RIBOT WON'T FIGHT.

France's Prime Minister Re- A Suspicion That Russia and America Are fuses to Meet Andrieux With Weapons,

BUT HE WILL BE INSULTED

Panama Scandal Prisoners Treated With Rigid Severity.

DE FREYCINET MAY YET RESIGN.

Brain Disease Attacks a Suspected Member of Parliament.

THE CHOLERA SPREADING IN HAMBURG

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

PARIS, Dec. 26 .- [Copyright.]-Prime Minister Ribot was to-day challenged to a duel by Andrieux. The Premier in his great speech last Thursday referred to a recent book by Andrieux as the work of a diplomat who was sowing disorder.

Andrieux sent Proval, an ex-Deputy, and Leroux, ex-Magistrate, to demand satistaction. They saw Ribot's secretary. He affirmed that the book and the author were legitimate objects of public criticism, and that a challenge on such basis could not be considered. Ribot later took the same position, and declared that the code did not permit a call to arms for such a cause.

Andrieux will therefore publicly insult the Prime Minister in order to bring about a meeting. It looks as though Andrieux now sought to provoke the Cabinet into execution of its apparently abandoned purpose to prosecute him

Herz Responsible for the Evidence It should be borne in mind that much of Andrieux's evidence against members of Parliament and Ministers, which he is slowly dealing out, he obtained from Cornelius Herz, whose possession of it I explained in last night's dispatch.

The sessions of the investigating commission will be held with closed doors during the recess of Parliament. A member of the commission has furnished me with a liberal abstract of to-day's proceeding. The commission received a dispaten from the editor of the Gazette, of Moscow, requesting the fullest inquiry into the report that the correspondent of that journal has been paid 500,000 francs from the Panama funds. President Brisson reported that an examination of the first portion of the Panama Company's paper showed nothing impli-cating members of Parliament. Stubs of 800 checks, representing 17,500,000 francs, are in the hands of M. Batian, whom the commission has summoned for Thursday. He was formerly connected with Le Soir and the Telegraph. He is expected to more definitely implicate De Freycinet, Minister of War, and Burdeau, Minister of Marine, in connection with the payment of Panama boodle to those papers.

Prisoners Receiving No Favors. Lawyers representing the Panama officers now in prison have signed a joint protest against the extreme severity of treatment of their clients. Not only are they under of their clients. Not only are they under the strictest prison discipline, but they are forbidden all intercourse, even with counsel. They see no one, excepting occasional calls from their wives. The defense will not ask a postponement when the cases come up on January 10, but it is said that the prosecutor will request delay, as the examination of the documents alone will re-

The Bourse was firm at the opening to day, but weakened later when rumors be-came current that M. De Freycinet, Minister of War, was about to resign. Rentes closed at 97.45. Credit Foncier fell 18.75 france. Rumors as to M. De Freycinet's approaching resignation are numerous this evening, but it is impossible to trace any of them to a trustworthy source.

The Matin to-day says that M. Antonin Proust, one of the members of the Chamber of Deputies who is threatened with prosecution because of his connection with the Panama scandal, is suffering from conges-tion of the brain. The paper adds that his family refuses to give any information regarding his condition.

A Denial of Proust's Iliness

The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Ness denies that Antonin Proust is ill.
"He is only suffering from the annoyance caused by the revelations of the Panams commission," says the correspondent. "The editor of the Gawois, which published the malignant story about Madame Carnot, had the coolness to-day to call upon that lady and leave for her a card inscribed 'Avec regrets respectueux.' M. Denayrousse re-fuses to fight, his object being to drag M. Raynal before the courts. M. Andrieux has tried to pick a quarrel with M. Bibot by demanding an explanation of certain portions of his last speech in the chamber. M. Ribot declined to reply except by his secretary, who merely said that M. Ribot had referred to M. Andrieux merely in his public expensits. public capacity."

BISMARCK'S CHRISTHAS.

