TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25, 1897.

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ACETYLENE EXPLOSION

Buildings Wrecked and Two Men Hurt Fatally by the Gas.

ACCIDENT AT JERSEY CITY

Works of the United States Company Demolished.

Gas Stored in Nine Tanks Escapes With a Baug .- I'wo Men Fatally Injured .- Another Missing .- Much Glass in Jersey City Shattered Telephone and Electric Light Connections Broken -- Shock Felt a Mile Away -- Many People Panic Stricken .- Fire Chief's Narrow Escape.

New York, Dec. 24.-The works of the United States Acatylene Gas company, Montgomery and Fremont streets, Jersey City, were totally demolished a few minutes after 9 o'clock this morning by a series of explosions. The gas that had been stored in nine tanks was ignited, from some unknown cause, and the explosion resulted.

Two men were injured so seriously that they cannot recover, and a dozen others sustained less serious bruises and abrasions. One man cannot be accounted for, and the belief of the police is that he perished in the wreck.

All windows within a radius of threequarters of a mile of the gas works were shattered. Several buildings adjacent to the works were wrecked, and they must be pulled down. The force of the explosion was felt in nearly all parts of the city, and people a mile away were startled. All telephone and trolley circuits were broken, and the electric lights went out. Immediately after the last of the explosions the wreck took fire, and was burned to the foundation.

The injured are; MAX GRIMM, the superintendent of the works, of Union Hill, leg blown off. s broken, arm shattered; will die. FOLLER, employe of the works, ribs broken, scalp torn, injured internally;

JOSEPH MEAD, carpenter, cut by flying glass and Iron while gilding a block distant. ABRAHAM HOPPER, employe of the

works, head cut and nose broken, Fritz Etzel is the man who is missing. A number of other persons were hurt, but not seriously.

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

Just how or why the accident happened no one can tell. The building was a two-story wooden structure that was erected by the New York Ice Machine company about ten years ago. It was purchased by Henry Byrne, who leased it to the gas company three years ago. Nine large tanks were erected in the first story, in which the gas was stored. The company compressed and condensed the gas until the most powerful tanks were required to hold it. A more brilliant light is obtained as a result of this condensation. The building was filled with machinery valued at about \$100,000,

Five men have been employed about the premises during the last few days. They were going about their various duties this forenoon when, without warning, the explosion took place. Eye-witnesses say that the roof rose about thirty feet into the air and then loved and admired. fell apart. The walls were blown into fragments and scattered over an area of half a mile square. Grimm and Faller were blown through the roof and were picked up under an elevated raliway structure nearly twenty yards from the building. Fire broke out the instant the debris fell upon the foun-

The district is full of tenement houses that are crowded with people, and a panic followed the accident. The streets were blocked quickly with a mass of excited people, who thought that their homes were going to fall

Chief Murphy was giving instructions to the police captains at headquarters when he heard of the accident. The captains and all of the reserves in the city were hurried to the locality, and Chief Conway, of the fire department, called out nearly all of engines in the city. The firemen and police reached the ruins just after the fourth explosion. Chief Conway. The Coroner's Jusy Affirm That Alnot knowing that there were nine tanks in the building, attempted to enter the structure, when the fifth tank exploded. A cloud of dust enveloped the chief and a report was circulated that he had been killed. This was proven false by the chief, staggered out of the smoke and dust almost blinded. The firemen were ordered away from the building after this, and they remained at a safe disuntil Abraham Hopper told them there were only nine tanks to fear. When the last went off the fire-

men made a rush into the ruins. RESCUE OF GRIMM,

Grimm was rescued first. He was lying under the Junction railway trestle, mangled and unconscious. Not far from him the police found Feller, also unconscious and mangled. Most of the clothing had been blown from the men's bodies. Ambulances were summoned and the injured men were removed to the City hospital, where it was said that Grimm and Foller would

A high wind increased the danger to the wooden tenements near the wrecked building, but the firemen kept the flames from spreading. The people in the adjoining tenement, however, had move, as the force of the explosion made the walls bulge out and crack.

