A LITTLE RUFFLED.

Congressman O'Neill Assails the Players' New League.

LABOR SYMPATHY AS BOSH

President Nimick Receives an Important Letter From Carroll.

PAT FARRELL'S OFFER TO UPHAM

Congressman O'Neill talks very plainly about the new baseball League. He condemns the Brotherhood for refusing to admit St. Louis, and states that a Brotherhood club in Pittsburg will be a failure. Fred Carroll writes an important letter to President Nimick. Pat Farrell makes an offer to fight Arthur Upham.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, December 22.—Ex-Congressman O'Neill, the St. Louis Browns' genial counsel, is back here, and from the way he speaks of his reception at the recent Brotherhood meeting, it was anything but satisfactory. He is very much disappointed in the action of the Brotherhood in not taking the St. Louis and Columbus clubs into the fold. These cities, he claims, are both great baseball towns. He predicts that both Buffalo and Pittsburg clubs will be failures as far as the Brotherhood goes. If it comes to the extreme, the Association will organize a six-club circuit. He greatly favors placing an Association team here, as he says this is a 25-cent city.

A BROTHERHOOD ERROR.

Regarding the Brotherhood saying that the laboring element are with them, it is all bosh in his opinion. Sunday baseball in the West is, and always will be, largely attended by those who are compelled to work throughout the week. As to Comiskey signing with Chicago, he is non-committal. There are very few players in town, in fact. All quiet on the Potomac.

The Congressman said: "Most assuredly the Association will surmount its present difficulties. Many people are undoubtedly trying to kill it, but their efforts will not only fail but will recoil on themselves. I mean exactly what I say when I say that the Brotherhood clubs in Buffalo and Pittsburg will be failures. There is not money enough behind either of these clubs to keep good players and carry a team through a losing season, for next season will certainly be a losing one to both Brotherhood and League. This is just as sure as we live. I am not making these statements without authority, because I know there has been some very tall hustling in both the cities named to raise $4,000 or $5,000.

LOTS OF MONEY WANTED.

Many assessments will be made before the first season ends, and these new baseball capitalists will think baseball a very unsatisfactory business before they are through with it. St. Louis would certainly have been a first-class city for the Brotherhood because there would be only one club there. It is only nonsense and claptrap trying to, under false pretenses, enlist the sympathies of the laboring classes into the Brotherhood scheme. It is just as purely a capitalistic scheme as any baseball organization I know of."

The officials of the Washington National League club still declare that the club will not be dropped from the League. There is great doubt about Baltimore, and some people say that there has been no definite deal between the Baltimore and Washington clubs.

JACK ROWE'S HOROSCOPE

For the Buffalo Players' League Club Shows Up Very Well.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BUFFALO, N. Y., December 22.—The managers of the Buffalo Players' club are going ahead in earnest with their preparations for making baseball lively in this town next season, and yesterday took their first official step, when the certificate of incorporation of the Buffalo Baseball Club was filed. The capital stock is $20,000 in shares of $100 each and the club is to exist 50 years. The incorporators are ex-Sheriff Gilbert, Clerk Shire, of the Superior Court; Charles R. Fitzgerald, Jack Rowe and Deacon "Jim" White.

Jack Rowe said yesterday that the prospects of a successful season were very bright in Buffalo, and he believed the League would revolutionize the baseball business by making it more popular and avoiding many of the mistakes of the old magnates in their treatment of players. Mr. Rowe expects that 25-cent admissions will be allowed for Buffalo; but that will not be determined until the March schedule meeting. Buffalo is a great 25-cent city.

Wilmot's desertion of the Players' League has caused some comment here, for he was wanted by the Buffalo club. Rowe does not believe his statement that he wrote three times to President Ward for advance money without receiving a reply, for Ward would have notified Rowe, who would have gladly advanced the money. "It is a very lame excuse anyway," said the Buffalo man.

The Buffalo club has signed 13 men, including White and Rowe, who will do much to improve the work of the ex-Senators from Washington. The players and probable positions are as follows:

Pitchers, Alexander Ferson, of Manchester, N. H.; George Keefe, of Washington; George Haddock, of Dorchester, Mass., and Gus Krock, of Chicago. Catchers, Owen Clark, of Brooklyn, and Connie Mack, of Spencer, Mass. Basemen—First, J. J. Carney, of Salem, Mass.; second, Sam Wise, of Utica; third, Deacon White. Fielders, W. H. Hoy, of Findlay, O.; Ed Beecher, of Hartford and James Irwin, of Boston. The shortstop will be Jack Rowe.

QUITE DESPONDENT.

Brotherhood Leaders Discouraged by Mike Tiernan's Desertion.