He Was Remembered by Santa Claus and

Also Remembered His Servants, HAMBURG, Dec. 26.-Prince Bismarck celebrated Christmas eve with his family at Friedrichsruhe. The Christmas tree, on which all the presents were hung, was a gift from a farmer whose land adjoins the Prince's estate. The Prince's presents from abroad were opened by the Princess and hung by her on the tree without his having seen them. The cards and letters of congratulation, which came from every capital in Europe, filled an enormous basket at the foot of the tree. All of the family servants were called in, and each received two presents-one from the Prince and another from the Princess. Several guests passed the evening with the family. Prince Bismarck was in exceptionally good spirits, and made the bowle for the company with his own

URGED TO BACK GOLD.

A Letter Asking Mr. Cleveland to Maintain the Standard.

PARIS, Dec. 26 .- The European edition of the Herald publishes a letter from an American resident of San Diego, Cal., urging Mr. Cleveland to let the country understand he will maintain the gold stan-dard, and that he will buy gold whenever necessary to keep the National Treasury prepared to redeem in gold its silver.

BOOSTING THE ARMY BILL.

The German Government Sends Papers to the Reichstag Committee.

LONDON, Dec. 26.-The Standard's Berlin correspondent says that the Imperial mittee on Army Bill the papers it promised justifying the bill. The papers are very lengthy and will be kept secret for the present.

A Russian Cholera Commission. LONDON, Dec. 26.-The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says the cholera commission has been opened by the Minister of the Interior in the Michael palace. The press is excluded.

Mrs. Langtry Is Worse.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Lilly Langtry, may be necessary. correspondent of the Times says the cholera commission has been opened by the Minister of the Interior in the Michael palace. The

whose condition was reported yesterday as having favorably passed the critical point, has suffered a serious relapse.

tain Levion's return from Bering Sea, the

St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times

says that the report of this officer's insanity

are unfounded. It is given out in Levion's

defense that the crews of the British

sealers seized under his direction were

fairly treated aboard his vessel. All the abuse complained of is said to have come

from the Russian officials at Petropaulovski.

The Euglish case has been presented at the

Russian Foreign Office, and the probability

is, says the correspondent, that England will take America's view of the matter,

maintaining that Bering Sea is a mars clausum, in which case matters may drag along for some time to come. "In fact," continues the correspondent, "there is strong ground to suspect collusion between Russia and America in this affair. Russia can not and

presumably does not intend to claim ex-clusive rights in the waters where these vessels were captured."

HAMBURG HOPELESS.

Fresh Virulent Cases of Cholers Cause

Depression and Alarm.

Thursday, and to-day two more in the same

house were stricken. The Oppendorf Hos-

which 8 are of an exceedingly virulent type.

There was one death from cholers at the

uneasiness prevails, especially in mercan-

tile circles, which are still under the bur-

dens of last fall's losses. An increase in

the sick list and death list would mean

within a few weeks that all opportunity of

making good recent reverses would be lost.

The life insurance companies are said to be

4,000,000 FLORINS STOLEN.

Austro-Hungary.

BUDA-PESTH, Dec. 36.-The fact has just

been made public that during the Trefort

in the Department of Education and Public

Instruction. Count Czaky, incumbent of

the Ministry in question, both in the

Szapary Cabinet and in the present Wexerle Cabinet, has known of the embezzlement

for some time, but has made no mention of it. No information is ascertainable as to

the mode of fraud or the identity of the

FOSTER FEARS NO PANIC.

The Secretary of the Treasury Says There

Plans for His Future.

Is No Danger Threatens Eanking Cir-

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-Secretary of the

Treasury Charles Foster left for his home

at Fostoria, O., this evening. Before

going he said to a reporter that he had had

no conference with bankers here in refer-

ence to the export of gold and the condi-

tion of the Treasury. When asked if there

is any danger of a panic, he said: "None at

all. There is no occasion for excitement or alarm in banking circles."

"Do you expect to be called upon to issue any bonds to get gold for the Treasury be-tween now and March 4?"

