the Republicans and obtained them in consideration for his vote in organizing the Senate in 1881."

Lands for Dean's Judgments.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 27.—Governor Pattison has appointed eight Law Judges during his present term, and before the close of the week he will have appointed another, the

successor of Supreme Judge-elect John Dean, of Hollidaysburg, having not yet been announced. It is said Augustus S. Landis, of Hollidaysburg, will be appointed.

CRISP HAS NO CHOICE

For a Place in Mr. Cleveland's New Cabinet So It is Said.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Speaker Crisp expects to leave for tomorrow for New York. He will be in the metropolis a day or two and will call on Mr. Cleveland and have a talk with him. No hour has been fixed for the meeting, and so far as can be learned nothing has been signed to Mr. Crisp as to the matters to be discussed. It is probable that at this meeting of the two most influential officers of the Government there will be a general exchange of opinion on the whole legislative outlook, and, to some extent, on the political situation. The question of an extra session of Congress, it is reasonably certain, will be one of the topics considered, and will give Mr. Cleveland the opinion he entertains on the latter.

It is not at all likely that any final and absolute determination with reference to the extra session will be reached for some time, or until the Cabinet slate is partly made up. As is well known, Speaker Crisp is inclined to favor an extra session upon after March 4, for purposes of organization, and will, President-elect Cleveland favors an extra session in the autumn, but is not altogether averse to an earlier special session if there were assurances that his life would be short and his field of activity restricted. The Cabinet problem is taken up, but Speaker Crisp has no opinion to urge upon Mr. Cleveland for a Cabinet office.

WYOMING DEMOCRATIC.

A Supreme Court Decision Settles the Fate of Senator Warren.

CHRYSTEN, WYO., Dec. 27.—[Special.]—Under the law it was the duty of the Clerk of Carbon county to canvass the vote at the late election with the assistance of two Justices of the Peace, one a Republican and one a Democrat. The clerk threw out one of the largest precincts claiming that fraud had been practiced there, and that the returns were in shape. The justices dissented and made an abstract including this precinct. The State Canvassing Board accepted the abstract returned by the clerk, claiming that he was the Canvassing Board for the county.

An appeal was had to the Supreme Court. The three gentlemen on the bench are Republicans. They say that a county canvassing board consists of three members, and for a majority in this instance the two justices must rule. This makes the Legislature Democratic beyond all question. H. A. L. New, George W. Baxter, G. T. Beck and J. H. Warner Democrats will go to Washington in place of Mr. Warren.

WON'T MEET IN JANUARY.

Chairman Carter Too Busy Looking After His Senatorial Fences.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Hon. Joseph H. Manley, of Maine, member of the Republican National Executive Committee, arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel this morning. He stated to-day that he would probably go to Washington to-morrow. In regard to the report published that Chairman Carter would be here shortly and call for a meeting of the Republican National Executive Committee, to be held in this city on January 15, he said:

"There is nothing in it whatever. I have heard nothing of a meeting in the near future. Mr. Carter, in the first place, could not come here for two months. He is a candidate for United States Senator, and if I am not mistaken, it will be January 15 before the Legislature elects a Senator."

COLLINS SETTLES A RUMOR.

The General Says He Has Not Been Offered John C. New's Place.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—[Special.]—General P. A. Collins was asked to-day if there was any truth in the report telegraphed from Washington that he had been promised the Consul Generalship at London by Mr. Cleveland. The General replied:

"You can say that all these reports are purely prophetic, and that in my opinion nobody knows Mr. Cleveland's mind on these matters, nor has he told what he has to anybody. These are mere idle rumors which will continue to be circulated for about ten weeks longer, and then they will be set at rest by Mr. Cleveland. So far as I know, I do not believe that he has told anybody what he has in his mind to anybody, even if he has made it up himself."

CALIFORNIA IS SPLIT.

The Republicans Get One Elector From the Golden State.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—[Special.]—The official statement of California's vote at the last election was given to-day by Secretary of State Waite. It shows that one Harrison and eight Cleveland electors were chosen. The People's party vote amounted to a trifling over 25,000, and the Prohibition vote to 8,000.