John Ward, Al Johnson, Ed Hanlon and other of the Players' League in this city were quite despondent over Mike Tiernan's action in signing with the New York League Club. They all claimed that Tiernan erred when he stated that the Players' League wanted him to sign for $500 less than he received last year. It was just the opposite, so it is stated. He received $2,500 from the New York club, and it is quite likely that he would have been paid $3,000 by the Players' League. But he asked for $3,800, and that was an amount which the magnates thought they couldn't stand.

"I'm sorry that Tiernan has left us," said Tim Keefe to a *Sun* reporter last night. "He is a nice fellow and a good player, but he doesn't state the truth when he says the Players' League offered him $500 less than his salary last year. He was too exorbitant in his demands, and the League couldn't see their way clear to meet them. The fact is, the players who are demanding such enormous salaries are simply taking advantage of the differences between the National League and the Players' League."—*N. Y. Sun.*

CARROLL WILL WAIT AWHILE.

He Will Come East Before He Signs Any Contract.

Fred Carroll means to be careful before appending his name to any contract. President Nimick received a letter from him on Saturday in which he says: "It is difficult to get any definite information here as to the situation. I will, therefore do nothing until I come East which will be shortly after the holidays. When I meet you we will talk business."

This would indicate that Carroll is taking a reasonable and cautious view of the situation, and it further means that all rumors about his having signed a new League contract are very questionable. It further proves false all stories about the local club sending a man to San Francisco to sign him.

Baseball on Christmas Day.

The unusually fine weather at this time of year has induced efforts to be made to have a baseball game at Recreation Park on Christmas Day. If the weather is as it has been for the past day or so, the Keystones, colored, and the Standards of the Southside, will play a game during the afternoon. If the game takes place it will be a novelty, although games, and championship games at that, have been played here on more disagreeable days than yesterday.

The Association in Line.

PHILADELPHIA, December 22.—The baseball world is very quiet here. Everybody is awaiting developments. "The American Association will pull through all right, notwithstanding the present dark aspect," said H. C. Pennypacker, of the Athletic Club, to-day. "We are not as sleepy as we look, and I think you will hear some good news from us within a week. Mr. Whittaker is off on another of his hustling trips, and when he returns he will be ready to talk. Take my word for it, there will be eight clubs in the American Association next year. We have no intention of allowing the name to be lost or losing our place in the National Agreement. The present mixed state of affairs in the baseball world cannot last more than one year at most, and when it does run clear it will be all the better for the people who are still in the business."

BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD.

Some Prospects of the American Association's Resuming Business.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

PHILADELPHIA, December 22.—Brighter prospects are dawning for the American Association. There is no doubt now that an effort will be made to reorganize the circuit, and there may possibly be eight clubs. Rochester has been admitted, and there are now five clubs. There is no truth in the report that Columbus has joined the International Association and that St. Louis has applied for admission to the Western Association. The American Association will probably hold a meeting on the second Monday in January, by which time more will be known about its prospective circuit. The managers of the Athletic club announce that they have no intention of joining the Atlantic Association. Secretary Whittaker, of the Athletic club, is chairman of the American Association Circuit Committee, and he favors a 12-club circuit.

"I believe it possible to form a 12-club circuit," said Mr. Whittaker. "For Eastern cities we have Boston, Lowell, Hartford, New Haven, Worcester, Providence, Troy, Albany, Brooklyn, Newark, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington to choose from, while in the West St. Louis, Chicago, Louisville, Indianapolis, Columbus, Detroit, Toledo and Milwaukee are available. The Boston League club has already consented to placing an American Association team in the field, the intention being to play it on the same grounds with the League club, having the schedule so arranged that there will be no conflicting dates. A similar arrangement may also be made at Brooklyn and Chicago, although we are not counting on them with any degree of certainty."

Mr. Whittaker includes Washington and Indianapolis in his proposed circuit, because, in his opinion, these two cities will be dropped by the National League at its meeting next month. Toledo and Detroit are both willing to accept franchises, if they are offered.

ROCHESTER IN IT.

A Team There to be One of Von Der Ahe's Colleagues.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

ROCHESTER, N. Y., December 22.—It has just leaked out to-night that Von der Ahe and two other baseball magnates were in the city two days of last week. They put up at a prominent hotel, but did not register. They came here at the solicitation of General Henry Brinker, a baseball enthusiast and a director in last year's local association. Several secret conferences were held, so it is learned, and General Brinker, who is worth $300,000 and over, practically decided to buy individually the Rochester franchise, and enter Von der Ahe's league, retaining Manager Pat Powers, and giving the latter authority to hire his own players.

General Brinker is one of the most prominent men in the city, and able to buy a half dozen clubs, if he felt so disposed.

A BASEBALL SENSATION.

Manager Mutrie is Said to Have Signed With the Players' League.

