Dispatch

For to-morrow's issue up to 9 o'clock P. M. For list of branch offices in the various dis-tricts see THIMD PAGE. FORTY-FIFTH YEAR.

The Troops Believe They Have the Hostiles Trapped, and Will Conduct

### A WAR OF EXTERMINATION.

Only Prompt and Unconditional Surrender Can Save Even the Lives of the Braves.

REPORTS OF ANOTHER SKIRMISH.

Fourteen Cavalry Horses With Empty Saddles Said to Be in the Possession of the Indians.

MORE MILITIA ORDERED TO THE FRONT.

Little Pappocees Found Alive on the Scene of the First Battle After Being Two Days in a Blinnard.

A RECENT LETTER FROM THE SLAIN PRIEST

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. RUSHVILLE, Jan. 2.-Advices from the front indicate that unless the hostiles unconditionally surrender within the next few hours they will be exterminated. If anything, the soldiers prefer the latter alternative. They believe that at last they have the wily redskins in a trap, and are eager to rewenge their comrades who fell in the battle upon the banks of the Wounded Knee

It is definitely known that the hostiles to the number of about 1,100 are fortified near the mouth of White Clay creek, and that here, which is being followed up by in-General Brooke, with a detachment of troops, is swinging round to the north of them. General Carr is supposed to be approaching from the west, and General Miles will make a dash from the south

Ready to Annihilate the Band. The force thus engaged is thought to be ample for the annihilating of the entire band unless some unforeseen complication or misfortune arises. Ambassadors from this hostile camp have to-day again been suing for peace and offering to surrender arms, It is not known here whether terms will be granted or not.

About the only thing which can interfere with a short, sharp and decisive campaign now is the weather, which continues to be the most unfavorable description. Howver, General Miles seems determined to ish matters, regardless of all obstacles. If considerable portion of the braves, now osed to be practically surrounded in their onghold in the Bad Lands, should break evay the results to the border settlers cannot General Miles to end the trouble at once, at whatever cost,

A Last Desperate Struggle.

Taking all the circumstances into consideration, and allowing for the present temper of both troopers and Indians, all here now expect a battle to the death. The redskins, if they decide to make a stand at all, will fight with the utmost desperation. As their present position is understood to be strongly fortified, it is more than probable that they will inflict a heavy loss upon their bereditary fees before leaving for the happy hunting grounds.

One of the many reports received which lack confirmation is that a great row has broken out in the camp of the hostiles, the contention being as to the advisability of surrendering. This comes through a halfbreed courier, who claims to have just arrived from their camp.

Another report which has just reached here by courier is that a foraging party of Indians from the main camp on White Clay creek attacked the ranch of Douglass Points, n few miles to the west, last night, killed him and drove away his 400 head of cattle.

Rushville Organizing a Home Guard. The citizens of this lively frontier town have organized a home guard, and appealed to the Governor to furnish arms for the defense of their homes. Part of this fresh anxiety was caused by the arrival of a ranchman, who reports seeing a band of 100 Indians going southwest from the reservation at midnight. If true, this means trouble here. That the hostiles have been largely reinforced within the past two days there is no longer any doubt, and there seems reasonable ground for rumors that some Indians from other agencies or the British pos-

sessions have joined them. A party of Indian scouts, visiting the scene of Monday's battle, found nine Indians, who were wounded in the fight, still alive. Two of them had been taken to a log hut nearby, and were being cared for by a squaw that had remained behind. The other seven were found lying in gullies remote from the battlefield, having survived the blizzard without any attention of any kind. Two were bucks and the other five were squaws. There was scarcely enough life left in any of the seven to pay the scouts for bringing them in, but they did so and they are now with the others in the Episcopal Church.

Babes Found on the Battlefield. In addition to the nine adults found, two tiny Indian babies, neither of them over 3 months old, were found alive, each beside the dead body of its mother. They were well wrapped up, but how they ever survived the fearful weather of the last 48 hours seems a miracle. The little innocents were brought to the agency, and found friends in the wives of some of the Indian scouts. Of the 35 wounded Indians brought in after the battle, nearly all of whom were squaws and children, not one has yet died, though many of them are badly mangled with bullets.

The rear guard of the party of scouts that went out on their search for wounded Indians were forced to exchange several shots with some of the roving hostiles. After the late battle the Indian scouts went over the field and picked up all the disabled hostiles ther could find before the troops were com-BUSINESS Men will find THE DISPATCH the best advertising medium. All classes can be reached through its Classified Adver-

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pelled to hurry in here and protect the agency from the uprising that occurred as previously described. The Judian scout that fell at Wounded Knee was given a military burial yesterday by his comrades, under command of Lieutenant Taylor, the Rev. Mr. Cook officiating.

Narrow Escape of the Seventh. Evidence that the Seventh Cavalry narrowly escaped massacre in an ambuscade, as telegraphed previously to THE DISPATCH. is accumulating. According to the story of the officers, the troops had passed the

Catholic mission and were dismounted in the big valley, one and a half miles wide, just beyond the school. At the end of this valley is a narrow canon, not over 75 feet wide and 300 yards long, opening into a small, circular park. It was the object of the Indians to draw them into this small valley.

valley.