"No. I don't think it will be necessary

In the three weeks during which \$12,000,000 have been sent abroad, all of which was

taken from the Treasury, I have the offset

of \$8,000,000 accumulation. The gold in the Treasury, when the big shipments began,

amounts to \$121,000,000. While I have not

made any promises to get any more gold in

believe the shipments of gold to Europe will

the provisions of the resumption act of 1875, which went into effect January 1, 1879,

there is no doubt among the legal counselors of the Government that the Secretary of

the Treasury is empowered under this law to sell coin bonds to secure gold whenever it becomes necessary to maintain resump-tion. The maintenance of the credit of the

Government has always been thought best subserved by paying bonds in gold, and that will undoubtedly continue the

Mr. Foster has had a great many invita-

The presidency of several national banks

has been offered the Secretary, and it is quite probable he will accept one of them, but he has taken no action in this direction

WRECK ON THE READING.

An Engineer, Fireman and Several Pas

sengers Are Injured.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 26.-A

wreck occurred at Pencoyd station, a short

distance from this city on the main line of

the Reading Railroad, this afternoon,

which resulted in the injuring of an engi-

neer, fireman and several passengers, none

The market express for Reading collided

with the engine of a work train. The ex-

press was running at the rate of 45 miles an hour when the work engine came in sight. Eugineer Schwab and Fireman Smith, of the express, leaped for their lives. The ex-

press locomotive struck the tank of the work engine and was upset. The tank of

work engine and was upset. The tank of the work engine was thrown over the boiler, sweeping the cab from the engine. Engineer Sohwab sustained a badly sprained foot and was brought to Reading. Fireman Smith was severely injured and was re-moved to the hospital in this city. The passengers of the express, beyond a severe shaking up, escaped uninjured, with the ex-ception of turee, who received slight bruises.

IMPRISONED BY THE ICE.

Rescue of the Keepers of a Beacon Light

Who Were N-arly Starved.

the keepers of the beacon light have been imprisoned by the ice. Yesterday they ran up a flag of distress and a relief party was organized, headed by Captain Gowan, of the steamer Reliance and the captain of the

schooner Annandale.

The party started in a small boat, and after a terrible battle of three hours with

the ice and waves succeeded in rescuing the keepers. They had been without food for

MAY LOSE HER LEG. The Peculiar Accident Which Refett Woman in Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec 26 .- To-night Mea & B.

Mitchell entered a cable car without notic-

ing that her foot had become entangled in a

OswEGO, N. Y., Dec. 26.-For two days

of whom, however, were seriously hurt.

tions to go into business enterprises on the

the Treasury on March 4 than \$120,000,000,

to \$125,000,000. To-day it

cles-He Has a Number of Offers but No

Ministry 4,000,000 florins were embezzled

Discovery That Has Caused a Stir

already curtailing business.

hospital to-day.

THE BERING SEA AGAIN. Dr. Gibier, of New York, Discusses a New Treat-Acting in Concert. LONDON, Dec. 26.-In speaking of Cap ment in Line With

BROWN-SEQUARD METHOD.

Good Results Obtained After a Thorough Test.

A FRENCHMAN IS RECOVERING

Under the Care of the Discoverer of This New Blessing.

INTERESTING RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 .- Dr. Paul Gibier, President of the New York Bacteriological Society and director of the Pasteur Institute, read an interesting and important paper before the Medical Society of the HAMBURG, Dec. 26. -Two children living county of New York, at the Academy of in the Borgesch strasse fell 111 of cholera on Medicine in West Forty-third street, tonight, on "A New Agent in the Treatment of Epilepsy." In it he tells the results of pital is treating 38 cases of cholera, of a scientific treatment, which he has applied to a class of patients for the first time in this country or elsewhere. The treatment is in line with that which has excited inter-Without doubt the disease is making est in scientific medical circles in France, steady although slow progress. General and is a step in advance of the method employed in ,a somewhat similar treatment in

> The material used is prepared from the vital organs of the sheep, after it has undergone certain treatment in the laboratory of the Pasteur Institute. The injections were made daily in each side of the patient just above the hip bone. Dr. Gibier said that some two years ago an account was published in the French medical journals of an epileptic patient, treated at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, for the bite of a mad dog, who was cured of his epilepsy by the anti-rabic injections. More recently other accounts of the cure of epileptics by injections of the rabic virus had been published and public interest had been aroused

in the new treatment. Jumped at a Possible Cure.