NEW YORK, December 22.—A document was exhibited by the Players' Brotherhood men tonight, signed by James Mutrie, and consisting of an agreement to quit Day and manage the New York Players' club for 1890 at a salary of $5,000. The names of E. F. Bell, George F. Gore and Nick Engel are appended as witnesses.

As the agreement purports to be signed today it is probably illegal, even if genuine. It has caused a sensation among baseball men, nevertheless.

TO-DAY'S RACE.

Some Interesting Pointers Abo it the Condition of the Contestants.

Considerable interest is centered in the big 72-hour race which starts to-day in the London Theater at 12 o'clock. All the arrangements have been completed except the swearing in of the score keepers. The contestants are all in the city and party feeling is running very high among them. Several of them met in the theater yesterday and some very warm exchanges of opinion took place. Already some private speculation has taken place on the event, and Herty, Hegelman and Noremac seem to equally divide first honors as far as being favorites is concerned. Connors, Golden and Day come next. About 13 men will start, and it is safe to say that the contest will be a severe one. Principally there are three parties, viz., the Hegelman party, the Noremac party and the Day party. Noremac and Herty have no strong feelings between them, but a local business man is backing Noremac against Day. Golden, of course, is another bitter opponent of the Noremac people. During a conversation last evening Golden said:

"After I ran so well at Lewiston I resolved to come here. I may not be able to win, but I feel confident that I won't be shut out. Certainly the best 12-hours a day men in the country are here, and the track is a hard one to run on. Noremac and Day ought to be in better condition than the balance of us, because we have been in some severe races lately. However, we'll know more about it next Friday or Saturday. Most certainly lightest the man who wins will have earned his $450."

Golden is seven pounds lighter than when he was here last. The Woods' Run people behind Day state that he was never in better condition since he came to this country than he is at present. Each contestant has engaged his attendant and they are all ready for the word.

FARRELL AND UPHAM.

The Eastern Man Demands Unfair Conditions for a Fight.

John Quinn, the well-known local sporting man, returned from the East on Saturday, and will return to Philadelphia to-day to attend the race between McClelland and Miller to-morrow. Mr. Quinn is backing McClelland and thinks he will defeat Miller. Speaking of the proposed battle between Pat Farrell, of this city, and Arthur Upham, he said that Upham's demands are unreasonable.

Upham wants to fight Farrell at 158 pounds within four weeks. It is almost impossible for Farrell to get to that weight in the time specified. Farrell is willing to fight Upham at 161 pounds in nine weeks from signing articles for $1,000 a side. This offer is a fair one, considering that Farrell is considerably overweight now. It seems, however, that Upham is not anxious for a fair battle. It is likely that Farrell will soon go West if he cannot secure a satisfactory match in the East.

Mr. Quinn, speaking of the winter running races, said that the Eastern meetings are a great success. He backed Amos for a place the other day when that horse started with 50 to 1 against. Mr. Quinn has done well on the runners, and his luck has continued for a long time. He has won a large amount of money.

PUGILIST WARREN ARRESTED.

The Alleged Feather-Weight Champion Strikes a Woman at 'Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 22.—Tommy Warren, the feather-weight fakir champion, was arrested last night in Oakland for beating John Church's wife, in the latter's notorious resort. He occupied the cell adjoining the one Church was in himself, and the latter furnished the fighter with cigars and whisky until he was bailed out. Church not knowing that it was in his house that the little fakir had given an exhibition of his true character. When apprised of the facts, Church's rage knew no bounds. Church is serving three months for beating a man whom he alleged insulted his wife.

Jack Dempsey is after LaBlanche's scalp harder than ever, and last night, after the Marine's decision in the Griffin-Mulholland contest at the Golden Gate Club, he insulted LaBlanche before a large body of club men, among other things remarking that the decision, like himself (the Marine), was no good.

A GREAT PROGRAMME.

Some Excellent Contests Arranged by the Herron Hill Gun Club.

The members of the Herron Hill Gun Club will have a great time on Christmas Day, weather permitting. The following programme of contests and prizes indicate what is in store:

First match, nine blue rocks, entrance $1, five prizes, which will consist of turkeys.

Second match, ten blue rocks, entrance $1, five prizes. First prize, shell case, $5; second prize, leather gun case, $4 50; third prize, game carrier, $2 50; fourth prize, turkey, $1 50; fifth prize, turkey, $1 50.

Third match, nine blue rocks, entrance $1—First prize, double action ejector revolver, $10; second prize, wool-lined leather gun case, $7 50; third prize, shell case, $5; fourth prize, large turkey, $2; fifth prize, turkey, $1 50.

Fourth match, ten blue rocks, entrance $1—First prize, white handle carvers, $5; second prize, Lancewood fishing rod, $4; third prize, 300 10 Ga. shells, $2 70; fourth prize, large turkey, $2; fifth prize, turkey, $1 50.