Three Republican and four Democratic Congressmen were elected. In the Third district, in the Third district, was defeated by only 25 votes. The vote in favor of direct election of United States Senators by the people was enormous, 187,938 voting for and only 13,942 against it.

WESTERN HEADQUARTERS CLOSED.

Illinois Democrats Close Their Shop and Lock Up Their Cash Box.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The Finance Committee of the Western Branch of the Democratic Committee met here to-day and received the final report of the Treasurer, exhibiting the receipts and disbursements of the committee. The amount collected and paid over to Mr. Cable, the representative of the National Committee, constitutes, it is said, all of the outlays made by the Western branch headquarters, except the sum of \$5,000 sent to the National Committee from New York.

DULL TRADE IN STEEL.

Shuts Down a Bethlehem Mill, Throwing 1,200 Men Out of Work.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 27.—The rail, Bessemer, converting and puddling mill of the Bethlehem Iron Company is shut down for an indefinite period. Twelve hundred men have been thrown out of employment. The cause of the stoppage is lack of orders, the steel trade being very dull.

Mistook Gas for Electricity.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 27.—A. Byerly, a young man living at an Indian agency, went to bed at the Lapide Hotel and got up to turn on the electric light. He turned on the gas instead. He was found dead in his room this morning.

WISHING FOR WAR.

Russian Army Officers Weary of Peace, Threaten to Turn Nihilists.

A NEW PLOT DISCOVERED

Involving Many High and Low Officials Quite Near the Czar.

HATRED FOR UNHAPPY HEBREWS

Adding to the Fuel of Discontent Smoldering Among Troops.

THE CRUEL PERSECUTION IN MOSCOW

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—Numerous arrests continue to be made at Kiev of officers suspected of nihilism. Nine more officers are among those imprisoned, either under suspicion or direct charges of connection with a conspiracy against the Czar.

The Russian authorities believe they have unearthed a widespread plot, in which a number, not only of the lower officials, but also those of higher rank are involved, and several officers having positions of trust and confidence near the person of the Czar have been put under surveillance, although no clear evidence has been obtained of absence from duty until the suspicious resting upon them are verified or disproved. The extent of the plot is unknown.

There is much discontent in the army with the prolonged period of peace, and many of the officers think that the Czar is too pacific in his disposition. There is no longer an outlet for these warlike spirits in subduing the tribes of Central Asia. All these have been brought thoroughly under Russian subjection.

Weary of a Long Peace.

The Russian empire was never more peaceable, so far as external enemies are concerned, and the murmuring among the army officers, ambitious for glory and disappointed in their hopes of promotion, is correspondingly great. It is no secret that there was bitter disappointment in military circles seven years ago, when the Czar had to bring his autocratic authority to bear to prevent his generals from plunging into a war with Great Britain and Afghanistan, and the spirit of impatience among the Russian officers has been increasing since.

For these and other reasons the authorities at St. Petersburg are greatly apprehensive as to the extent of the conspiracy developed at Kiev, and much excitement prevails both in official circles and among the public.

Meanwhile the persecution of the Hebrews goes on more earnestly than ever, the leading officer prosecutor being the Grand Duke Sergius, brother of the Czar and husband of Queen Victoria's granddaughter Elizabeth. As Governor of Moscow he seems determined to turn every Hebrew out of the city.

Driving Out Hebrews in Droves.

The Hebrew population of Moscow has already been reduced from about 80,000, when Sergius became Governor, to about 30,000 and the number continues to decrease under the added rigor of penal laws and the intolerable severity of their enforcement.

By a new law which has recently been put in force only ten out of 100 Hebrew lawyers in Moscow are permitted to practice, while in Warsaw and Russian Poland this liberty is wholly denied. The Moscow University shuts its doors against Hebrews, and it will not be long before the same restriction will be applied to the Hebrews in the provinces.

The severe treatment of the Hebrews is having a ruinous effect upon real estate and other interests, at least 30,000 lodgings are empty at Moscow.

The most pitiful scenes are witnessed among the crowds of Hebrews at the railway stations, men and women over 80 years of age and half-died little children crying and praying in the cold. Their sufferings are vividly remembered by the Russian authorities, and any non-resident Hebrews who display kindness toward them risk being put under suspicion.