The soldiers were getting ready to make a rush on foot for the top of the hill, when a cry arose that they were surrounded. Advancing now in one, now in another direction, on either side of the valley, they found themselves opposed each time by from 200 to 300 Indians. Soon the hills began to swarm with 1,800 to 2,000 warriors, and in 20 minutes more the troops would have been 20 minutes more the troops would have been massacred, when the untiring Ninth rode in, as they rode before at the time of the Meeker massacre, attacking furiously the rear of the savage horde. Before the enemy could rally from their confusion the troops withdrew, slowly and sullenly to Pine Ridge. Fresh tidings from the Bad Lands is now

#### FOURTEEN EMPTY SADDLES.

A POSSIBILITY THAT THERE HAS BEEN A BATTLE ALREADY.

Rumors That the Indians Got the Best of the Encounter-Governer Thaver Taking Active Measures to Protect the Settlers

OMAHA, NEB., Jan. 2 .- A special to the Bee from Pine Ridge says a scout just in from the hostile camp states that 14 cavalry horses with saddles and other equipments on were brought into the hostile camp last night by young warriors. The scout heard the hostiles make remarks to the effect that there were 14 less soldiers to fight, and the hostiles lost only two warriors in creased activity around military circles. That the report means a skirmish, in which Brooke's or Carr's command has lost, there

In response to urgent appeals from inhabitants of Northwestern Nebraska for protection against marauding bands of Indians, Governor Thayer this evening sent telegraphic instructions to the commanders of militia at Fremont, Central City, Ord and Tekamah to leave on the first train with their commands for the scene of action. These troops will be divided between the towns of Chadron, Gordon and Hay Springs. The following order was also issued: LINCOLN, NEB., Jan. 2, 1891.

General L. W. Colby, Commanding First Brig-ade, Beatrice, Neb.: Order your command to place itself in readi-

ess to march on short notice.

By order of the Commander in Chief.

A. V. Cole, Adjutant General. Should the militia comprised in this brigade be ordered to move, as now seems probable, practically the whole of Nebraska's National Guard will be centered on the frontier.

## THE WAR AT WASHINGTON.

DIFFERENCES OF CPINION ON MILES' FIGHTING POLICY.

ome Are for a More Vigorous Style of Hostilities-One Official Outlines the Difficulties of a Campaign in Winter-Secretary Noble's Request.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 .- In a telegram General Miles says he will make another effort to get the Indians, who are surrounded by troops in the Bad Lands, back to the agency without bloodshed, and in order to do so he has established a regular siege around their stronghold. General Schofield said this morning that there is no truth in the report telegraphed from the West that General Brooke had been relieved from his

command at Pine Ridge.

There is nothing in the official atmosphere at the War Department to indicate that General Miles' course of conciliation, or rather of peaceful force, is not entirely approved by the President, the Secretary and the General. His dispatches are received and filed without reply, and everything goes to show that this trio of authorities is perfectly com-placent over the situation and its management. The news contained in the dispatch to General Schofield spread rapidly over the department this morning, and caused con-siderable comment among certain officers who do not agree with their superiors as to

the present campaign. More Active Hostilities Desired. There is a strong party in favor of a more decided style of hostilities. They say that a single assault with intent to kill, if necessary, would precipitate a battle so full of lasting benefit that the loss of a few men would not be regarded. The theory of this argument seems to be based entirely on the belief that a dead Indian is much more valuable to the Government than a captured ludian, or one cajoled or frightened into subjection. On the other hand, it is contended that such a campaign as that which is being conducted by the commander now at Pine Ridge is not only feasible, but the only proper style of warfare, every condi-tion being regarded. They argue, in rebuttal or the "Dead Indian" theory that the Sioux system can easily be subjected and return to their reservation if the proper means are employed, and they think that the present campaign is the only way to accomplish that end. A prominent War Department official, commenting upon the Indian troubles, said:

A Winter Campaign Serious. Mark my word, my boy, if the reports are true that the friendlies have joined the bestiles, leaving nothing benind but squaws and chilleaving nothing benind but squaws and children, there will be serious times. You see the red men are at home in the hills, and can shoot just as well in winter as in summer. The soldiers, on the other hand, are hampered by their gauntlets and heavy clothing, and although they are good shots they are not in it with a band of desperate Indians. The fact is, my boy, that the Indians never will remain contented as long as the Indian agencies are political appointments. An Indian agent knows he must make his pile in four years, and 600 pounds of beef weigh only 400 pounds as a result. Then the Indians go hungry and get restless and are easily led off by the fight-loving bucks. If Bill Cody had been let alone he would have settled the whole trouble. A parley and a have settled the whole trouble. A parley an council of war would have resulted in a th ough understanding of what the Indians co plained of, and the friendly inclined India could have easily been placated.

Secretary Noble has requested the Secre tary of War to assign a troop of cavalry for police duty in the Yellowstone National Park, to take the place of Captain Boutelle's command, which, acting under orders of the General commanding, has joined the transport the troops now operating against the hos-tile Indians.

SCHOPIELD'S CONGRATULATIONS.

Text of a Telegram From Him to Major

ceived no word from General Miles, except telegram at 3 o'clock this morning asking for additional supplies. The following tele-gram has been sent to General Miles from eadquarters at Washington:

Major General Miles, Chadron, Neb.: Your dispatch from Hermosa, giving details of the battle yesterday and the present situation, is just received, and still further encourages my hope and belief that you will soon master the situation. Give my thanks to the brave Seventh Cavalry for their splendid conduct.

J. M. Schoffeld.

Major General Commanding.

A VOICE FROM THE DEAD. THE PRIEST WHOM INDIANS MURDERED

He Says the Redskins Were Starved on Insufficient Rations-An Insufficient Census and Commissioner Morgan Arraigned-

DEFENDED THEM.