Before an opportunity was offered to competent critics to examine the remedy, or the statements of patients who were supposed to be cured, and also without waiting for the test of time as to the reliability of the treatment, it was widely accepted and more than one hypothesis of its mode of action was proposed. Dr. Gibier said that one observation at least was established, and that was that some patients had their seizures checked, at least temporarily, after the injections of the anti-rabic virus.

After some remarks upon the rationale of the cure and the normal functions of the nervous system restored, Dr. Gibier said that he had been enabled, by the courtesy of Charles L. Dana, Visiting Physician at Bellevue Hospital, to make a number of observations extending over six months of the effect of anti-rable inoculation upon persons afficted with epilepsy. He said that one of these patients furnished him with an observation which seemed to show that as far as a cure for epilepsy is con-cerned we cannot expect much from the Pasteur injections. The patient, a man of 32 years, an epileptic from infancy, had been treated with the anti-rabic injections for 18 days in the intensive form, and not only did the epileptic convulsions continue but they increased in number

Not Surprised at Fai ure. Dr. Gibier said he was not surprised at this failure, inasmuch as he had learned indirectly that the cause of the untimely anbe lighter during the next two months and that it is within the possibilities of the situation to leave \$125,000,000 for my successor to control. While I shall not utilize nouncement of the cure of epilepsy by the nouncement of the cure of epilepsy by the anti-rable inoculations was due to the fact that this disease had been temporarily stopped, during and after the inoculations, in two young er 'epiles who had been bitten by mad dogs and treated at the Paris Pasteur Institute. Dr. Gibter ascertained that in the injections given at the Pasteur Institute, by which temporary relief seemed to have been afforded to some epileptic patients, the rabic virus was not injected alone, but in association with a large amount of nervous substance, and therefore it occurred to him that if any benefit had been derived from these injections, it might be derived from these injections, it might be attributed to the nervous matter and not to the contained virus. Consequently he de-termined to test the treatment with the in-The average of the appropriate of the treasury on March 4, but he has not yet decided what he will do. "Come to think of it," he remarked recently to his secretary, "I needn't do anything if I don't want to." jection of gray nervous substance, which he called nervine. The fluid was prepared according to the strictest rules of bacteriology and in order to avoid fatal accidents it was made perfectly aseptic. The doctor said that the idea of the new treatment was derived from the method proposed by Dr. Brown-Sequard, who thinks that fluids extracted from young and healthy organs can give to those which are abnormal and genile the attributes of youth and health.

A Frenchman Getting Well. Dr. Gibier then gave an account of the results he had obtained with the use of his nervine in cases of epilepsy. In reference to the case of a young Frenchman who be-longs to a family with an epileptic history, Dr. Gibier said:

longs to a lamily with an epiteptic distory, Dr. Gibier said:

Before being subjected to this treatment he was almost continually in a state of epileptic vertigo, losing consciousness momentarily several times daily; he had a persistent headache and a very severe seizure at least once weekly. His memory and his mental powers were decreasing steadily, and his face had a very idiotic expression. He had been subjected to various forms of treatment without much improvement. Under the influence of the injection, administered five times weekly, and without any other remedy, his condition improved remarably. The severe attacks diminished in number and gravity, he recovered consciousness very rapidly after the seizures, without persistent headache, and his memory became brighter. His expression disappeared and he was more intelligent. One of the most interesting results was the disappearance of the vortigo, which is only present when the treatment is interrupted. Instead of four or five violent attacks in the period of a month, he was one month and a half without any symptoms of morbus sacer. To-day he receives only two injections of six cubic centimeters weekly, and for two months his improvement has been most satisfactory.

A CROSSING WAR.

Two Western Roads Fighting and Serious Results Feared.

