# MR. SINGERLY WILL SETTLE

Presented Plans Consideration of Creditors.

RECORD STOCK TO GO IN

Its Earning Capacity to Be Increased.

The Affairs of the Chestnut Street Trust and Savings Fund Company and the Chestant Street National Bank Considered by a Number of Conferees Selected .- Mr. Singerly Insists That Everything Owned and Controlled by Him Shall Re Promptly Applied to the Settlement of the Liabilities of the Above Concerns.

hiladelphia, Dec. 27 .- The conferent elected to formulate a plan of settlement of the affairs of the Chestnut 6-treet National bank and the Chestnut Street Trust and Savings Fund company, of which William M. Singerly, proprietor of the Record, was president, and which closed their doors last Phursday, tonight presented that plan for the consideration of depositors and

The chief measure suggested is the issuance of Record stock to secure the er ditors.

The plan is prefaced by a statement that 'it must be clear to all concerned that in no case can creditors of the bank, of the Trust company, or the Fulp and Paper company, and of Mr. Singerly himself, realize more than the total value of the assets and rights of these corporations in addition to those of Mr. Singerly individually. No matter how protracted or expensive possible assignments and receiverships may be made, the creditors cannot receive more than the total of all assets less the cost and expenses which will be incidental to their administration, under what will be the most expensive form of such an administration. The fact, however, not at first sight so obvious, though it more and more impresses itself upon us is, that owing to \$240,000 per annum. the neculiar nature of the properties receipt by the creditors of less than | 000,000. the present, and probably of much less

the ultimate value thereof. will continue to give his entire attention to the development of his great Singerly was involved in the failure of paper, the peculiar qualifications which Lewis S. Cox. It is understood that enabled him to build up a property carning, it is stated, in the fiscal year | pledged for this loan." 1896, \$a10,000 net, and earning also, it is said, in the last seven years an average annual net earning of \$243,000, will tation that he had telegraphed a synenable him to do what not merely will be empossible under change in the conditions-namely, to maintain the present great value of the property, but also to increase it.

"This plan will, of course, be greatly aided by Mr. Singerly's insistence that everything possessed and controlled by him shall be promptly, without legal contest, transferred to the manager to be applied to the above purposes."

The plan provides that the capital stock of the Record Publishing company, or of a company to which its as, sets shall be assigned, shall be fixed and issued to an amount necessary to give all creditors in class A, par for their claims in a stock preferred as to dividends and principal which shall bear six per cent, interst cumulative; and all creditors in class B par for their claims in a second six per cent. culmulative stock, also preferred, after the first preferred stock as to dividends and principal; and all creditors in class C par in the common stock of said company. No encumbrance against the Record Publishing company's property is to be created without the assent of the holders of twothirds of the preferred stock of the two classes,

#### CLAIMS IN CLASS A.

Class A shall consist of assenting creditors to the extent to which they may hold liens against the Record Publishing company, or preferred or city claims against the bank or trust company, or persons or corporations willing to advance new moneys to be applied, at the best discretion of the managers, in the furthering and bringing about this re-organization.

Class B shall consist of holders of claims against the Record or claims secured by this stock. In case of any doubt as to the amount of actual existence of a claim as being a valid one against the Record, the managers may finally settle the amount and status of such claim without liability to them selves; or, if their decision be adverse to the status of the claim as one against the publishing company, the holders thereof may insist upon a judicial decision of the status

Class C shall consist of all creditors other than those above specified of any of the parties, a re-organization of whose affairs is now contemplated or may become necessary to the success of this plan. A note is here inserted that there now exists \$1,000,000 of common stock of the Record Publishing company subject to the prior lieu of \$700,000 of mortgages. After a full examination of the property it was recommended, to a syndicate recently formed, that this stock issue be increased by the issuance of \$2,000,000 of preferred stock, making the total issue \$3,000,000, the \$700,000 of mortgages being intended to be paid out of the proceeds secured from such new issue. Under these conditions the \$2,000,000 of preferred stock at par were over subscribed for by the capitalists and banking intersts of Philadelphia.

The managers of the plan are to

make the distribution of the stock assets, \$15,000.

within thirty days after sufficient assents have been received to make the plan operative. In exchange for the stock the claims are to be turned over to the managers, and the stock is to be subject to redemption by Mr. Singerly within six years, upon payment of its par value, with six per cent, interest, less dividends meanwhile declared Any assets obtained by the managers from those having claims against the bank in the distribution of the assets of the bank shall be applied pro rata to the purchase at par of the Record stock held by the owners of assented claims against the bank or their assignees; or if the managers shall think it advisable, to the liquidation of the

bank itself at their option. The same method is to be used with

regard to the Trust company. Mr. Singerly is to deed to the managers all of his other property and estate, to further liquidation, they to have the fullest possible discretion, and without personal liability, although they will act under advice of counsel.