Interested Whites Howled for Troops. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.-The Freeman's Journal will publish to-morrow a letter from Father Craft, the Catholic Indian Missionary who was recently killed by the Indians. The letter was dated Pine Ridge Agency and is addressed to the editor of the paper. Father Craft says, in the beginning the Indians hoped for much aid from the Government to enable them to become like

the whites. They were, however, in every way sbused, mocked and disconraged. Instead of being wards they have felt they were the victims of unscrupulous politicians, who benefited by their misery. Father Craft adde: I know what I say, for I have shared their sufferings for many years. In their despair, General Crook brought them hope. Their confidence in him led them to hope that he would be able to realize their hopes. His death was their death-blow, and they felt it. Indians were not fools, but men of keen intelligence. Reductions in rations increased their

death was their death-blow, and they felt it. Indians were not fools, but men of keen intelligence. Reductions in rations increased their fears. Even Indian agents protested against such cruelty. Mr. Lee, who took the census, made grave mistakes, counted less than the real numbers, and made false reports of prosperity that did not exist.

It is not to be wondered that they believed in a Messiah, whom they at first doubted, and listened to every deceiver who promised hope. Interested whites took advantage of this state of affairs, and howled for troops. The army indignantly protested against their false statements, but had to go to the scene of the supposed danger. Interested whites persuaded them that entire destruction was aimed at, and the Indians ran away in fear and despair. Father Jutz calmed them, and I brought them back to the agency, and the kindness of General Brooke convinced them of their sarety. The General's plan to send Indians after those still out was good, and would succeed if the General were left alone. Just as the tree can be traced from its smallest branch to its root, so can the Indian troubles be traced to the starvation and misery of the Indians.

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#### A SHIP'S CREW RESCUED.

The Vessel Lost Its Rudder, Was Water

logged and Abandoned. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2 .- The tug Vigilant arrived to-day with 18 men, comprising the officers and crew of the Norwegian ship Struan, which was found abandoned last week by the steamer Scotia. The Struan was bound from Port Discovery to Meibourne, and on December 2, during a storm, lost her rudder. The vessel was in a waterlogged condition, but the crew stayed with her until December 18, when they were taken off by the British bark Tamar E. Marshal, which had been sighted during the storm, and which stayed alongside

until the weather moderated. Three weeks ago one of the Struan's crew broke both legs. He was taken to the hos-pital immediately on being landed to-day. Atter taking the men on board the Marshal headed for San Francisco, and was sighted near Arrallones by the tug Vigilant,

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## SMALLPOX ON THE BORDER.

The Mexican Government Vaccinating Peo

ple by Wholesale. St. Louis, Jan. 2 .- For some months past an epidemic of smallpox has been raging among the Texas and Mexican borders, as well as several points in the interior of Texas. Advices from San Antonio this morning state that yesterday the Mexican Government took the matter in hand, and a corps of physicians was sent to Quidad and Porfori Diaz, opposite Eagle Pass, to vac-cinate the people and isolate those stricken with the dread disease. Strict quarantine has been enforced on

the American side, no one being known to cross the border from either side without a are rejoiced at the prospect of speedy liberapassport. Thirty days ago there were 400 quarantine and skilfull medical attendance they have been reduced to half that num The Mexican Government will use the soldiers to compel Mexicans to submit vaccination if objection is made.

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## A BOY KIDNAPER.

He Tried to Rescue His Two Younge Brothers From Cruel Parents.

DES MOINES, Jan. 2.- A pathetic case of kidnaping is reported from Washington. Is. Three brothers, named Kilgore, were living in Chicago with their father and mother. Both were worthless, and the boys found life almost a burden. At last the elder son was driven from home, and, know ing how his little brothers would be mis treated, he returned, and at night, while his parents were sleeping, he brought them to

He found good homes for both the boys with respectable farmers near Washington and provided himself with a good position The parents made a desperate effort to find the boys, and at last succeeded in locating Officers were sent from Chicago, and the two little fellows were taken back to th lums of the city, while James Kilgore, the older brother, was lodged in jail, charged with kidnaping.

NEW FEATURES for the first Sunday issue of the New Year in to-morrow's main moth DISPATCH.

## A WIDESPREAD EARTHQUAKE,

hocks Are Felt in Chicago and Several California Towns.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.-Two distinct earthquake shocks, with but a few seconds internission, occurred here at 12:02 to-day. The vibrations were nearly north and south.

A dispatch from San Francisco says: Re ports from Gileroy, Santa Cruz, Modesto, Stockton and a number of other points, indicate that the earthquake to-day was quite generally felt in Central California. No damage is reported beyond the breaking of some glass articles.

Prof. E. S. Holden, of Lick Observatory,

at Mt. Hamilton, telegraphs that registers there indicate that the shock of earthquake to-day was the most severe that has occurred in Northern California since the shock of 1863. Ceilings were cracked in the observa-General Miles.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Colonel Corbin has reuninjured,

## BRITISH POMPEIL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1891---TWELVE

BANISHING THE CUSTOM.

LIFTING THE HAT TO LADIES TO BE

TABOOED IN PARIS.

evening meal about the time when ordinary mortals are ordering their after-theater sup-

serves when he visits this city, and enabling him to go to the theater with a good deal less inconvenience than the method he has hitherto followed has allowed him. This

earlier dinner will necessitate the practical elimination of a meal which has of late

yests grown to be a part of the day's economy. This is what is known as "the four o'clock," which is English for kettledrum,

PARNELL IN IRELAND.