The soldiers detailed to assist the police in guarding the Hebrews treat them with the greatest brutality and frequently prick the unfortunate with their bayonets if they attempt to leave the stations in which they are penned. The officers do not like the work of guarding Hebrews, which they look upon as degrading, and, this, also, is a cause of some discontent among the military.

BIG FAMILIES SHIELDED.

A Shortage of 4,000,000 Florins in the Hungarian Government Kept Secret.

BUDA-PESTH, Dec. 27.—The exposure of the frauds in the Department of Education and Public Instruction, through which that department lost 4,000,000 florins, was made in a newspaper published at Grosswardein. This paper affirms that two of the leading physicians in the Trefort Ministry discovered that the money had been embezzled, but were afraid to expose the thefts owing to the high positions held by the parents of the embezzler. The paper itself refrains from giving the names of those who took the money.

When Minister Trefort died he was succeeded by Count Casaky, who learned of the embezzlement, but who did not take any action in the matter for the same reason that impelled the others who had knowledge of the affair to remain silent. Members of the Government allege that the 4,000,000 florins deficit was not caused by fraud, but was a simple shortage due to a bad agricultural season that will be recouped. Nobody places any reliance in this statement, the general belief being strong that the shortage is due to no other cause than embezzlement, and that the Government is anxious to protect the embezzlers because of the disgrace that would attach to certain high families, should the dishonest officials be prosecuted.

WHOLE VILLAGES PERISH.

Frightful Results of the Famine Ragging in Snow-Bound Finland.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 27.—The famine in North Finland is increasing, and there is a movement in Sweden to renew the subscriptions of last year for the aid of the starving Finlanders.

Many villages are snow-bound, and it is feared that whole communities have perished, as nothing has been heard of them for a number of days.

LONDON'S GLOOMY CHRISTMAS.

Ranks of the Unemployed Rapidly Recruiting From Cotton Factory Districts.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—England is having severe and trying Christmas weather. The average temperature is about 21° above zero. London is buried under a dense fog, and it is difficult to see anyone a few feet away.

The privation among the unemployed in-

creases with the advance of winter, and notwithstanding the numbers already here, multitudes continue to throng in from all parts of the country. Advice from Lancashire state that the look-outed employes in the cotton manufacturing districts had a hungry holiday, thousands of them being dependent upon charity for subsistence. Hundreds of them are wandering about begging, and it is feared that the vigorous weather will cause the loss of many lives.

THE REINACH TRAGEDY.

It Was Probably Murder, but Investigation Reveals Nothing Definite.

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The murder of Baron de Reinach is the sensation which to-day occupies the public mind. The Paris papers printed to-day the news cabled to THE DISPATCH four days ago about the result of Reinach's autopsy, and it has raised popular excitement again to a high pitch. The chemist in charge of the analysis, which is now almost completed, says it is one of the most remarkable cases in medical jurisprudence. His report, which will be made in a few days, will show that there is nothing known yet upon which to base a charge of murder against any of Reinach's associates. The natural question which would profit most or escape most by his death is being variously answered. A warrant was issued to-day for a search of the dead Baron's place at Nevers. Their embassies in Paris have received special instructions on the subject.

The Socialist leader, Guesde, openly confesses that the Socialists intend to revive an international fight against the oligarchy of capital, financial oppression and the corruption of the Bourgeoisie and other evils of the present social system.

A dispatch from Rome says: The Dreibund nations—Germany, Italy and Austria regard the situation in France as menacing the peace of Europe, and are exchanging frequent notes on the subject. They have decided to hold themselves in readiness to act promptly from a military point of view in the event of a revolution in any one of the three nations.

CHARGED TO PENIANS.

Both Parnellites and McCarthys Deny Responsibility for the Explosion.

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—The Government is apparently acting upon the theory that the recent explosion was the result of a conspiracy, and the police are making active inquiries as to the recent course of the Physical Force faction, to whose operations both Little attention has lately been paid. So far as James Stephens, head center of the Fenian Brotherhood, is concerned, no suspicion attaches to him, but it is intimated that some of his younger followers have been very busy of late. The anti-Parnellites are throwing suspicion on Parnellites, and the latter assert that no more reason exists for suspecting them than for charging the crime to their antagonists. Stephens has named the authors of the explosion as enemies of Ireland.