Fifth match, nine blue rocks, entrance $1—First prize, hunting coat, $5; second prize, double action revolver, $5; third prize, 500 12-Ga. shells, $2 25; fourth prize, large turkey, $2; fifth prize, turkey, $1 50.

Ten-bird races will be shot from five traps. Nine-bird races will be shot from three traps.

CHRISTMAS DAY FOOTBALL.

A Great Match Arranged to Take Place at Washington.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—If Christmas be fair, the people of Washington who are fond of such sport will enjoy a great treat in a football contest here. The famous Naval Academy team will be here to contest against a picked team of prominent players. This visit of the cadets will eclipse the one of the Princeton College, as the cadets are better known hereabouts, and the large contingent of naval and army people will give tone to the affair. This Naval Academy team is a good one, as is shown by their victories over the famous one from the University of Virginia, and will give a splendid exhibition of the game that has taken such a hold on society people.

Captain Catlin, the head of the team, is regarded as the finest athlete that has ever entered the Naval Academy, a reputation he has maintained while handling the football eleven. Secretary Tracy, Admiral Harmony and nearly all the leading naval people will be in the Capitol Park Christmas Day to see how the future officers of the navy can play football, while it is expected that many of the ultra-fashionable people will also be there. The team that will play against them will be selected from such as Cash, of the Princeton; Greenway, of the University of Virginia; Darlington, of Lehigh; Williamson, of Princeton; McCoy, of Stevens; Church, of Princeton; Wells, of Staten Island Cricket Club; Tobin and O'Donnell, of Georgetown; Bernard, of Lehigh, and Reed, Harben, Brown, Stoutenburgh and Sam King, of the Columbia Athletics.

FISHERS AND HUNTERS.

The United Clubs Hold a Meeting and Discuss Important Matters.

The regular quarterly meeting of the United Hunting, Fishing and Camping Clubs was held in the rooms of the Pittsburg Rod and Gun Club on Saturday evening. Reports from the various clubs were read and were referred to the Committee on Publication of Annual Reports. J. W. Hague, the Fish Warden, reported that he had secured 26 convictions for violation of the fish laws during the past 12 months. The report was well received, and a warrant ordered drawn in favor of Mr. Hague for $5 for each conviction he secured.

There were general applications of new clubs to be admitted to the United. The meeting adjourned to meet at the same place on the second Saturday in January to elect officers for the coming year.

Lucky Baldwin's Good Bet.

At the commencement of the present year Mr. "Lucky" Baldwin offered to wager $5,000 that he would not see any of his horses race on an Eastern track this year. Mr. Baldwin's passion for seeing his flyers do battle with the cracks was so well known that a friend of his who happened to be present snapped at the offer, and, like the colored sport, no doubt thought it was "jes like findin' de money." Mr. Baldwin's horses journeyed East, however, but the owner did not accompany them, and although they met victory and defeat in turn as other stables, Mr. Baldwin's familiar face was never seen in the paddock or on the quarter-stretch. At the commencement of 1890 the master of the Santa Anita stable will be free from the obligation of his wager, and (as he has now virtually won the money) be richer in pocket by the neat sum of $5,000. This will buy a few oats for the stable, besides paying the millionaire turfman's traveling expenses the next time he journeys East to capture the Derby or some other notable event.—*Sportsman.*

McLaughlin as a Trainer.

Talking of jockeys who have been great but are on the point of retiring, we are reminded of the fact that McLaughlin's engagement with Mr. P. Lorillard begins with the new year. Among many people we find an impression that McLaughlin will not get along at Mr. Lorillard's. He has, they say, no experience as a trainer beyond the fact that occasionally he handled Miss Woodford, George Kinney, Sir Dixon and others of the Dwyer stable when Rowe or McCabe were elsewhere with the balance of the stable. In such cases the horses were trained when he took them and he only had to keep them going. In this case it will be different. He will have a lot of horses of no established reputation, good and bad alike. The fact that he has not an established reputation as a trainer may cause Mr. Lorillard to interfere with him, as employers are apt to do in such cases. Moreover, Mr. Lorillard, while one of the most liberal of employers, is not the easiest to please, and the Cassandras up town say they will give McLaughlin six months, and lay odds he doesn't last over a year.—*Spirit of the Times.*

The Unknown Ready.

The following challenge was left at this office yesterday:

I would like to know if Billy Giery wants to fight an unknown at 130 pounds? I will meet Giery at THE DISPATCH office on Saturday next a. 8 o'clock to make a match. My unknown will fight at 130 pounds. JOHN MCDONALD.

Will Back Sheehan.

The backers of Davy Sheehan is willing to put him in a sweepstake with Smith and Rosser, who have to run at Homestead on Saturday next, the winner to take all. The race can be 75 yards for $50 or $100 each.