Cordial Reception Given the Depos

TBY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.1

but Popular Leader in Dublin.

at his home in Rutland square.

SUFFOCATED BY GAS:

Closet as a Punishment.

[BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.]

BERLIN, Jan. 2-Johann Krause, a 12

year-old boy, was locked in the closet of a

a schoolhouse in Annaburg, as punishment

for some misconduct, and when the door was

LONDON BABY FARMS,

Another Woman Arrested for Engaging in

the Pernicious Industry.

LONDON, Jan. 2 .- The metropolis is con-

stantly being horrified by the discovery of

"baby farms," where in ants are treated in

the cruelest manner possible, but in spite of

the metropolitan police three disgraceful institutions flourish, and apparently are

At Brixton, a portion of this city on the Surrey side; of the Thames, a woman who gave the name of Mrs. Reeves, and who is

known to have figured under several aliases

room. Apparently the infants were in a starving condition. In spite of the fact that

were removed to healthier surroundings, it is feared that some of them will die from

the effects of the course of neglect and

starvation to which they have been subjected by the woman.

Mrs. Reeves, in any case, will be prose

cuted to the juli extent of the law, and should one of the children die, the charge of

farmer." The police are doing their utmost to find the parents of the unfortunate infants. Should the search of the authorities

prove successful, further arrests will follow.

Russian Police Force Reorganized.

Seliverskoff the Russian foreign police

has been reorganized. The central office

continues in Paris, but agencies have been

created in Zurion, Berne, Geneva, Mentone and Montpelier. Eighty-four news agents have already been assigned to the London agency, but are controlled from the Paris office. No agencies have been established in Germany or Austria, the authorities of

both countries considering that their pres-ent arrangements are sufficiently capable to

No Pay for Dinner Hour.

LONDON-Owing to the manifesto issued

by Messrs. Mann and Tillett, the trade

unionists leaders, declaring that the strike

of the Victoria stock laborers for pay dur-

ing their dinner hour was unauthorized

An Ingenious Gift to the Pope.

MADRID-The Queen Regent forwarded

to the Pope a handsome Malacca cane as a

New Year's gift. When the Pope touched the cane, by an ingenious contrivance, its head or top opened, emitting a shower of

H. Rider Haggard Goes to Mexico.

LONDON-Henry Rider Haggard, the novelist, accompanied by his wife, will sail

the men have sulkily resumed work.

gold pieces.

give all necessary information.

LONDON-Since the murder of General

By Associated Press.

only discovered by accident,

-Four O'clock Tea Reform.

Discovery of a Buried City Dating Back to the Roman Period.

EXCAVATION NOW IN PROGRESS.

Glass Vessels and Other Articles Supposed

to Be Modern Found. TOOLS STILL IN CONDITION TO USE

INY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY. LONDON, Jan. 2.—A British Pompeli has been discovered near Reading, in Berkshire, on the great Strathfieldsay estate of the Duke of Wellington. It is a true city, not a mere camp, and when fully excavated will throw light upon the domestic life of is to be adopted. That mode consists in our remote ancestors of more than 1,000 placing the right hand impressively over the

years ago. The city now being laid bare is the Brito-Roman Silchester. The whole area has been free from all building operations ever since the Roman occupation of Britain. In fact, the soil is virgin, having been pasture land for centuries. The excavation committee has already succeeded in revealing should be noted that fashionable London, which for a long time past has made in connection with this movement, it which for a long time past has made its dispersion. o nineteenth century eyes life in a British city that had a long existence in a day of which history is almost silent.

The Tremendous Task of Excavation The task of excavation is a tremendous one, but the work is being prosecuted as funds come in. An exhibition will be opened at Burlington House, Picadilly, within a few days, which will present features of extraordinary interest. On the walls will be hung a huge plan of the buried city, marking whereabouts the streets. walls, gales, houses, baths, temples, forum, and basilica stood.

The excavations have brought to view the remains of an important house ornamented with mosaic floors and containing rooms heated by hypocausts. Among the articles to be exhibited are potsherds, bones, combs, bronze utensils, fragments of good glass vessels, pieces of iron work, chiefly tools, including carpenters' planes, chisels, axes, hammers, gouges, anvils and some eaged ools, sharp enough, even after having lain buried for ten centuries, to work with now. The city was laid out with great regularity in squares like Salisbury and Winchester, n mediaval times.

One of the Curious Features. Strange feelings are excited by the sight of a piece of tile upon which a baby must have trodden while the clay of which it is formed lay drying in the brickmakers yard. The prints of the little toes are distinct and the entire foot is perfectly marked.

There are very fair specimens of pottery, from the coarse celtic wars to delicately molded vessels embellished with artistic designs of human and animal figures and symbolic devices. There are two sets of human bones, skeletons of infants or dwarfs, as also needles and other articles of house hold use. Among these it is curious to note a key-ring and a safety pin, with other toilet and table requisites much resembling those n present use.