Six per cent, dividends per annum are to be paid so far as possible on the common stock, and no net earnings of the Record shall be devoted to the redemption of the stock until these dividends have been paid. When redemption is made it shan be pro rata amongst the holders of each particular series.

Mr. Singerly shall remain the editor of the Record and shall control its policy; but its business management shall be controlled by a board, of which the managers may be members, to be elected by a voting trust, which shall consist of the managers and of Mr. Sydney F. Tyler, president of the Fourth Street National bank.

The plan is submitted for the approval of the creditors.

The document was agreed upon after an all day conference between Assignees George H. Earle, jr., and Richard Y. Cook; their attorney, John G. Johnson: J. Howard Gendell, Mr. Singerly's attorney, and Director Loeb. of the finance company of rennsylvania. It was afterwards read by Deputy Comptroller of the Currency George

SINGERLY'S LIABILITIES.

M. Coffin.

A local news bureau sent out the following statement this afternoon: From a reliable source we learn that Singerly's liabilities aggregate \$2,650,000, divided as follows:

To Chestnut Street National bank, \$648,000; to Trust company, \$652,000; mertgage on Record building, \$200,000 bends issued by Record company, \$550,-000: borrowed from Wideher, Elkins and Kemble estate, \$450,000; other indebtedness, \$150,000; grand total, \$2,650,-

Mr. Singerly owned 2,600 shares of Chestnut Street National bank stock, all of which is pledged with the trust ompany for loans.

The books of the Record Publishing ompany show that the net earnings for the past seven years aggregated

Mr. Singerly's most tangible asset is to behandled a lack of good judgment the Record Publishing company, which in their management will result in the is valued at probably \$2,500,000 to \$3,-The \$450,000 notes in the schedule of habilities represents money berrowed

"It is believed that if Mr. Singerly from the Widener, Elkins and Kemble estates several years ago when Mr. about \$500,000 Record common stock is

Leputy Comptroller Coffin stated at the conclusion of the conferces' consulopsis of the plan to Comptroller Eckels, with an opinion that it is the only possible course by which the creditors of the bank can expect to realize the largest percentage or probably the entire amount of their claims. "It must remembered," said he, "that the oposition is not made by Comptroller Eckels, but by Mr. Singerly, through his friends and counselors, as the very best they can evolve from a most complicated situation. If the creditors of the bank reject this proposition the only alternative left them is a receivership-the most expensive of all methods of liquidation, with a certainty of loss of a greater or less portion of their claims. With this knowledge of the alternatives presented, I trust the creditors of the bank will decide to accept the proffer made to the largest possible extent.'

#### SIGNS OF GOOD TIMES.

The Rate of Interest Is Gradually Growing Lower in the Great Business Centers.

New York, Dec. 27 .- With the announce ment of the dividends to be paid next bonth by the various savings banks of this city there is a general tendency to pay a lower rate of interest than here-tofore. A few years ago practically all the older banks were paying interest at 4 per cent, per annum, but gradually this has been changed so that next year interest will be 3½ per cent. President Mc-Mann, of the Emigrant Industrial Say-ings bank, said today: "Conditions are such now that the various banks are not earning as much as a few years ago, and consequently it is impracticable to pay a rate of interest that would perhaps tend to reduce the surplus. The tendency is even toward a lower rate, say 3 per ent. not this year, or even next, per-caps, but eventually. Most of the a per-cent, government bonds have matured and but a few years can clapse before they are all redeemed. While banks held these bonds it was possible to pay 4 per cent. but now in taking care of our new mainess it is not possible for a bank to are more than 3% per cent, on its captal. Money on call is at present very cheap, and there must be, of necessity, a retronchment of some kind. Real estate annot be counted on too strongly. o day we cannot get in some instances nore than 44 per cent, on the very best onds and mortgages.

President J. H. Rhoades, of the Green-tich Savings bank, said this was a general feeling, especially up the state, that under present conditions of investment and returns 4 per cent, was too high, and undoubtedly the bankers would welcome iny general movement to reduce the rate indeed. Mr. Rhoads had been asked to end his influence in this direction act that railroad could refund then onds at 3½ per cent, showed apparently hat savings banks were in many instances giving a higher rate of interest han conditions warranted. Mr. Rhoadea thought that ultimately all savings banks would reduce their rates to 3% per cent.

#### Shoe Dealers Fail.

New York, Dec. 27.-The Royal Shoe company, retail shoe dealers, have as signed to Leo Levy. Liabilities, \$10,000

### THE SCARCITY OF FOOD IN DAWSON

Conflicting Reports as to the Winter's Supply.