The Fight Scheduled for To-Day.

LONDON, December 22.—It is stated that the fight between Slavin, the Australian pugilist, and Jem Smith will take place to-morrow forenoon in a racquet court at Bruges, Belgium.

Sporting Notes.

KILRAIN and Vaquelin have been matched to fight on January 23.

THE *Horseman* has issued a handsome and instructive Christmas number.

MCCLELLAND and Miller run their ten-mile race at Philadelphia to-morrow evening.

THE sickness of Searle which caused his death was the result of a sunstroke at Colombo.

ZIMMER says that Messrs. Ward, Hanlon and Pfeffer have persistently misled the players and broken faith with them.

IT is said the Covington boys, George and "Major," will ride Captain Sam Brown's thoroughbreds next year, having signed contracts with the Pittsburg millionaire.

THE records of all previous years are far surpassed by the 2:30 roll of trotters and pacers of 1889. The list up to Monday last showed no less than 782 names. The total number of horses in the 2:30 ranks is now very near 5,000.

GEORGE SCATTERGOOD is wintering Hambrino Prince, the 5-year-old colt owned by D. L. Ward, that recently trotted a trial mile at Belmont in 2:30¾, and unless all signs fail this horse should certainly be a campaigner in the spring, and rank with the 2:30 trotters.

WHAT was probably the oldest horse in Maine died lately, in Bangor. A mare owned by J. H. Craig dropped dead in her stall. Had she lived until next May she would have been 42 years old. On the same day she was driven downtown, and appeared as frisky as a colt.

PHALLAS, 2:13¾, who was sent to California a few weeks ago for the purpose of being put in shape for an effort to lower his record, is on his way back to the home of his owner, Jackson I. Case, of Racine, Wis. Shortly after his arrival in California the rainy season began, so that all chances of his being able to have a trial against the watch this year were abandoned.

DISCOVERED BY A CHILD.

That Frightful Butchery in a Niles Home Partly Explained.

NILES, O., December 23.—In addition to particulars of the Shelar tragedy, sent earlier, the following is learned. Kittie Meeker, a little sister of the murdered woman, caused the discovery of the tragedy. She went to the house to deliver the evening's milk, as usual, and was unable to gain admittance to the house. Charles Mossman was in the vicinity and she told him about it. He went with her to the rear of the house, and, finding a door open, entered.

The first floor of the house was deserted, but a terrible sight met their eyes in the second story. The dead baby was on the floor of one room, two murdered children with gaping, bloody throats lay in their bed in another chamber, while the murderer and his wife were clasped in the embrace of a bloody death on their own couch.

It appeared that the wife was the first victim, and that she made a desperate fight for life. The broken handle of the razor was found by her side. Then he went to the room where the 18-months-old girl lay and nearly severed her head from her body. Then came the bloody slaughter of the girls, aged 5 and 7 years. The murderer then apparently took a lamp, went to a mirror, deliberately cut his own throat, and staggering to where his wife lay, threw himself upon her body.

THOMAS IS TALKING.

He Believes That Mr. Brice is Not in the Race for Senator.

M'MAHON A STRONG CANDIDATE.

An Indorsement is Expected From the Knights of Labor.

HIS LOOSELY CONDUCTED CAMPAIGN.

The Springfield Manufacturer Will Hardly be Second in the Fight.

J. H. Thomas, of Springfield, O., is sure that his prospects for becoming a Senator are bright. He regards McMahon, and not Brice, as his strongest opponent. The canvass of Thomas, however, is really being conducted in a very loose manner.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

COLUMBUS, December 22.—There seems to be a mutual understanding between the leading candidates for the Senate that there shall be a cessation of hostilities until after Christmas. They are, however, suspicious of each other, and it is likely some of the finest work will be accomplished between this and the last of the week. The millionaires are not slothful and do not tire early in the good cause with such a prize at stake.

John H. Thomas, of Springfield, who has been in the city for a couple of days, left for home last evening, saying that he would not likely return until the last of the week unless he discovered there was some effort to take undue advantage of him; then he would abandon the Christmas observance for one year. Mr. Thomas talks entertainingly, when it is considered that he is looked upon as the leading candidate for the Senate against Calvin S. Brice. Thomas said last evening:

A STRONG CANDIDATE.

"The people generally speak of the candidates as if Brice and I are the leading candidates, and the fight is between us. I am not satisfied that the contest will not yet be between myself and McMahon. He has quite a strong following and is the opposite of the elements which are represented in the candidacy of Brice, and I think if Brice begins to lose that McMahon with myself will be the gainers. The worst thing which can be said against McMahon is that he has never done anything for the party; in fact he has not so much as opened his mouth in its interest since he left Congress, where he was placed as a recognition of his ability, and not because he had ever done anything looking to the strengthening of the party in the State."