There is one bangle almost a fac simile of those worn in India, and seen in our jewelers shops to-day,

TWO HAPPY MEN

Released From an English Prison After Serving Seven Years. IBY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.1 DUBLIN, Jan. 2.—Thomas Kelly and James Hanratty, who were convicted with the sthere at the Belfast Assizes in 1883 the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House. He or connection with an Irish Patriotic Brotherhood at Crossmagher, have just been released-from prison. They state that after conviction they remained in Mountjoy prison until February, 1884, when four of them, Kelly, MacBride, Geoghegau and Hanratty, were taken away handcuffed in a prison van and put on board the gunboat Valorous, which took them to Chatham. On

the passage thay were chained to an iron bar and also handcuffed to a chalu. They remained in Chatham for eight months and were then again removed, heavily manacled, to the gunboat Valorous, to be conveyed to Belfast, whence they were taken to Downpatrick, where they had as fellow prisoners the Dublin Invincibles, Joseph Mullet, James Mullet, McAffery and Filtzharris otherwise called "Skip the and Fitzharris, otherwise called "Skin th Goat"; Maloney, O'Brien, Lawrence, Hanlou, Dan Delaney. Joseph Mullet, who is sentenced for life, is in charge of the bookbinding business in the prison library. Three of these, James Mullet, Delaney and Maloney, were sentenced for ten years, and

#### A QUEER DECISION. It Has Raised a Cyclone of Indignation Ir Parts of Holland.

IBY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY. LONDON, Jan. 2.-The British Parliament has had made for it in the past the claim that it could do anything excepting convert a woman into a man. It has remained for the High Court of Amsterdam to do what no other body of human beings has reliably done before. And the High Court has done it by deciding that all officials and public servants shall take their oath of allegiance, not to Queen Wilhelmina, but to King Wilhelmina.

This extraordinary and physically revolu-tionary decision has caused a small cyclone of indignation. The women are all up in arms and denounce the act as an outrage and as another blow at a long-suffering sex. The press has taken up the cry and calls attention to the lack of common sense in the thing, and talks with frightful plainness about the density of law-makers who cannot tell a woman from a man, or a shirt from a

GERMAN MINE DISASTER.

Large Number of Men Killed by Explosion Yesterday. IBY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—There was a terrific explosion of coal damp to-day in the Heinrich Gustav coal shaft, at Bochum, a town of 28,000 inhabitants, near Dusseldorf. There have been 16 dead and 10 wounded already taken out of the debris, and gangs of men are now at work digging for others who are missing.

## HE WAS WRONG.

ROME, Jan. 2.-When the major domo,

The Pope's Reply to New Year Greetings o Vatican Servants.

on behalf of the various people employed in the Vatican, conveyed their good wishes to the Pope on New Year's Day, His Holiness ddressing him, said: "Last year when receiving your good wishes I said they would perhaps be the last. I was wrong, and therefore this year I say let God's will be done."

Threatened With Starvation IBY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY 1 BERLIN, Jan. 2 .- The Lober river in the Silesian Mountains district is frozen over, causing dozens of large weaveries to be and Mexico.

#### thrown out of work. Starvation is feared. A regiment of pioneers has been sent from Plogan to break the ice. BATTLE OF PLACARDS.

Printers' Ink Is Liberally Used in the Speakership Contest

RAGING AT THE STATE CAPITAL

impressive Obelsance With Hand Over All the Candidates Are Doing Some Tall the Heart Will Replace It-Change of Hustling to Win. the Dinner Hour in Fashionable London

THE FARMER VOTE IS IN DEMAND

PARIS, Jan. 2.-With the new year comes IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.1 the actual beginning of a revolution in HARRISBURG, Jan. 2.-A campaign of social and polite affairs. It is said that placards is all the Speakership contest Paris is to do away with lifting the hat on amounts to yet at the State Capital. So meeting a lady, and the sensible and simple many candidates for the presiding chair of substitute that prevails in Oriental countries the House of Representatives are on hand, and so few members have arrived for them to buttonhole that time hung heavily on heart and bending the head slightly forward, their hands to-day. The Lochiel and Com-monwealth hotels are the headquarters of these various candidates. Mr. Brooks had large placards printed announcing the number of his room in the Commonwealth, and saying that as a candidate for Speaker he would be there to receive his friends. These cards he hung all about the hotel, inside which for a long time past has made its din-ner hour later and later until it finishes its

Presently C. C. Thompson, of Warren county, and W. E. Burdick, of McKean per, is about to be reformed in this respect, if the efforts of H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, are of any avail. It was said a little while ago that the Prince would make his dinner hour 8 o'clock instead of 8:30, or later, as has been his custom hitherto.

But with the dawning of the new year he has resolved to anticipate the real hy county, flung similar cards to the breeze in the Lochiel Hotel, cordially inviting the people of Pennsylvania in general, and members of the Legislature in particular, to their respective rooms. Mr. Brooks dared the lions in their dens, and tacked up his has resolved to anticipate the meal by another half hour, and be will go to the dining room as soon as the hands of the clock point to 7:30, thus bringing his meal nearer to the hour which he obplacards in the Lochiel Hotel. Then Messrs. Thompson and Burdick invaded Brooks' hotel—the Commonwealth—with their posters.

Paved With Printers' Ink. Brooks saw them one better, and nailed his colors to tree after tree along the cele-brated board walk in Capital Park. He brated board walk in Capital Park. He literally paved his way in printers' ink to the doors of the State House. When the friends of other candidates saw this, they nailed Thompson placards, and Burdick placards to the trees between those held by Brooks. In the absence of live Legislative voters to nail, every candidate began to nail trees. It helped to kill time, and soon Capital Hill was white with Speakership placerds.

or afternoon tea.

It used to be simply a cup of tea with a biscuit or a scrap of cake, but of late years, in addition to these kickshaws, dish after dish has been added to the growing list by the fashionable world, until the lightest of possible reflection took on the bloated and important appearance of a full grown meal, and the table, upon which only delicate china and apostle spoons grace unity reposed. cards.