A Man named Keavans has been arrested at Nenagh, County Tipperary, on the charge of being connected with the Dublin explosion.

Keavans is a stranger to the town, and his name is given in a satisfactory account of his recent movements. Government experts to-day secured as specimens for further study in the Government laboratory some of the debris resulting from the explosion. Among their finds is a massive granite slab five inches thick, upon which the explosive rested and through which a hole was blown.

COUNT ROUMANOFF KILLED

In a Duel at a Gambling Table by a Man From Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—It is rumored that Count Peter Roumanoff became involved in a quarrel with a Brooklyn man at the Casino gambling tables last night. The two fought a duel with pistols on the seashore this morning, the Count being killed.

A SUIT FOR USURY

Filed Against Contractors for the Illinois Central World's Fair Buildings.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A judgment for \$2,000,000 is asked and the right of a bank to charge a commission beyond the full legal rate of interest for a loan is raised in a plea filed in the Superior Court this morning by the Western National Bank of New York against Allison, Shafer & Co. On November 1 the plaintiff began an assumpt suit against the defendants on a note for \$2,000,000.

The defendant company is contesting the World's Fair building for the Illinois Central Railroad. The company, it was said, was backed by unlimited capital. The plea claims that the notes are absolute void, because of usurious rate of interest charged.

Both notes, says the plea, bore 6 per cent interest. On the first the defendants agreed to pay a commission of 25,000 over and above the interest. On the second \$8,000 was paid in consideration of the bank's making the loan. The defendant alleges that plaintiff has \$1,200,000 worth of railroad bonds belonging to Allison, Shafer & Co. in their possession.

A PRIEST SUICIDE

Buried in Consecrated Ground With Catholic Funeral Rites.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 27.—The burial of a suicide in consecrated ground, exceptional in the Roman Catholic Church, took place in Covington to-day. The dead man was Rev. Bernard Schwalen, a Catholic priest, who killed himself several days ago in his home in Covington on account of ill health.

All the rites of the Church due a deceased priest were really observed. The Bishop of the diocese conducted the exercises and priests from throughout the vicinity were present. The Bishop, in his funeral sermon, said the Church could not condemn a man for the crime of suicide, a denunciation of and denial of the rights of the Church to the person who took his own life. In this case, however, there was no doubt in the Bishop's mind that the deceased was bereft of reason when he committed the act, and this fact entitled him to burial with all the rites of the Church.

GENEROUS ROCKEFELLER.

The Standard Oil Prince Gives Another Million to Chicago's University.

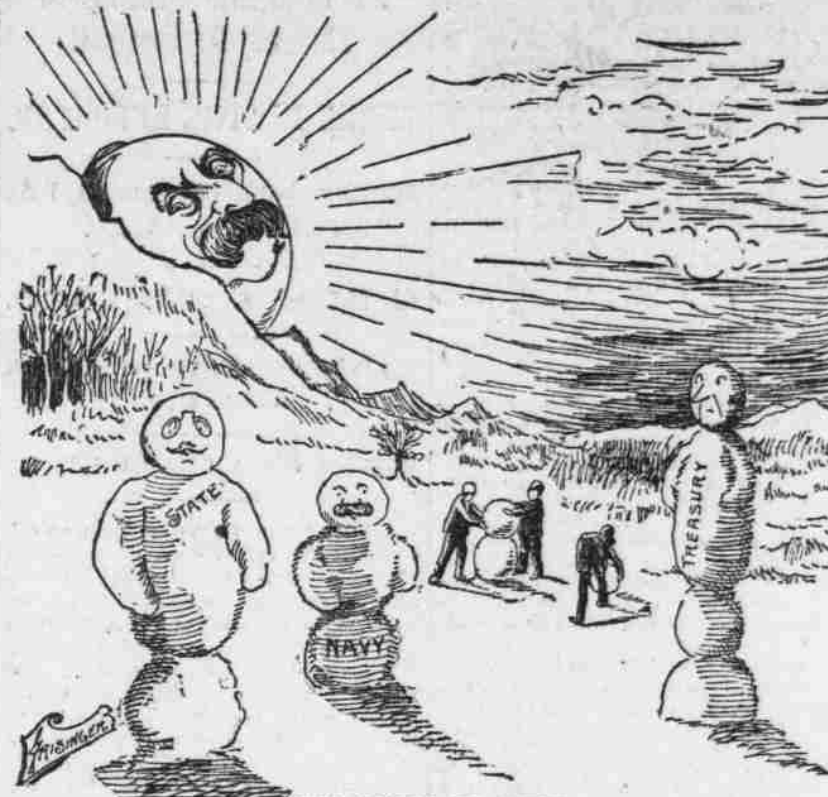
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—John D. Rockefeller has made another huge gift to the University of Chicago. The sum is understood to be over \$1,000,000, but the exact figures are not given out. For the last two months the trustees of the university have been endeavoring to persuade Mr. Rockefeller to give them \$2,000,000 in order to carry out some of their cherished plans.