A trolley car of the Montgomery street line happened to be passing the building when the first of the explodons occurred. The windows of the car were shattered and the passengers were thrown from their seats. trolley wires were broken and the car The Edifice Burns to Ashes in Twenty to a standstill. Live wires dropped to the ground. A majority of the passengers were too frightened to leave the car and remained in it during the other eight explosions. Parts of beams and scraps of iron tanks were scattered for blocks around. The force of the explosion made many persons believe that an earthquake had oc-

The president of the Gas company is John C. Toogood. The concern is in-corporated. It has its main offices at 252 Groadway, this city. The officers declined to discuss the explosion. The men who were at work in the factory, however, are inclined to believe that one of the tanks leaked and that the gas came in contact with a light.

THE SAFE MUDDLE.

Monster Company Files Suit Asking For the Appointment of a Receiver For the Herring - Hall - Marvin Com-Hamilton, O., Dec. 24.-At 10 o'clock

st night William and Moses Mosler, of the Mosler Safe and Lock company. this city, filed a suit in the common pleas court for the appointment of a receiver for the Herring-Hall-Marvinn Safe and Lock company as far as their property is located in Ohio. Judge Nellan has appointed S. D. Fitton, president of the First National bank of Hamilton, as receiver, and he was qualified by giving bond in the sum of \$50,000. The petition recites that the company is incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, has complied with the provisions of the statutes of Ohio relating to foreign corporations, has a lant at Hamilton and also its princibal offices. Plaintiff's say they are creditors and stockholders in the cororation and they sue on two promissory notes of \$18,611 and \$9,305, dated New York, December 18, 1897, signed y C. S. Lake, assistant treasurer; Stephen A. Jenks, president, and indorsed by the Herring-Hall-Marvin company. Plaintiff's say the company also has a factory and place of business in New York; that most of the stock is controlled by a committee of trustees for the purpose of voting the stock and controlling the business, and that the company has pledged and delivered a large part of its personal assets for the purpose of preferring creditors other than Ohio creditors who threaten to have a receiver appointed for the Ohio assets and thereby place them under the control of a foreign jurisdiction, where they will be frittered and wasted away. They say the real estate and assets ought to be appropriated to pay the Ohio indebtedness, about \$100,000. They say the total indebtedness is about \$300,000.

The assets of the company, the receiver states, are a million and a quar-ter and there is no danger of insolvency. The fight is between the eastern and western creditors, who have been unable to effect an organistion, The Mosler owns 153 shares of the capital stock at \$100 per share. The receiver is now in full control of the Ohio plant.

BURIAL OF MISS HERBERT.

The Funeral Train Reaches Montgomery, Alabama.

Mentgomery, Ala., Dec. 21.-Hon. H. A. Herbert and his son-in-law, Mr. Benjamin Micou and Mrs. Micou reached here this morning at I o'clock in a private car on the delayed Washington express. They brought the remains of Miss Herbert for interment here today. A large number of relatives and friends were waiting at the station for the arrival of the regin.

The carket was in a private car and cas covered with large numbers of the jost beautiful floral emblems. The emains were taken to the residence of Mr. R. G. Banks, of Moulton street, and were interred in the family burying ground at 11 o'clock.

Miss Herbert spent the early part of her life in this city and was especially

KILLED BY A JUDGE.

Judge Cariker of Terrell, Tex., Shoots Constable James Dead.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 24.-Judge W. H. Cariker met Constable J. D. James on rowded street corner in Terrell, Tex., this afternoon and shot him dead without warning. He then went to the chief of police and surrendered. The two officials had frequently quarrelled. They had one of their customary war. of words this morning. After the shooting Judge Carter justified his action on the ground that Constable James. since their morning quarrel, had expressed a determination to kill him on sight, Judge Carlker will have a preliminary hearing for bond before Judge Rutledge temerrow.