By to-morrow evening, however, the candidates hope to have better material to nail. More members will be on hand, and by Sunday evening the contest will be more clearly defined. F. W. Hayes, of Venango county, one of the candidates for Speaker, withdrew this evening. He had the backing of the members in both Venango and Crawford counties, and these most probably will go to Thompson now. Jesse M. Baker, of Delaware county, developed unexpected strength during the evening. Congressman-elect John D. Robinson is here working hard for Baker. china and apostle spoons gracefully reposed in company with the steaming teapot under the harmful and most uneasy, if rather pretty, tea cozy and the dainty cake basket, literally groaned under the weight of dishes which were gradually made to encumber it. It was the extension of the dimensions of the afternoon tea which caused the recession of the dinner hour, and it is now expected that if the 7:30 dinner prevails, kettle-drum will once more resume her prising hard for Baker. oum will once more resume her prisume simplicity. Meanwhile, the fashion After the Farmer Vote.

Both Baker and Thompson are pulling hard for the farmer vote. Their friends say that the key to the situation will be the Chairmanship of the cancus Monday aight. able people have not shown any slacrity in following the lead of the Prince of Wales. If the country representatives elect the Chairman over the heads of the city members, they predict that either Baker or Thompson will be elected Speaker. Mr. Taggart, of Montgomery county, who is a high officer in the State Grange, is here working in the interests of Thompson. This DUBLIN, Jan. 2 .- Parnell arrived here working in the interests of Thompson. This fact gives color to the above rumor. At any rate, it indicates to some extent the inthis morning and left in the evening for Avondale, where he will probably remain il Monday, when he will leave Ireland.

accompanied by Timothy Harrington, for London, en route to Boulogne, where the conference with William O'Brien will be resumed. Parnell is in excellent health Brooks, of Philadelphia, over whose candidacy there has been the most noise, is in a peculiar situation. He has fewer votes to work for to elect him, and yet he seems to be making no progress. Sixty-two votes are necessary to elect, and with the Philadel-phia delegation pledged for him, he needs but 29 votes more. He is handicapped, also spent an hour with Mr. Kenny, M. P. geographically. Country members are op-posing him because Philadelphia has had was cordially received wherever he went in ready, and because Philadelphia this year is trying to grab so many of the subordinate Schoolboy Killed by Being Locked in

positions in addition to the Speakership. Another Handicap for Brooks. Jesse M. Baker, being from Philadelphia's adjoining county, and pulling up so strong in the start, also handicaps Brooks. Heretofore candidates so fortunate as to get a unanimous indorsement at Philadelphia's hands have had a prestige from that very opened he was dead, having been smothered by coal gas. His cries were not heeded by the teacher, who supposed them to be in-cited by anger or repentance.

fact. But Philadelphia's indorsement in this instance seems to carry no prestige. Nevertheless, Brooks said to-night that he felt confident of winning. The Philadelphians will arrive Sunday. They were expected to arrive to-night, but failed to come for some reason. Baker says Senator Quay said in his presence that it would be bad for the Republican party to elect the Speaker from Philadelphia this year. Baker therefore thinks that Brooks is misrepre senting things when he claims Senator

Quay's support. Mr. Burdick, of McKean county, is surrounded by several members from his sec-tion, chief among them Mr. Griffith, of Bradford. They claim the votes of members in McKean, Potter, Cameron and Tioga counties, and possibly two in Butler county. They Will Stand Together.

The proximity of the two counties of Candidates Burdick and Thompson argues ill also for Mr. Brooks, because one will be sure to support the other as a Northwestern andidate when a stampede occurs after the initial ballots.

was arrested on the complaint of her neigh-bors for carrying on the filegal business known as "baby farming." When the police searched her residence they found eight emaciated, filthy, sickly bables crowded into one small, ill-ventilated The gentleman of Verona, S. E. Stewart, of Allegheny county, had not yet arrived at 11 o'clock to-night. Neither had Mr. Finley, of Washington county, nor Capp, of the poor children were immediately given the best of medical attention, and that they Lebanon. So the details of their scanvass are not known here yet. From the present outlook, Mr. Stewart would much chance as anybody if he could command the votes of the Allegheny county delegation. But the fact that the delegation failed to indorse him at their meeting last week is regarded by the Representatives as significant. On the whole, a very pretty struggle is developed. the whole, a very pretty struggle is devel-oping. Each candidate has his friends, and all are grouped together in a curious geographical bunching. Stewart, of Alle-gheny county, and Finley, of Washington, live close together. Thompson, Burdick and Hayes are from the closely connecting counties of Warren, McKeau and Venango.

Harmony Among the Candidates.

In the East Brooks, of Philadelphia;
Baker, of Delaware, and Capp, of Lebanon,
crowd each other. But, in spite of these close quarters, there is no quarreling. Put all the candidates in a barrel and shake them up together and they would not get into each others' hair. Harmony exists with a line underneath for emphasis. Gossip about subordinate positions is rife. Editor Smiley, of Venango county, has no opposition for the Chief Clerkship of the Senate. He is experienced and popular. So is Chief Clerk Morrison, of Pittsburg, in the House, who will be re-elected. Herman P. Miller is the strongest candidate for Captain Delaney's vacated position—Senate Librarian. J. N. Carson, of Butler, Captain Reid, of Mifflin, and J. H. Huddeil, of Delaware, are all candidates for Reading Clerk in the Senate. In the House the same position will prob-ably be filled by Mr. Baker, of Mercer county. Clarence Seiler, the genial page to the Speaker of the House, will, of course, be reappointed. For Sergeant-at-Arms in either House to-morrow's developments either House to-morrow's developmen must be awaited. L. E. STOFIEL.