The New York capitalist objected to giving that sum outright, but submitted a proposition for a vast sum to be given, providing certain plans which he suggested be carried out. This proposition was submitted to the trustees to-day.

KILLED BY CHRISTMAS JOY.

A Boy So Pleased With a Pair of Skates That He Falls Over Dead.

SOUTH BEND, IND., Dec. 27.—Paul Gearhart, aged 14, was so delighted at receiving a pair of skates that he uttered a cry of joy and fell to the floor dead from heart failure.



A DESPERATE BATTLE

Between Regular Soldiers and Revolutionists in Mexico.

THIRTEEN OF THE FORMER KILLED

And a Large Number on Both Sides Were Seriously Wounded.

LAS ANIMAS THE SCENE OF THE FIGHT

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

LAREDO, TEX., Dec. 28.—Report reached here at midnight of a battle which took place yesterday near Los Animas, Mexico, east of Guerrero, between 300 regular Mexican soldiers and 250 Revolutionists, in which 13 soldiers were killed and many wounded. Several of the Revolutionists were also killed and a large number wounded.

The Revolutionists were commanded by General Estrada, and the Mexican troops by General Garcia. Captain Garcia, of the Mexican militia, grived in New Laredo, opposite this city yesterday afternoon with several of the wounded Mexican regulars.

News was received from down the river to-day to the effect that the United States troops, under Lieutenant Hedekin, and a posse of United States deputy marshals under the direction of an experienced trapper, are close on the trail of the Revolutionist party who captured United States deputy marshals, Guerrerra and Benavides, and fear some of rescuing the latter. Three companies of the Seventh United States Cavalry arrived in Laredo last night and will leave to-day for the lower river country.

Later—Since the above was sent the report of the battle at Las Animas has been fully confirmed. The report says the Mexican troops were routed. The town of Guerrero is in danger of being captured by the Revolutionists. The people on the Mexican side are represented as flocking to the standard of General Estrada because of his victory at Las Animas.

The revolution is assuming a more serious aspect than it was thought it would at first. There will be work for all the United States troops the Government can send to this section, for they will be needed to protect the interests of Americans.

BLAINE A LITTLE BETTER.

He is Still a Very Sick Man, However, and Can't Be Removed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—At 9:30 o'clock this evening Mr. Blaine was reported as resting easy, and that his family anticipated for him a comfortable night. Shortly afterward the family retired. Mr. Blaine is better than he was yesterday, and is improving. This was said at 6 o'clock this evening, and Dr. Johnston had been at Mr. Blaine's bedside just 25 minutes. This visit was the second the Doctor had paid to Mr. Blaine this afternoon, and when his attention was called to this fact, he remarked that it had no special significance, in proof of which he said he would not call again this evening, unless especially summoned.

The stream of inquiries as to the state of Mr. Blaine's health continues, and to such an extent as to require frequent changes in the attendants at the door. It seems to be settled that Mr. Blaine will not leave Washington for some months to come, even if in the meantime his health should improve sufficiently to warrant his removal. It is also pretty well understood that while Mr. Blaine really shows marked improvement as compared with his condition very recently, he is still a very sick man—so sick that he can only sit erect when lifted into that position and propped up with pillows.

THE COLD, COLD WORLD.