"What do you consider your leading claims on the party?" was asked of Mr. Thomas.

"Undoubtedly my leading point of strength lies with the workingmen of the State. I do not suppose there is a man in Ohio who has done more in the way of example and direct work in the interest of organized labor than myself. While other manufacturers in Springfield have had strikes on hand trying to grind the men down, I have been running steadily, paying advanced wages and working them less hours. In their fights with the capitalists I have on one or two occasions made public speeches in which I have taken the part of the mechanics and laboring men, and they remember these things.

INDORSED BY THE KNIGHTS.

"The adoption of the resolutions by the Dayton Assembly, Knights of Labor, was unknown to me, and while I have not asked for anything of the kind I expect that other organizations of a similar character will take like action before the contest is concluded. If I did not consider that I am the strongest candidate for the position, and could do more for the Democratic party in the State and the nation than any other candidate I would withdraw at once. I believe that the members of the Legislature will see it as I do, and I feel quite sure of election."

"Are you urging any special point against Brice, your leading opponent?"

"No, I am on the best of terms with all the other candidates and expect to continue in that manner to the close. I learned while on the road as a salesman, several years ago, that it did not pay to make an attack, or run down the goods of an opponent, in an effort to make sales, and I think the same will hold good in regard to politics. My policy has always been to give the best recommendation I have to my own wares or my own cause, and I think it will win in the long run.

BRICE NOT A RESIDENT.

"Of course on the question of which you speak, the fact that Mr. Brice is not a resident will go a great way toward his defeat, I think this alone should insure his defeat and probably will. Ohio has plenty of good men in the State who are identified with her material interests as I am, and I think some one of them should represent the State in the Senate. It is also urged that Brice did not come home to vote at the last election."

Mr. Thomas denies that he had anything to do with the apparent bureau interviews which were gotten up in this city against the candidacy of Brice, yet there is a general belief that he at least had knowledge of what was coming, if he did not inspire them through his manager. After a long talk with Mr. Thomas, and hearing his reasons as to why he should be elected; hearing his estimate of his strength so far as he is capable of giving anything of the kind; after learning the loose manner in which he has been conducting his canvass, without any direct or intelligent aim, and with managers who know little more than himself in regard to the work of politics, the impression forces itself that he is not now and will not even be a second in the race, but there will be at least two or three candidates who will lead him when the time comes for voting in caucus.

SILCOTT IN MONTREAL.

Canadian Detectives Think They Are on the Defaulter's Track.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

MONTREAL, December 22.—The report was current here to-day that Silcott, the defaulting cashier of the House of Representatives, and his mistress, Herminie Thibault, were in Montreal. Similar reports have been current here for some time, but all efforts to locate Silcott have failed. The big reward offered for his capture has induced several Montreal detectives to take up the case, and one of them who is working on the case claims to have a clue that will lead to his arrest. It is claimed that about a week ago Herminie Thibault arrived in Montreal on a visit to a married sister, and prolonged her visit until yesterday, when she suddenly announced that she was going to Quebec. The sister, when questioned, admitted that she had a visitor, but refused to give any information. The detectives have spotted the house, and are awaiting developments. They say they are positive that the woman in question is Silcott's mistress, and during her stay here she was visited by a man who, it is claimed, answers Silcott's description.

The Montreal detectives, however, who are working on the case, are doing so on the spec, end, as they are not certain of their man, have not yet taken any steps to arrest the supposed Silcott. The only certain facts in the rumors are that Silcott's mistress is supposed to have been on a visit to a relative in Montreal, and several detectives are now trying to make a case out of it.

President Da Fonseca Not Dying.

LONDON, December 23.—The Brazilian Legation here announces that the illness of President Da Fonseca is not serious.

SERPA PINTO'S STORY.

The English Missionaries Incited the Natives to Attack the Portuguese Forces—The Africans Defeated After a Stubborn Resistance.

LISBON, December 22.—Dispatches from Quillamaine, under date of November 12, confirm the report made by Engineer Castello to the Colonial Minister on his encounter with the Makols. The dispatches say also that the natives made an unprovoked attack upon the camp at Mupassa, and that Castello, after a stubborn resistance, defeated them and occupied the country.

It was reported that the British missionaries at Blantyre instigated the Makolos. Major Serpa Pinto conferred with the Governor of Mozambique and afterward proceeded in the gunboat Quansa to Quillamine, thence to Mopa. A fortnight later news was received that the natives were massed on the Zambesi, and were advancing in the direction of the Shire river. Serpa Pinto sent his scientific instruments to the coast for safety, and placed Castello, Engineer Themudi and Lieutenant Contino in command of the Portuguese and native troops, Contino also directing the movements of three steamers armed with guns and manned by Portuguese sailors.