THEY FAILED TO HARMONIZE.

Fall to Agree. HUBON, S. D., Jan, 2 .- About 40 Inde-

THE SITUATION AT HARRISBURG. pendent and Democratic members of the Legislature attended a joint conference this afternoon. There was nothing accomplished

United States Senatorship. Some Independents expressed the belief that the meeting was a scheme in the interests of the Democrats and would not enter the conference, but continued their journey to Pierre. The Democrats believe they are entitled to the Senator. The Independents, who largely outnumber the Democrats, want the Senator and the best part of the House offices, and on this point they failed to harmonize.

#### LOOKS LIKE BROOKS.

THAT IS WHAT SENATOR QUAY THINKS ABOUT THE SITUATION.

He Believes the Phradelphian Will Be the Next Speaker-Why He Should Prove a Wing uator Says He 

was a busy man to-day. Collect of came down town early in the day and post of his time in conference with the junior Senator. He was joined shortly atterward by Collector Cooper and Hamilton Disston, and the quartet held a lengthy conclave. A delegation of Eighth ward citizens called on Mr. Quay, with the view of having him use his endeavors to have Bromley Wharton appointed Magistrate, to succed the late Robert R. Smith. The Senator said: "Gentlemen, I will

The Senator said: "Gentlemen, I will keep my hands off. It is a matter that should be fixed up among the citizens of the ward; but let me suggest that all factions concentrate their efforts on one man, because if there is not harmony the office is liable to slip from your hands and go to some other ward."

Mr. Opay was questioned recording the

Mr. Quay wes questioned regarding politi-cal affairs at Harrisburg and Washington, and in reply said: "I have been spending a little time at my home in Beaver and have not kept myself thoroughly posted as to what is going on at Harrisburg and Wash-"Who do you think will be the next Speaker of the House of Representatives?"
"I think it will be Brooks, but I am not

thoroughly acquainted with the situation; consequently I cannot say anything about

'Have you any preference' "The candidates for Speaker are all my friends and I am not concerning myself about the matter. From what I can understand, however, it looks as though Mr. Brooks will be the winner, because he is backed by the solid Philadelphia delegation, and he ought to be able to win with that in his favor. It may be that the country members will unite against him, and if that should be the case, they could defeat him. I regard his chances as the best of any of the candidates who have been mentioned so

Senator Quay, escorted by a large number of the local leaders, left the Continental about 3:20 o'clock for Washington, and in reply to a question as to when he would be back again replied: "Ask me something

JOAQUIN MILLER'S great story "The City in the Desert," begins exclusively in THE DISPATCH to-morrow morning. The reat social problem put in a no ead the opening chapters.

## MANY RANKRUPT RAILROADS

The Number of Roads Sold, 29; Number of Receivers Appointed, 26. CHICAGO, Jan. 2,-The forthcoming num-

ber of the Railway Age, which will be issued to-morrow, will contain a review of the foreclosure sales and receiverships for 1890. During the year 29 roads were sold under foreclosure. The greatest of these was the St, Louis, Arkansas and Texas, with over 1,200 miles of line, and representing nearly \$58,000,000 imbords and stocks. Next in importance was the Ohio, Indiana and Western, with 341 miles and about \$24,000,000 of securities. Next in order come the St. Louis, Fort Scott and Wichita, the Chicago and Atlantic, the Houston and West Texas, and the Scioto

Valley.

The 29 companies combined represent 3,825 miles of road and about \$182,500,000 of funded debt and capital stocks. The ber of railways that have gone into the hands of receivers during the year is 26, representing nearly 3,000 miles of lines and over \$105,000,000 of securities.

ELECTRIC RAILROADS defy winter's now and ice. THE DISPATCH to-morro furing the recent stormy weather.

## A RAILROAD BLOCKADE BROKEN.

Number of Trains and Their Passenger in Kansas Released.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 2 .- The last of the belated passenger trains stalled on the Kansas prairie in yesterday's snow storm did not reach the Union depot until 5 o'clock this afternoon. It was the Santa Fe train from the Southwest. The Burlington and Missouri Pacific trains, which were stalled near Atchison last night, on the prairies, were reached by the relief trains early this morning. The passengers had experienced no in-convenience beyond an unbroken fast from yesterday noon. The trains were dug out om the huge drifts, and arrived here a

little before noon.
All the snow-bound trains have now been accounted for, excepting one—the Missouri Pacific from Pueblo. Nothing has been heard of it at the Union depot, The officials say it was probably abandoned at Pueblo, and was not sent out at all. All the roads in Kansas have been cleared, and traffic was resumed on regular schedule time this even-

## PRESIDENT CABLE'S DENIAL.

He Said the Rock Island Had Not Ejected the Union Pacific. CHICAGO, Jan. 2.-The report that the

Rock Island Company had given notice to the Union Pacific that it must discontinue the use of the Rock Island's tracks from Beatrice south, is denied by President Cable. That official said to-day that his road had not yet commenced operations under the contract. No notice of any kind had yet been given by him to the Union Pacific. If the latter road had discontinued the use of the Rock Island tracks, it had done so of its

# Cut a Wide Swath in the Very Heart

of the Metropolis.