MRS, CLUTE'S MURDERER.

best Heff's the Guilty Man.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The coroner's Jury today returned a verdict that Albert Hoff murdered Mrs. Mary Clute in the vacant flat which the woman had just rented. The victim's head was broken with a railroad coupling pin. Hoff was not absolutely identified of the last man seen going from the house just after screams were heard, but what convinced the jury was the testimony of two witnesses that they had seen the coupling pin in Hoff's possession for two years past.

Alabama Miners! Mages Increased. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 21.-The Coron Coal and Coke company and the Virgin and Alabama Coal company, owners an operators of large coal mines in Wal county, have posted notices at their man notifying their miners, about Liou in num ber, that an advance of 19 cents a ton would be allowed on the first of January. The companies have been paying 60 cents a ton. The ccal mines all over Alabama are working at full capacity.

Stabbed a Convict.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 24.-Harry Kings was fatally stabled by a follow convict at Eric ponitentiary yesterday and diad Frank Carr, a United States pris-rom New York city, convicted of passing counterfeit money, was the as-

CHICAGO COLLISEUM DESTROYED BY FIRE

Minntes After Being Ignited.

NUMBER OF PERSONS PERISH

The Immense Building in Which the Last Democratic Convention Was Held, Burns to the Ground .- List of the Victims of the Fire.

Chicago, Dec. 24.-Fire tonight detroyed the Coliseum building at Sixtythird street and Stoney Island avenue, in which the Democratic convention was held last year. The fire was one of the quickest even seen in Chicago. From the time the fire originated by the crossing of two electric light wires until the Collseum was a pile of twisted iron and hot bricks was not over 20 minutes. The building had been rented for an exhibition of a manufacturers' exposition and was filled from end to end with booths of all kinds which rere destroyed with all their contents.

It is supposed that a number of people were lost in the flames and atthough no bodies have been recovered he following people are missing and ave undoubtedly perished. Two women dancers in the midway

exhibit were seen in the buildings just before it collapsed.

The injured are: Peter Foots, watchman: Harry Parker, New York; C. A. Lyons, New York; Mrs. G. A. Lyons, M. J. Morley, William Robertson, M. J. Wheeler, vatchman: James Maher, fireman Walter Hartley, fireman; Miss Helen Conger; George Dekreko, proprietor of the Streets of Cairo exhibit; Lewis Wise, janitor; Frank Murphy, St. Louis; Harry Hamilton, W. H.Wright William Allaby, fireman; Albert Chanherlain, Eugene Duggan.

RAPID PROGRESS

Within ten minutes after the fire bebig arches that spanned the building year's to the same date. gave way with a tremendous report. report of a cannon. The building fell ing.

The Collseum cost \$250,000 and was twice as large as the Madison Squate Garden building of New York. It had floor space of seven acres, including the grand gallery floor; was 770 feet ber and 2,000,000 bricks.

companies. It is almost impossible to orm any idea of the loss to the hibitors. There was about 169 booths in the place, filled with all sorts of

WONDERFUL SURGERY.

A Most Important Discovery,

plained for years of stomach trouble, ed 7,509,100 pounds. Dr. Schlatter diagnosed the case and There is a strenger demand for iron sceling that the organ was useless, went scutterin pix is offered 25 cents to

tions, the abdominal wound was sewed Anna Landis had lost her stomach was sight retraction toward the diaphragm. The operation lasted nearly The patient, although old and feeble-

exhibited but few of the serious symptems that usually follow a vital operation. Minute quantities of liquid food were given to her at short intervals. With the exception of occasional vonlated despite the absence of a food receptacle. In the second week after the operation she was given solid food. It was retained and digested without discomfort. He was handleapped in giving the patient solid food, because she only had one tooth left in her head. On October II, a month and five days after the stomach had been removed, Anna Landia left her bed. She is now apparently a well woman.

NO CHRISTMAS EVICTIONS.

A Judge Refuses to Turn Tenants

Out at the Coliday Time. New York, Dec. 24.-"I wish to ansounce that I will not order the dispossession of any tenant before Christ-

man." So said Judge John B. McKean in the Seventh district civil court today. Severai insistent landlords became nois; in persisting that ejectments be ordered, but they became stient when Judg McKean offered to pay the rent of the t nants for the holiday season.