MEN MUST SUFFER FROM HUNGER

Unless Food is Taken from the Coast the Situation Will Be Serious. Travelers from Skaguay and Dyea Report Passing Snowbound Gold Seekers .- Many Well Provisioned. Bogus Canadian Officials.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.-Among the massengers of the steamer Rosalie. which has arrived here from Skaguay and Dyea, Alaska, were six men who recently left Dawson City, bringing advices up to November 2. The men are Frank Balline, John Lindsay, Thomas Story, R. G. Wynn, W. B. King and P. J. Helland.

Conflicting statements as to the food situation in Dawson are made by these men. Lindsay asserts with great positiveness that want already exists at Dawson and that unless food is taken into the camp from the coast, men will suffer from hunger.

Palline, Wyrne and Holland say that there is more alarm outside conerning the Dawson people than is felt injuries which resulted mortally. by the residents of that place. They agree that there is no food to be bought in Dawson except from those who are found coming out of the country with more grub than they can use on the way up the river. They, however, expect that some men will be put on short rations. The exodus of men from Dawson to Fort Yuken and to points on the coast materially relieves the situation at Dawson.

Between Pelly River and Dyea the party passed hundreds of camps where snow-bound and ice-bound Klondikers have camped for the winter. Many of them were well equipped with provisions and by paying \$2 per pound it was possible for them to procure flour and other necessaries.

From Five Fingers the Yukon is a frozen mass of ice boulders, running as high as twelve feet, blocking the canyon from wall to wall and making travel difficult. This, it is asserted, will have to be cut through by government or other relief expeditions that expect to reach Dawson from the coast and the belief expressed by Balline was that this task would practically make futile almost any effort put forth by the government at Washington to relieve the American miners in the Klondike.

Reports from Skaguay and Dyea brought down by the Rosalie are to the elect that swindlers operating un-der the guise of Canadian officials are fleecing the new-comers at Lake Linderman, demanding payment for duty and giving a printed receipt.

## CANADA AND THE KLONDIKE.

Minister Sifton's Suspiciously Prompt Co-operation in Relief Work.

government will co-operate undoubtedly with the United States for sends a mining plant. He had also told him, ing a relief expedition to the Klondike | according to Mr. Bowles, that the note country. Last week Sceretary Alger of the war department decided that he | ness way, would go to Canada to confer with the authorities about the matter, but his health is so poor that he sent a letter instead. The letter was sent to Clifford Siften, Canadian minister of the interlor, and Mr. Sifton has replied that his government feels that it ought to cooperate with the United States in this matter and that he will be in Washington this evening to confer with Sec-

retary Alger about the expedition. This remarkable courtesy and promptness from Mr. Sifton causes some wonder in Washington, and the question of what he really is after is being asked. It is probable that he comes hither with designs for new diplomatic negotiations up his sleeve.

Culy a short time ago Mr. Sifton addressed a gathering at Victoria, B. C., and our consul at that place, in a report to the state department, thus describes what happened: "Mr. Sifton, naturally desirous of pleasing his aulience, declared that the boundary line between Alaska and Beltish Columbia. when rightly settled, would include some important parts now n the possession of the United States and gave an outline of plans now in progress to get an all-Canadian route via Stickeen river and the railroad project connected therewith. His remarks, critical to the United States, were received with loud applause by the audience."

#### DEATH OF A HEROINE.

Mrs. Lizzie Gallagher Fatally Burned While Resening Her Children.

New York, Dec. 27.-Mrs. Lizzie Gal-agher was burned to death last night at her apartments in Brooklyn in her efforts to save her children. The baby had pulled the cloth from the table, upsetting the keresene tamp. Mrs. Gallagher's clothes caught fire, but she devoted her efforts to rescuing her little children. Covered with burning oil she carried her bree little ones to safety and then runneighbor's bedroom rolled hereif in blankets. It was too late, however, as, burned from head to foot, she died soon after

reaching the hospital to which she was

Queen Mine Closed.

Negauhee, Mich., Dec. 27.—The Queen mine closed down today for an indefinite time, throwing 250 men out of employment. In case the comounty can inducfree-owners to reduce the royalty, operations probably will be resumed, other-wise nothing will be done until the shipping season opens in the spring. oyalty at present is 25 cents per ton.

Shot flis Uncle.

Bracerbridge, Ont., Dec. 27.-While soy about 15 years of age, name Frankun, was driving a team on Tuesday he 21st, to Stisted, Ont., he met friving. A quarrel ensued and the boy not Rankin in the leg. Rankin died ves-Young Frankun has been arrested.