The Sturtevant House Ablaze and the Fire

## A WATCHMAN RESCUES A CONSUMPTIVE

ISPECIAL TRLEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, Jan. 3 .- Miner's Fifth Avenive Theater, at Twenty-eighth street and Broadway, went up in smoke early this morning, and at this writing the entire block on Broadway is threatened. Herrmann's Theater, adjoining, is burning, and some of the upper corners of the Sturtevant that will aid either party in securing the House, across Broadway, were ablaze. The guests have got out of bed and are swarming on the first floors.

Broadway is alive with crowds of excited seople and the windows of the Gilsey, the St. James and the Coleman House are filled with people. The fire in the theater broke out under a stairway in the rear under the stage about 15 minutes after the curtain had gone down on "Cleopatra." Mr. Miner himself had gone home. He was recalled and saw the place burn down. The fire was discovered by Watchman Daniel Finn. Only Two Actors in the Building.

There were then only two other people in the building, two actors who were putting on their street dress. It was thought at first that the fire would be confined to the place where it originated, but it forced its way through the floor of the auditorium and the It drove into the street the firemen who

had come to the first alarms, and the blaze roared through the building and through the roof, sending a tremendous volume of smoke and timbers away up in the sky. The sparks and flaming fragments fell on the ad-ining buildings and on all the awnings on roadway, setting the latter on fire intautly.

The cornices of the Sturlevant House aught, and at 1:05 o'clock the upper win-

dows of the roof of the hotel and the cor-

nices of the roof were all ablaze. A strong northwesterly wind carried the flaming mes-sengers further down Broadway, setting fire to more awnings and window copings. The Property Loss Very Heavy. Miner's Theater and its appendages run through the entire block, from Twentyeighth to Twenty-ninth streets. Herrmann's new theater, which was recently refitted at a cost of \$50,000, backs up sgainst it and was also destroyed, and the office buildings and

stores on the Broadway front on the block will also probably go. Special ealls were continuously summoning more engines. Mr. Miner said that his loss would probably be \$100,000, including the cost of the properties of "Cleopatra," which he estimates at \$47,000. The theater buildings themselves are estimated to be worth \$250,-000, and they are fully insured. The Gilsey

estate owns them.

While the flames were bursting through the roof of the first theater there were half a dozen explosions which blew out the windows of the Twenty-eighth street front. Mr.

Miner attributed them to the calcium lighs cylinders, but they were probably due to back drafts. The Sturtevant front covers nearly the entire block on the east side of Broadway. At 1:15 the whole top floor of the hotel appeared to be afire.
It was about 1873 that the Fifth Avenue Theater was opened by Mr. Daly, who a few weeks earlier was burned out of a house

bearing the same name on the site of the present Madison Square Theater in Twentyfourth street. Collapse of the Sturtevant Boof. It is said that one of the guests at the

hotel who was anxious to see the fire was driven from the window by the sparks and left a window open. The fireman had trouble in fighting the Sturtevant House fire because all their long ladders were in use at the two theatre fires across the street. The jam on Broadway is tremendous. The firemen's approach stopped the Sixth avenue elevated trains. The guests of the Sturtevant House-

many of them—had set out at 1:30 A. M. in search of new lodgings for the night. The windows of other hotels bearing upon the scene were full of faces, and the Gilsey and Coleman houses received most of the Sturtevant's burned-out tenants. The Coleman is a block below the scene of the fire and the Gilsey is a block above.

At 1:20 A. M. part of the roof of the

Sturtevant House caved in and flames burst out. John Callaghan, the watchman, had

long ago roused all the guests on the differ-ent floors and got them all downstairs safely. He carried down a man named Reilly, sick with consumption.

NEW FEATURES for the first Sunday ssue of the New Year in to-morrow's man moth DISPATCH.

#### KEAN'S ASSIGNEE WILL SETTLE. If Suits Are Dropped Creditors Will Get 50

Cents on the Dollar. CHICAGO, Jan. 2.-This evening Attorney Mayer, representing the creditors of S. A. Kean & Co., received a rather surprising offer from the assignees of the insolvent banking firm. The offer was that the creditors be paid 35 cents in each by February 1 and later 15 cents, making the settlement, aside from secured claims, an even 50 cents on the dollar. This proposition is on condition that Mr. Mayer agrees to drop all

dition that Mr. Mayer agrees to drop all legal proceedings.

"That is what I have been holding out for all the time," said Mr. Mayer to a reporter, "and I am satisfied and shall accept it, although I cannot say anything about the criminal proceedings against Mr. Kean. I have no interest in that side of the case."

Mr. Mayer said he would not undertake to say how the assignees could pay 35 cents, when by their statements they had declared that a dividend of not more than 5 per cent could be realized at once. He left the impression, however, that Mr. Kean's friends have come to the resedue and are making this offer through the assignees, anticipating that the creditors' supposed thirst to have Mr. Kean sent to the pententiary will be satisfied when it is plain that the dividends squeezed out are greater than apparently squeezed out are greater than apparently could have possibly been hoped for. The liabilities of Kean & Co. are approximately \$1,500,000, of which three-fifths is secu

## THE ADMISSION OF WOMEN.

teturns From the Methodist Vote Largely in Its Favor. PROVAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.-Returns from the ecent general vote of the M. E. Church on the proposed change of constitution, to admit women delegates to the General Conference, have been received by the secretary from 337 districts, representing 1,531,634 members.

The total vote thus far is 291,314. Of these 182,281 are in favor of, and 109,833 opposed

to the admission of women delegates. Re-turns are yet to be received from 158 dis-tricts with a membership of 532,813. These districts are mostly in the South and foreign mission fields. The vote in Japan was in favor of the constitutional change.

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