The tenants present shouted blessings at the judge.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Dec. 21.—Cleared: Lucanta Liverpool: Amsterdam, Rotterdam; Rot terdam, Rotterdam.

GRADE CROSSING SLAUGHTER.

The McBride Family of Wilmington Wiped Out By a Train.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 24 .- A grade crossing accident at the Stanton crossing of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad, five miles below this city, resulted in the death of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McBride, of Stanton, and the probable fatal injuring of their six-year-old daughter, Carrie, Mr. and Mrs. McBride were driving to Wilmington market with a and of poultry and produce. The wagon was closed up as much as possible to shield the occupants from the wind and cold. It was about crossing the railroad tracks when the Washington and New York express, due here at 2.55 o'clock, crashed into it.

Mrs. McBride was instantly killed and her husband so badly injured that he died in a few minutes. The child was terribly injured, but is still alive. The horse was instantly killed and the wagon completely demolished. The closed wagon and the presence of me freight cars on a siding probably prevented the occupants from seeing the approaching train.

LARGE HOLIDAY TRADE. An Increase in Demand for Products

That Is Unexpected .- Bank Failares Cause No Disturbance.

New York, Dec. 24,-R. G. Dun & Co.'s reeldy review of trade: The weekly reports show a remarkably targe holiday trade, at many points the largest for five years. Moreover, at the season when wholesale business usually shrinks, the pressure of demands for immediate deliveries, which results from unprecedented distribution to nsumers, keeps many establishments at work that usually begin their yearresting spell somewhat earlier. Instend of decreasing, the demand for products shows an unexpected increase in several important branches. Foreign trade continues satisfactory, even in comparison with the remarkable record of a year ago when experts ex-corded \$117,000,000 in December. Bank failures at Philadelphia, due to ingan, the roof was ablaze and in a very dividual operations, cause no disturbshort time after the fire had appeared once and commercial failures for the on the top of the building one of the month have been less than half last

The outgoing flood of grain is not and then another and another, each checked by Chicago speculation, though one going down with a sound like the more corn than wheat has been mov-Wheat exports, flour included, very quickly, as after the first arch have been 3,693,321 bushels for the week went down, the weight was too great against 3,568,305 the previous week and for the arches next to it, and all col-15,706,895 bushels against 9,039,587 last It took not over twenty minutes to yeer, while corn exports for the week. make a complete ruin of the building. 4 546.828 bushels, egainst 1.751.740 last year, have been in four weeks 14,420,151. agrinet 8,176,073 lest year. Last year's earn movement was by far the greatest ever known, and this year's wheat movement for the half year nearly long by 300 wide, and contained 2,500,- erded has been close to the maximum 000 pounds of steel, 1,200,000 feat of tim- reached in 1891. Wheat has varied little closing 3 cents higher for the The building was insured for \$120,- week, after deliveries of surprising 000, written in twenty-six different magnitude at Chicago, and corn closes nearly a cont Edither. Cotton has also be a moving largely, and has risen a Still another report has it that Gen- in no way depends upon the former.

sixteenth. Copies goods have further declined in prices of bleuched, which meet active southern competition, and the Fall River salumers inshe upon a reduction d one ninth in wages, other New Eng-Dr. Carl Schlatter Demonstrates That England works, 45 have passed divithe Stomach is Not a Vital Organ, dards, 14 at Fall Sixer, with 15 others priving I per unit, for the last quar-New York, Dec. 24.-The Medical when pails were holdling heavy steeks Farmer Fox Fraced Off His Lane to Record will tomorrow publish an according position which induces the first successful removal contagnisating position. Wooden mills have begun building domestic wool-The feat itself is the most brilliant neavily, especially Memora and terriand daring ever attempted in recent pary, as if assured of large business surgical history, but the attendant dis- for the scason about to oven. sovery that the stomneh is not a vital tractic of unknown magnitude have organ, and is never more important. be a made it is said many at previous The operation was performed in prices, but others as a moderate ad-Zurich, Switerland, by Dr. Carl Schlat- vance. Weel is more firm, traders ter, on September 6 last. The subject having disposed of 2.200,003 pounds terwas Anna Landis, 56 years old, and a rivery and 1,500,000 other domestic at silk weaver. This weman had com- boston, and sales at three cities reach-