The latest news to October 29 was that Pinto had sufficient stores to last three months and that there was great activity in the camp. Pinto was suffering from malaria. He expected to be able to subdue the Makolos by December and return to Lisbon.

TO SHOOT ON SIGHT.

The Husband of a Woman Whose Body Was Resurrected for Dissection Eager for Vengeance—Horrible Work of the Ghouls.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—The grave robbers have been at work in this city again, and to-morrow Dr. A. C. Adams, a demonstrator at one of the medical colleges, will be brought into court on a charge of being concerned in the affair. Last Friday night the police stopped a carriage near the outskirts of the city and found in it two bodies, one white and the other colored. The driver and two other men in the vehicle escaped in the darkness, leaving their horses and carriage behind.

It was at first supposed the bodies came from potter's field near by, but the body of the white woman has since been identified as that of Mrs. Cheek, wife of a gentleman living on South Carolina avenue, in this city. Her body was to-day reinterred in the Congressional Cemetery, from which it had been carried away. An examination of the body showed that the ears had been foully mutilated and the fingers bruised by the force with which the robbers had stripped the body of some costly rings in order that they might not be held on the serious charge of larceny if caught with the body.

The law in this city, it is maintained, makes no provision for the punishment of the resurrectionists. The husband of Mrs. Cheek, however, threatens to shoot on sight those concerned in the affair.

IN EIGHTH PLACE ONCE MORE.

Pittsburg Again Leads Baltimore in the Clearing House List.

BOSTON, December 22.—The following table, compiled from dispatches from the Clearing Houses in the cities named, shows the gross exchanges for the week ending December 21, 1889, with rates per cent of increase or decrease, as compared with the gross exchanges for the corresponding week in 1888:

		Inc.	Dec.
New York	$703,928,857	2.2	....
Boston	98,182,042	11.1	....
Philadelphia	74,460,212	....	0.1
Chicago	71,036,000	6.3	....
St. Louis	20,861,885	....	3.7
New Orleans	16,411,273	13.8	....
San Francisco	15,870,844	5.9	....
Pittsburg	14,279,271	16.9	....
Baltimore	13,858,771	8.3	....
Cincinnati	12,775,850	17.1	....
Kansas City	8,797,973	....	18.5
Louisville	8,262,947	11.9	....
Milwaukee	5,127,000	10.1	....
Providence	6,251,300	4.1	....
Minneapolis	6,068,983	24.7	....
Detroit	5,661,863	5.9	....
St. Paul	4,692,435	11.1	....
Omaha	4,509,397	19.1	....
Denver	4,094,949	56.6	....
Cleveland	4,989,953	28.2	....
Columbus	3,066,200	12.8	....
Memphis	4,402,279	12.6	....
Indianapolis	3,083,915	....	0.7
Portland, Me.	1,213,737	4.6	....
Dallas	2,434,347	56.2	....
Hartford	2,147,007	31.8	....
Richmond	2,305,077	16.3	....
Galveston	2,057,206	....	12.3
Duluth	1,905,459	....	5.8
Fort Worth	1,718,388	127.9	....
Peoria	1,362,598	11.6	....
St. Joseph	1,609,585	5.2	....
New Haven	1,238,116	10.8	....
Worcester	1,211,637	....	6.5
Springfield	1,230,734	1.8	....
Norfolk	1,202,937	....	12.4
Wilmington	896,155	14.4	....
Syracuse	799,676	0.2	....
Lowell	713,907	....	5.1
Des Moines	522,937	8.2	....
Grand Rapids	716,545	27.7	....
Wichita	616,372	....	28.3
Los Angeles	754,514	....	28.6
Topeka	308,762	6.4	....
*Buffalo	4,169,729	....	....
*Portland, Ore.	1,885,871	....	....
*Nashville	1,007,600	....	....
*Sioux City	906,477	....	....
*Seattle	893,103	....	....
*Tacoma	732,415	....	....
*Birmingham	640,538	....	....
Montreal, Canada	8,426,669	....	....
*Halifax	1,172,454	....	....
Total	$1,134,401,859	40.7	....
Outside New York	430,472,993	7.1	....

*Not included in totals.

MRS. KNOX AND THE COUNTESS

Reported in Washington, and a Reconciliation Thought Possible.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, December 22.—Mrs. Knox, of Pittsburg, and her daughter, Countess Di Montercole, have arrived here from their Virginia plantation, and are stopping at the Normandie. They are accompanied by Mrs. Barker, of Pittsburg. It is not known exactly whether they will remain here for the season or go to Pittsburg, but the chances are in favor of this city. It is rumored here that negotiations are pending between the two families, looking to a reconciliation between the Count and his bride. Some time ago it was stated that the Count had been seen near the Virginia plantation and was striving to be reunited to his wife.