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 26.-The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, and the Kansas City, Nevada and Fort Smith are engaged in a lively crossing war which threatens to result seriously. The seat of war is 12 miles west of here where the Kansas City road seeks to build a crossing over the M., K. & T. tracks and a legal controversy over the Crossing has been going on for some time.

Saturday the Kansas City officials obtained an injunction restraining the M., K. & T. from interfering with the former road in its attempt to build the crossing and to-day the work of constructing the crossing was

crossing, stopping the engine and ditched one car. Two men were slightly hurt.

The Kansas City people fastened ropes, attached to their engine, around the prostrate car and attempted to haul it away, but the Katy people tied the engine to the trees with ropes with the result that the engine still remains upon the crossing. Both aides have been re-enforced with armed men until now over 400 men are camped on the ground. Serious trouble is threatened unless the Missourf, Kansas and Texas people submit to the terms of the Court's injuncsubmit to the terms of the Court's injunc-tion. Much bad feeling exists between the hostile parties and an overt act on the part of either would precipitate trouble.

A HORRIBLE SIGHT.

The Discovery Made by a Massachusetts Preacher-Parishioners the Victims of a Tragedy-A Man Commits Triple Murder and Suicides.

WORCESTER, MASS., Dec. 26 .- A horrible triple murder and suicide was discovered at noon to-day in the upper flat of a tenement building at 31 Taintor street. Henry C. Varnum and his little adopted daughter Florence were found dead, his wife was nearly dead when discovered and died on the way to the hospital, and Mrs. Wright, the mother of Mrs. Varnum, now lies at the hospital in a critical condition, unable as yet to talk or indicate in any way the story of the awful event.

Henry C. Varnum came to this city from Haron, Vt., in September, and sought em-ployment as a machinist, which he found in the shop of L. L. Pollard. He then hired the tenement on Taintor street and sent for his family, which consisted of his wife, an adopted daughter, Florence, and his wife's mother, Mrs. Wright. The family lived quietly and to all appearances happily.

Mrs. Varnum was a regular attendant at
the Congregational Church, where she sang
in the choir. Her husband and little
daughter often accompanied her. Mrs.
Varnum was not present at any of the church services Sunday, and the pastor, Rev. E. W. Phillips, remarked the absence and expressed much surprise, saying that Mrs. Varnum was not the sort of a woman to stay at home because it was cold.

He made an investigation and found the

evidences of the tragedy.

The weapon with which the foul deed was ommitted was an iron door hanger, an iron strap about 15 inches long headed by a cylindrical knob. The instrument weighed fully four pounds. Varnum himself was killed by a stab from a knife identified as his own. He was cut in the region of the heart. There were no other marks upon his body.

Medical Examiner Keefe, who examined the bodies, says that the deed was done early Sunday morning. The bodies of the man and child when found were stiff, and water in the kitchen was frozen. There was no sign of violence about the house outside of the bedrooms. Mrs. F. F. Hall, who lives in the tenement below, says that she heard a slight sound from the child at about 5 o'clock Sunday morning, and a mo-ment later the sound of footsteps. The noises ceased immediately and she thought nothing of them.

ELECTION RETURNS GONE.

Despite the Fact That Two Policeme Constantly Guarded Them, Long Island City's Figures Are Not Intact-Mayor Gleason Doesn't Like the Appearance of Things,

LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., Dec. 26 .-Assistant City Clerk Hayes, in compliance with the order issued by Justice Bartlett, in Brooklyn, on Saturday, compelling him to return the election returns of the last election to the election inspectors for porrection, went to the City Clerk's office this morning and tound that some of the returns were missing. Mr. Hayes at once went to the police station to report the matter. There have been two policemen on guard in the City Clerk's office since election. They declare positively that none of the returns are missing. They say that no one has been to the sale since City Clerk Burke disappeared.

Assistant City Clerk Hayes returned from the police station with some officers, and then made a thorough search of the safe. He found that all of the returns were missing. Policemen Cameron and Conroy, the two officers who were guarding the safe, atill say that no one was at the safe while they were on duty.

they were on duty.