found that she was suffering from an and its products. Descemer rising to exceptionally large oval tumor in her sie and Grey Perge to \$3 at Pittsburg. stomach. Laparotomy was performed. The Eastern Bar association has adand I'v. Schlatter found that the was varied the price to 1.1 cents for reman's entire stomach presented a hard | fine | and 1.02% for common. Owing to mass. And then this during operator, possible changes in freight rates, to work and freed it from its deliente. A siriking feature is the unusual deattachments. When Dr. Schlatter had mand for the season in building cars, excised the entire stomach he firmly of which then have been ordered at united a small coil of intestine to the Chicago by one truck line, and rails oesophagus, thus making a direct con- there have advanced to \$10 in new nection between the alimentary canal business, with sales here of 50,090 tons and the bowels. They were bound to- for home use and 2,000 for Mexico. gether with sutures. The organs were Funding contracts in unusual number allowed to drop back into their post- for the season come up, and contracts for three drainage canal bridges at up, and all there was to show that Chicago. The Illinois Steel works have ownt months' business booked, with more orders offering. Pipe is dull and two hours and a half. The loss of billets have advanced about 50 cents. weak, but rods are quite letive and The output of Connellaville coke, 155,-1.1 tons, is the largest for many weeks this year, and contracts to supply a Mahoning furnace at \$1.60 for half next car have been made. Anthracite coal is 10 cents stronger with colder weath-Tin is slightly weaker, owing to

large shisments. Fallures for the week have been 292 United States against 297 last year and 33 in Canada against 44 last Mour.

HE HAD MADE HIS PILE.

Retires From Business After Making 82,000,000 in Wheat.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24,-Mr. Charles A. Pilisbury, who is reported to have tuquese officer who with a number of made \$2,000,000 in wheat this year, has resigned the management of the Eng- Humbe Plateau, was Count Almoster, ish syndicate mills. It is said that he oresaw that there would be a big hortage of wheat in the northwest carly in August, and when a little ter it was rendered certain that fully 69 per cent, of the wheat of this section was below contract grade, he bough very heavily.

He bought wheat all the way from 60 cents to 75 cents, and sold it from 80 cents to \$1.02. Mr. Pillsbury feels well enough over his recent work to retire from active business.

Dropped Dend in the Station. New York, Dec. 24.-Dr. Stephen H onger, one of the most prominent citi zero of Summit. N. L. dropped dead in the Denware. Luckawaana and Western rail-road waiting room at that place today. He was 76 years old.

AN APPEAL FOR STARVING CUBA

Contributions for the Suffering People Will be Distributed.

GEN. FITZ HUGH LEE IN CHARGE

He Will Co-operate With the Local Authorities in Placing the Donations .- Money, Provisions, Medicine and Clothing Will be Thankfully Received.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The following appeal to the American people has een issued:

Department of State, Department of State.
Washington, Dec. 24, 1897.
By direction of the president the public is informed that, in deference to the earnest desire of the government to contribute by effective action toward the relief of the suffering people in the island of Cuba, arrange-ments have been perfected by which charitable contributions, in money or in kind, can be sent to the island by the benevolently disposed people of

the United States.

Money, provisions, clothing, medicines and the like articles of prime necessity can be forwarded to Gen-eral Fitzhugh Lee, the consul genereral Fitzhugh Lee, the consul general of the United States, at Havana, and all articles, now dutiable by law, so consigned, will be admitted into Cuba free of duty. The consul general has been instructed to receive the same and to co-operate with the local authorities and the charitable boards for the distribution of such relief among the destitute and needy

relief among the destitute and needy people of Cuba.