Now it is said Baron De Fava, the Italian Minister, has been acting in the role of peacemaker, having been interested in the matter by the entreaties of the Count's parents. He is in this city, and this, it is supposed, is the reason Mrs. Knox and her daughter have come here.

A MID-WINTER THUNDER STORM.

Buffalo Experiences a Singular Phenomenon and a Big Gale.

BUFFALO, December 22.—This city was visited by the singular phenomenon of a mid-winter thunder storm early this morning. It started about 3 o'clock and continued an hour during which the thunder peals were terrific and lightning almost continuous. The storm was accompanied by a high wind which blew at the rate of 60 miles an hour.

Signs were torn down and windows and wires broken. Several small buildings partially collapsed. The white caps on the lake were the highest seen in a long time.

An Appeal Well Answered.

The Allegheny General Hospital sent out a thousand circulars to friends of the institution some days ago asking for contributions of money, clothing and groceries as Christmas offerings, both for the hospital and the patients confined there over the holidays. The request has been already handsomely responded to, and many groceries as well as clothing and drygoods, the latter principally material for beds and bedding, have been received in the past few days. Some $200 in cash has also been donated.

PHILADELPHIA HAS IT

The Quaker City Reports 2,000 Cases of the Dreaded Influenza.

ALL DOWNED INSIDE OF A DAY.

The Disease so Far Has Appeared in an Exceedingly Mild Form.

IT CAME LIKE THE GREAT BLIZZARD.

And Thousands of Victims Are Expected to be Heard From Shortly.

Philadelphia complains of the influenza. Says she has 2,000 cases. So far all are very slight. Local physicians fear worse will come. Some predict thousands of cases.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

PHILADELPHIA, December 22.—Much as the blizzard nearly two years ago swooped down upon Philadelphia and all this section of country, so has the influenza come. It is infectious, but not contagious. A medical expert said to-night there were over 2,000 cases already in Philadelphia, and another very high authority said that it had reached the city within 24 hours, and had come with such a rush, something like a cloud of dust, that he expected within another day to see hundreds and thousands attacked.

The epidemic in this country seems to be somewhat mild, and has a duration of from two to seven days. It is not limited to any section of territory, but is raging severely along the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Fourteen of the nurses in the Philadelphia hospital are now in bed, three more having succumbed early this morning. The condition of those who were taken down yesterday remains about the same. One or two of the nurses tried to get up to-day, but after a little struggle thought it best to remain where they were.

VERY SLIGHT ATTACKS.

Two of the resident physicians have had slight attacks, but they have kept at their duties right along. Miss Marion E. Smith, the chief nurse, is improving and expects to be about to-morrow.

Dr. R. Glurtin said that the epidemic was in the air, and would alight wherever it could find a nest. It was a result, he thought, of atmospheric conditions, and attacks persons whose nervous temperament is overstrung.

It is thought by some that the disease came with the fog that has prevailed here several days, and therefore that those who live along or near the rivers may be quickest attacked by it.

The theory accounts for its presence in the Philadelphia Hospital which is on the Schuylkill, but singularly enough, not more than one or two patients have it, and in the University Hospital, near the river, there is not a single case. Dr. James C. Wilson is an acknowledged expert on influenza, having written extensively on the subject. He was on the jump to-day, all day, and rushed as well in the evening. He bounced into his office, where a reporter was awaiting his return, and said:

TOO BUSY TO TALK.

I'm so busy that I haven't time to talk. Got to go right out again on an important engagement. Yes, I think the grip is here. I said on Friday, when there were only half a dozen cases in New York or Boston on record, that if it did come it would be with a rush, and there would be a general affliction. I think it's come. I have seen a great many cases to-day. Cannot tell you about them now, but I'm quite confident the epidemic is here, and in large numbers.

Dr. Curtin, another physician, who has a dozen cases under his care, says he knows of fully 100 others. He said:

I think 1,000 cases is a low estimate, and probably the number is fully twice that, throughout the city. It is only a few days ago, since it started in Russia, so that it hasn't been spread by contact or by the winds. It couldn't have reached here by this time. It is therefore, infectious, and whenever it can find a resting place it alights. Those persons who are especially liable to be attacked are persons of high nervous temperament and who are somewhat run down. It affects the pulmonary organs, in some cases producing coughing and some pain. The temperature goes up like a rocket, and comes down just as swift. Take the nurses in the Philadelphia hospital. Some of them had a temperature of 105 degrees, and after it had subsided, it left a prostration a dozen times more severe than the prostration resultant upon chills and fever.

MURDERED BY HIS DOUBLE.

Mollie Maguires Claim They Did Actually Kill F. B. Gowen.

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