Mayor Glesson was seen this morning.

When told of the disappearance of the returns, he said: "No one had a combination to the sate but City Clerk Burke and Assistant City Clerk Hayes. I don't want the office of Mayor, and shall not take it unless office of Mayor, and shall not take it unless
I am fairly elected. If the returns are
missing I know nothing about them. Two
policemen had been on duty in the office all
the time, and I don't see how the returns
could be stolen unless taken before the
officers were placed on duty in the office."
Assistant City Clerk Hayes then started
for Brocklyn to tell Justice Bartlett about
the disappressure of the returns. There the disappearance of the returns. There was great excitement in Long Island City as soon as it became known that the returns were missing.

SERIOUS TROUBLE AVERTED.

Chile and Argentine Reach on Understand ing-Minister Guerrero Vindicated-A Brazilian Artillery Regiment Starts Rebellion.

VAPABAISO, Dec. 26 .- All danger of erious trouble between Chile and Argentine, over the offensive pamphlet issued by Chilean Minister Guerrero and Bianchi Tupper has apparently disappeared. It is not probable that war will result from their statements that they bribed telegraph operators in Argentina to reveal the secrets sent to Europe by Balmaceda during the revolution in Chile.

'A correspondett at Buenos Ayres telegraphs that Bianchi Tupper has made a public statement assuming entire responsi-bility for the charges made in the pamphlet and declaring that Minister Guerrero took no part in their publication. Minister Guerrero had an interview with the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs and is said to have made a satisfactory explanation, but to have made a satisfactory explanation, but he announces that he will forward his resignation as Minister to the Government of Chile. Chile's attitude on the question was discussed yesterday during a secret session of Congress at Santiago. The Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senor Errasuriz, does not regard the trouble seriously.

The officers of the visiting American squadron attended a ball in Valparaiso Saturday night. The ships will sail to-day for

urday night. The ships will sail to-day for

Montevideo.

News comes from Bage, Brazil, that a regiment of artillery has started a revolution. The correspondent at the Brazilian frontier telegraphs that a company of Castilhistas crossed the frontier at Riveria and killed a number of the frontier guards. The invaders were pursued by a detachment of Uruguayan cavalry and several of them were killed. The invasion has caused great excitement in the Uruguayan army. The soldiers threaten to invade Rio Grand Do Sul. Their officers are not able to restrain

NEW SENSATION.

What Became of It.

T. from interfering with the former road in its attempt to build the crossing and to-day the work of constructing the crossing was begun. The M., K. & T. had relaxed their watchfulness on account of to-day being a holiday and it was noon before the news reached here that the crossing was being started.

When the Missouri, Kansas and Texas learned what was being done they sent a special train, carrying 50 men, some of them armed, under the command of Division Superintendent Lyons and Roadmaster Rockwell to the scene. The train arrived just as the crossing was being completed. Superintendent Lyons took in the situation, and as a desperate resort ran the train upon the

JOHN L. GOING CRAZY.

So Say Some of His Late Sporting Friends -Acting Very Peculiar-Wants Another Chance to Fight-The Big Fellow on a Drunk in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Jim Corbett's ingry reply to John L. Sullivan's allegation that he had been drugged and duped in New Orleans when he fought the Californian has apparently roused the ire of "Sully" and in consequence the latter has been imbibling in drink at a dizzy rate to soothe his auger all day. The ex-champion, immediately after leaving his bedroom in the Vanderbilt Hotel late this morning, proceeded to the barroom on the ground floor and made the bartender mix him up all sorts of fancy drinks. It was plainly evident to Proprietor Matt Clune that Sullivan was laying foundations for another of his famous "jags" and he anticipated trouble. He endeavored to persuade the great modern He roules to desist and return to his room, but in every effort met with a

to his room, but in every effort met with a vicious rebuke.