The president is confident that the people of the United States, who have on many occasions in the past re-sponded most generously to the cry for bread from peoples stricken by famine or sore calamity, and who have beheld no less generous action on the part of foreign communities when their own countrymen have suf-fered from fire and flood, will heed the appeal for aid, which comes from the destitute at their own threshold. and, especially at this senson of good will and rejoicing give of their abun-dance to this humane end. John Sherman.

SUPPLIES FREE OF DUTY.

Havana, Dec. 24.-Captain General Clanco has cabled to the Spanish minister at Washington that Americans have authority to send supplies to the concentrados on the island without

saying customs duties. General Pando, the Spanish comin escort, recently landed on the south cording to the official report, to reconneiter that part of the island, has Not been heard from forefive days. It was announced today that he had arved safely at the city of Cantiago de merce by railroad. Cuba, but the report was subsequently the enemy accepting battle. the province of Cantiago de Cuba, In that vicinity and in the Bayame Strict the Insurports are said to be in force, well armed and supplied with

mand of Calinto Garcia and Rabi. LOST GIRL AND LAWSUIT.

anomunition. They are under the com-

Spite Bis Neighbor Anndo ph.

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 24,-The forms of A. F. Randolnia and Michael For in Piscataway township adjoin. r twenty years Mr. Randolph's famhave been accustomed to use a lane that leads over the Fox farm to the farm owned by the Buckelew family. One of the Randolph boys courted one and, as before indicated, it is difficult of the Buckelew girls and a son of chael Fox became his rival. Young Handelph won and married the girl. Mr. Fox then built a fence across the and a different period in others, withlane and defied the Randolphs to use out practically punishing those which

Mr. Randelph sued for right of way and the case occupied the attention of those who have been most tardy, Justice Dixon and a jury in court here vesterday. The jury went out in the afternoon and at 8 o'cock this morn- the commission undertakes to relieve ing they returned with a verdict of 6 carriers of their duty under section 1 cents for Mr. Randolph. This carries to so arrange and place cars equipped with it the right to use the lane.

PRISONER OF SIX ARRAINGED

Child In its Bother's Arms Dismissed by a Magistrate.

New York, Dec. 24.-Johnny Dipineronly 6 years old, was a prisoner in the Harlem police court today, charged Butcher Andrew Napolitono with ving stolen \$8 from his till. When Patrolman Bloch went to the house to ex cute the warrant he felt ashamed of himself, and asked the mother of the child to accompany him and carry the little prisoner for "the looks of the

With great indignation the magistrate said, looking at the child in his mother's arms: "If this is the boy for whom I fesued a warrant, he is discharged. If the man who got this warrant is in court I shall punish him for misrepresenting this child's age.

PORTUGUESE KILLED.

Twenty-One Officers and Men Slain at flumbe Plateau.

Lisbon, Dec. 24.-Further advices from St. Paul de Loanda, Portuguese, Lower Guinez, announce that the Poren, was killed by natives of the a grandson of the Duke of Saldanha. The Portuguese killed and missing number twenty-one persons. The murderers were Hereros and Ovampos, tribesmen,

Kitted by a Train. Rushville, Ind., Dec. 24-Miss Ida trooks was killed and Mr. William

carcy fatally injured by being struck by - fast express train on the Cincinnati mitton and Dayton railroad at Griffins from a Christmas entertainment.

Pennsylvania Postmasters! Washington, Dec. 24.-The following earth class postmasters were appointed cday for Pennsylvania: East Berlin, Elias K. Kauffman; Font, Bayard A. Con-

rad; Home, George E. Simpson,

GREAT ATHLETIC EVENT. The University of Pennsylnania will

Send a Crack Feam to England. Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 24 - The first intimation of what will be the greatest athletic event of 1898 was given out today by Alvin C. Kraenzlein, who is attending the University of Pennsylvania and came to Milwaukee to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Kraenzlein gives out the information that the University of Pennsylvania will send a track team to England to meet Cambridge university in a dual track contest to be held in London next year. The two universities have been corresponding for some time and everything has been arranged except the details. Pennsylvania has never been represented in athletic contests in Ergland before. The Pennsylvania team will be a strong one, made up from a number of the prominent winners in the inter-collegiate championahip teams of this year. The make-up of the Pennsylvania team will be as follows: Captain James Winsor, broad jump; Tewksbury and Caldwell, sprints; Hoffman, 440 yard dash;