A Pitiful Scene of Death and Destitution in an Immigrant Family.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—The 11-day-old child of a Bohemian immigrant, Carl Valdo, died in his mother's arms at the Union depot to-day. The child was born at sea and could not be made to partake of nourishment. The mother was unaware of the infant's death until her attention was called to it by a policeman. When she discovered that the baby was dead her grief was pitiful.

She and her husband were absolutely penniless and had had no breakfast. A subscription was made up for them among the people in the waiting room, and after the Coroner had taken possession of the dead baby they were sent on their way to Jennings, Kan., their destination. The baby was buried in the potter's field.

IRON WAGES TO DROP.

Delaware Mills Say They Are Paying More Than Manufacturers Elsewhere.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Dec. 27.—There is to be a general reduction of wages now paid to the iron workers in the mills here and at Newport and Marshallton, so as to approach nearer the wages paid elsewhere, which are 25 per cent lower than in this section.

The Diamond State Iron Company, of this city, will make a cut in puddlers' wages from \$3 75 to \$3 25 or \$3 a ton.

MAYOR GOURLEY VERY ILL.

His Physicians Are Anxious and Have Doubts of the Result.

At a late hour last night the condition of Mayor Gourley was extremely critical. His physicians are anxious and fear the worst. The Mayor has been suffering from pneumonia for five days. One of his lungs is completely congested and the other affected. A racking cough is weakening him greatly and the ravages of the disease are likely to continue for several days before it has run its course.

A consultation was held yesterday by Drs. Nolan and McKelvey on the case. Neither of the physicians would say afterward how serious the patient's condition was, though they indicated that it was very dangerous. The Mayor has always been an indefatigable worker, everything in which he was interested being to him of great importance. Although his duties as Mayor have not been broken, the sharp ends of them he has worked as hard as if he had, besides having outside interests to engage his attention. For this reason Dr. Nolan says the Mayor has been overworked, his system is run down, and his chances of recovery are thereby lessened.

For several days no one has been permitted to enter his room except his wife and the physicians. Not even his office clerks have been allowed to see him.

A HUMAN BALLOON.

Peculiar Affection of a Man Who May Burst at Any Time.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—[Special.]—A most curious case of "emphysema," or air-swelling, has developed at the City Hospital, and the patient has assumed the shape of a balloon. His skin is as tight as a drumhead, and he is liable to burst at any moment. The man is Frederick Ott, aged 48 years. He was employed as a driver and was caught between a moving car and a wall and dragged about 10 feet. His body was crushed as between rollers, and several of his ribs were broken. The sharp ends of the bones were driven through his lungs. Soon after his arrival at the hospital he began to swell up, and since then has been constantly increasing in size.

The cause of the swelling is the escape of air from the punctured lung, which is now pumped from the lung among the tissues between the flesh and skin. At every breath the sufferer involuntarily injects more air under his skin. Nothing can be done for him except to tap him, and the doctors are of the opinion that he will die soon, even if he does not burst, of which event there is a strong probability.

POWDERLY'S NEW PLAN.

He Will Erect a Co-operative Plant for Workmen Only.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—[Special.]—Hyattsville, one of Washington's oldest and largest suburbs, lying six miles out on the line to Baltimore, has made itself famous as the battleground of the "single taxers," and was treated to a visit and a speech from Henry George, a week ago. The village fathers have not only established the single-tax system in practice, but have been sustained throughout by the Maryland courts against those property owners who protest that the new way was unjustly burdensome.

Now the place expects to feel a new pulsation of progress from an entirely different source. Grand Master T. V. Powderly has bought a farm of 71 acres on the edge of the town for himself and a syndicate of workmen, with a view to establishing a group of factories and a co-operative workmen's town. The site chosen is convenient to both the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio roads, and if the capital for the scheme can be had quite a smart little colony is expected to spring up under the cherishing folds of the single-tax mantle.

SNOW IN DIXIE.

Not Since 1856 Has There Been Such a Storm in Norfolk.

NOFOLK, VA., Dec. 27.—[Special.]—The heaviest snow storm known in Norfolk since 1856 visited this city at midnight last night, and snow has fallen constantly for 24 hours. The ground around this section is covered to a depth of two feet. A high wind is blowing, and it is possible that several vessels are ashore along the coast but the Government telegraph wires are down and no information can be obtained. All trains are delayed and few boats are coming in.