Sullivan kept drinking until late in the afternoon, when he had accomplished his craving desire to "get good and full." He was then in genuine fighting humor. He cursed everyone about him and made several successful attempts in clearing out the place. Jack Ashton, his sparring partner and friend, was called in to try and subdue the heartbroken fighter, but his efforts were met with a curse, and in quicker time than it takes to tell Ashton made himself scarce, as likewise did the other occupants of the barroom. "I'll kill you if you come near me," he said, in a storm of rage, and the heart to say over his crushing and then began to cry over his crushing defeat. He continued: "Corbett licked me when I was a physical wreck, and the shadow of John L. Sullivan of six years ago. I have been wronged and treated dirty

because my good nature permitted it. Give me another chance! give me another chance, and I'll show the world what I can do." Then he sank back into a chair and cried like a child. Finally he grew quieter and permitted Ashton to take him up to his The opinion is expressed among sporting people here that the backer he accused in yesterday's interview as drugging him and then betting on Corbett is Jimmy Wakely, but there is no evidence which warrants such a statement. Wakely, when seen to-night concerning Sullivan's statement and the reflection it casts on his character, was very indignant. He denied the matter and declared that alcohol had ruined Sullivan. He, as well as Charley Johnson, said

that Sullivan was going crazy. The opinion prevails here that Sullivan's queer actions foretell an early break-down. Sullivan appeared at the Windsor Theater to-night to a crowded house. No one was permitted to interview him by strict orders.

The City of Berlin Weathers Terrible Gales and Heavy Seas. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-The steamship City of Berlin, Captain Thompson, of the Inman line, arrived in port this afternoon after the roughest passage she has ever ex-

perienced. The City of Berlin left Liver-

HER ROUGHEST PASSAGE.

pcol Friday, December 16. Her time was 11 days, 3 hours and 15 minutes. Heavy weather prevailed from the first to the last day and on Monday, December 19, the steamship encountered a very severe gale. The sea ran so high that several ventilators were carried away and a boat amidships

amashed to pieces.

On that day the vessel only made 252 miles, and on the following day so fierce was the gale the steamship made scarcely 113 miles. Ice gathered on the deck several inches thick and coated the sides from stem to stern. During the next week fierce gales blew continuously and the steamer's speed was retarded to such an extent that she reached this port three days behind time. None of the passengers were injured, though many received a considerable shaking up.

TOLEDO ROBBED OF GAS. wo Members of the Reform Committee

Implicated in the Steal. TOLEDO, Dec. 26 .- It was discovered tonight that a systematic robbery of city natural gas has been going on for no one knows how long. The gas department officials found that connections had been made with the line to several large factories and many private houses, surreptitiously. Two members of the Municipal Reform Committee are among the number.
Suits will follow unless the gas stealers
promptly pay the claims made by the city.
The factories robbed the city of gas enough to supply a thousand families, and the sup ply as a consequence has been short.

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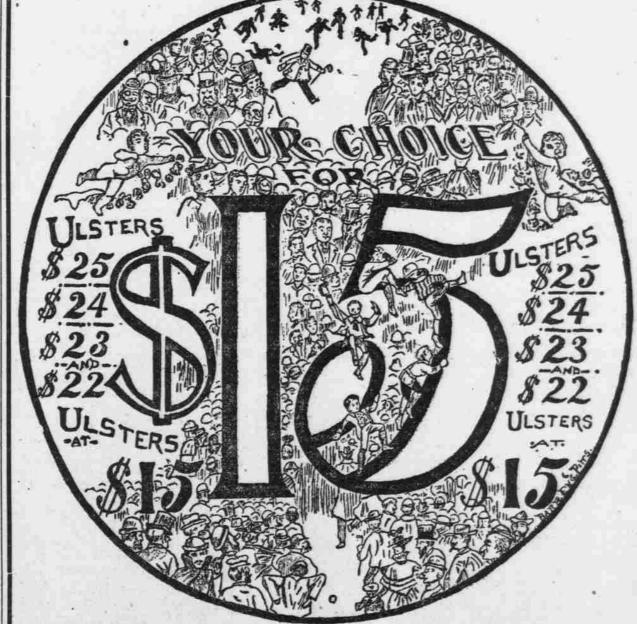
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