der jump: Fetterman, mile walk; Mc-Cracken, throwing weights. Kraenzlein was the star performer this year in hurdles and is the holder of American championships, and in the broad and high jumps Captain Winsor carried off the honors. Murphy will handle the team.

Grant, mile run; Lane, half mile run;

Kraenzlein, hurdle and high and bro-

EXTENSION OF TIME IS GRANTED.

Atter Due Consideration the Inter-State Commerce Commission Has Decided to Extend for Two Years More the Time Within Which Railroads Shall Equip Their Cars with Automatic Couplers.

Washington, Dec. 24.-The interstate ommerce commission has issued a circular to the railroads promulgating the order extending for two years the time within which the railroads shall equip their cars and engines with automatic ouplers and driving brakes. The commission in their order review the testimony given at the hearing accorded the railroad and labor representatives. The arguments advanced are not dis-The commission, however, curred.

"Some misunderstanding and confusion appear to have arisen in respect of the question as to what carriers are mander-in-chief in the field, who, with subject to the provisions of the act. Some and ar to understand that their ast of Santiago de Cuba, in order, amenability to this law is dependent upon their being subject to the act to regulate commerce. It will be seen by references that it applies to "any common carrier engaged in interstate com-

"Whatever ground may exist for officially denied, and it was said that question as to particular carriers bethe general had attacked the insurgents ing subject to the act to regulate comin that province with strong columns marce, it will be seen that their amenability to the act under consideration eral Pando bas arrived at Baire, in They are subject to this statute if they are engaged in interstate comm be by

In granting the order of extr the commissioners say: "It is by upon consideration of the facts that sufficient cause exists for a tension of the period referred or in conformity with the provisions of section 7 of the act, and that the extension rhould be uniform to all the petitioners. It is also believed that an exension of two years is adequate. This attl of course, make it more difficult for some than for others to get ready their equipment within that time; but there is no hardship in this, for the reason that the former have not done all they might have done in the past, to see how extension of the period can be made in some cases and not in others, or for one period in some cases have been the most diligent and putting a premium on the delinquency of

It is not to be understood by anything in the order herein made that by use of that appliance whenever possible.

CHIPPEWAS FOR THE KLONDIKE. A Band of 150 Indians I rom Wiscon-

sin to Go to the Gold Fields. Solon Springs, Wis., Dec. 24.-A queen expedition will leave here in January for the Klondike gold fleids. It will consist of about 150 Chippewa Indians, all of whom live in this neighborhood. They will go under the leadership of a veteran warrior, Running Wolf, who has already been over the overland route which the expedition will take.

Klondikers Retreating to the Coast. Victoria. Dec. M .- News is received from Skagway that John Lindsay, of Olympia, the last man out of Dawson, declares that ,000 men are stampeding eastward.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair: Rising Temperature.

1 General-Appeal for Aid for Starving-Cubs. Attitude of the United States with Regard to China. Acteylene Explodes with Fatal Results.

Railroads Given Two Years to Make Lawful Improvements

- State—A Statement by Mr. Singerly, Stroudsburg Woman Cremated. Local-Sermon by Rabbi Chapman
- Small-Sized Blizzard Visits Scranton. Editorial:

The Markets.

- Comment of the Press. Local-Social and Personal.
- Local-President Sioan Reluctantly Accepts the D. L. & W. Employe's Gift.
- Local-Heliday Business at the Postoffice Was Extensive.
- Almost an Ideal Christmas. s Local-West Side and Suburban.
- Lackawanna County News. 10 Cuban Helligerency. 11 Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. 12 Neighboring County Happenings,

SITUATION

IN CHINA

Attitude of the United States on the Question.

NO DESIRE FOR TERRITORY

But Will Keep a Watchful Eye Out

This Country Has No Desire for Extension of Domains at the Expense of China .- General Understanding Reached Yesterday Will Be Made Known to Foreign Representatives at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 24.-This country's attitude toward what appears to be an effort on the part of the powers of Europe to dismember China was the principal tople of discussion at today's meeting of the cabinet. All the cabinet members were present except Secretary Alger, who is ill at his home. While no formal action was taken in the absence of specific information as to the intention of the powers of Europe, it was determined, as a mem-ber of the cabinet expressed it, "to keep a watchful eye upon the situation as it developed in order that full protection may be given to the interests of the United States in China as guaranteed by our treaties with that

country. No disposition was manifested to participate in an extension of territory at the expense of China. Such a dispositon would be contrary to the hitherro expressed and well understood policy of this government and is not contemplated by the administration. It was determined, however, to protect carefully all interests and privileges which the United States now enjoys in China

The cabinet understanding as to the attitude of the United States in the Chinese question promises to have a material influence on the development of the eastern situation. The diplomats stationed here have eagerly awaited some intimation as to the purposes of this government and the foreign press, notably at London, Berlin and Vienna have echoed the sentiments at those courts that if the United States entered the field, either singly or in coalition with Great Britain Japan, it would prove a material factor in the Chinese question. The general understanding reached today doubtless will be made known to such foreign representatives as desire to sound this government and the information in turn will reach the foreign offices at London, Berlin, St. Petersburg and elsewhere. It will be a disappointment to some extent to China, which has looked to the United States as the nation occupying a disinterested position permitting it to exert a strong influence in staying the dismember-ment of the empire. China has made no advances to this government, however, but has occupied a passive attitude.

The views expressed at the cabinet put an end to any possibility of an Anglo-American - Japanese alliance, such as the foreign cables have suggested.

HOWARD GOULD'S DINNER.

It Will Even Make Lucullus' Mouth Water.

New York, Dec. 24.-Howard Gould Is to give a Christmas dinner at the Holland house. It will surpass in sumptucusness everything that has occurred in the annals of private festivals in years, and its guests will be twelve What the presents will be, those who

remember that Mr. Gould gave a fau, the cost of which was \$80,000, to the beautiful woman who sat near him at Rodney Wanamaker's dinner in Paris last year, hardly dore to imagine. He has selected his guests admirably. Every month at this dinner will be represented by its special fruit-even if that be extremely exotic-and its

special flower, even if this be doomed to death by cold in a moment. Each month will be represented, also, by its special gem, in facepins in scaripins and in other jewels chased by artists. There are also to be selams, which are bouquets that the Orientals made of precious stones that stoke a special language. Twelve persons, six of whom are women, are to give to this

enduring charm.

dinner, which will have a history, its

Oil Stove Explodes. New York, Dec. 31.—The explosion of let-oil stove used for heating purposes in the office of flarwise & Son, dealers in tens-and coffees, today, caused a fire which consumed over \$10,000 worth of property.
The building which is a five-story brick, is ocupied by H. T. Webb & Bro., gauget dealers in teas and coffees, and Barwna

Aged Lady Cremated. Troy, N. Y., Dec. 21.-Mrs. Cathorina Penifeather, 60 years of age, was bucust to death in her apartments in Cohose early today. It is supposed that a lamp exploded while Mrs. Perifection was isleep. The building was hadly damaged

The Herald's Wenther Forecast.

New York, Do. 5.—In the middle states and New England, clear wouther will prevail, with fresh light northwest-erly and westerly winds, saitting in this erly and westerly winds stations in this section to southerly and nearly stationary, followed by slowly racing temperature, and in the lake regions cloudiness and light show which will extend this evening or tonight over the northern districts. On Sunday, partly cloudy to cloudy, warmer weather and brisk southerly to westerly winds will prevail, and on Monday probably partly cloudy and colder, preceded by light show or rain. colder, preceded by light show or rain.