Electric Company Consolidates. St. Louis, Dec. 27.—The Missouri Elec-ric Light and Power company, and the Edison Electric company, two of the largest concerns of their kind in the city, were consolidated today. The new con-cern will, it is stated, usue \$100,000 of gold bearing bonds.

## LINGO GETS TWENTY YEARS.

Eli Shaw Indicted for the Murder of His Mother and Grandmother.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 27.—Francis Lingo, colored, was today sentenced to twenty years, flye years on each of the two charges of forgery on which he was convicted last Friday, and ten years on the charge of attempted abduction, for which he was tried and convicted today. A fine of \$3,000 was also imposed, making the full penalty of the law for the three

Lingo, who has figured prominently in two murder mysteries, was arrested charged with enticing Miss Katherine Berry, of Philadelphia, to New Jersey by means of a forged note and a forged order on the Merchantville postoffice.

The Camden county grand jury today foud a true bill against Ell Shaw, who was charged with the murder of his oother and grandmother.

#### INDICTMENTS DISMISSED.

Employes of the Manhattan Relieved of the Charge of Mausianghter.

New York, Dec. 27.-Judge McMahon, it court of general sessions, today, on recommendation of Assistant District Attorney Bell, dismissed the indictments for maslaughter found against George E. McCoy and Charles E. Foley, employes of the Manhattan Elevated Rallway company, who were accused of killing Charles E. Weber, a horse deal-er, in the Ninth station of the Third Avethe L road on the night of February 4.
It was alleged that Weber, who was in toxicated at the time, forced a quarrel with McCoy and Foley. In the fight Weber fell on the platform and received

#### HE SWINDLED RICHARD BOWLES

William Griffiths, Who is Accused of Queer Dealings, at Denver, is Arrested in New York.

New York, Dec. 27.-According to a dispatch received at police headquarters, William H. Griffiths was arrested to-day in Denver by a detective serfrom this city. Griffiths charged with having swindled Richard Bowles, president of the Denver Mining exchange out of \$14,016, on November 26, 1892. An indictment was found against Griffiths on October 19 of this year. The delay was due to the

difficulty in getting witnesses.

Griffiths is charged with having met Bowles in New York and with inveigling him into paying the money on a note that he claimed had been endorsed by L. B. Coc, of Leadville, Col. Griffiths it is claimed, represented himself as the agent of the Colorado Mining company, of Yuma, Ariz., of which Coe was an official. He showed Mr. Bowles the note, endorsed by Coe, and stated that Coe was good for much more, as the company was in sound condition and was sure to be a good investment. Howicz gave him the money on the note.

Bowles afterward learned from Coe known as an accommodation note, He Cambria and Blair, except lodge 494; note and that the company had twelve of Arizona and sixty-four acres in Washington, Dec. 25.-The Canadian | another with irrigating canals and all necessary engines and appliances for dey, of Eric, for Eric, Marion Park Da-

before the proper authorities and an lodges 429 and 534, and for lodge No indictment followed. Griffiths will be brought to New York.

#### FOUNDERED IN A GALF.

The Schooner Balsora L. Sherman Lost Off High and Light.

Salem. Mass., Dec. 27.-The two-masted chooner Ernst T. Lee, Captain Rawding, schooler Ernst T. Lee, Captain Rawding, of South River, N. J., bound for Boston, with a lead of clay, safled into Salem har-bor this morning with the crew of five men of the scheoner Balsona L. Sherman, aptain Plummer, also from South River, N. J., for Boston, or, board.

The crew of the Sherman said their ves foundered on Saturday night off Highland Light.

Captain Plummer, of the wrecked hooner, says that on Saturday evening the vessel sprang a leak. She was a mass of ice and the wind had become a gale, schooner's sails were blown away and while the crew were endeavoring to work the pumps the vessel's bow sank into the water and before the captain and the erew could secure any of their effects she went to the bottom. The men had barely time to jump into the ship's boat at the stern and pull away.

### KID CHALLENGES FITZ.

The Conqueror of Creedon is Now Looking for Larger Game.

New York, Dec. 27.-Kid McCoy, the conqueror of Creedon, Issued a challenge to Fitzsimmons today for a finish fight to is middleweight championship of the orld. The young middleweight an-ounced that he has backing for \$10,000 world. and will post a forfeit as soon as called upon to do so.

He desires to meet the present cham-pion for a purse and a side stake of at least \$5,000. McCoy at once communicated with Day Stuart, the promoter of the Carson light last spring, and offered to take Corbett's ce in case the Californian fails to sign

articles with Fitzsimmons. "Even if Corbett is willing to fight. declared McCoy in his letter to Stuart, "I believe that I am outified to the first chance. Corbett is a beaten man I have not yet been defeated. Fitzsim-mons should take me on first and deal with Corbett afterward."

#### TRAGIC END OF MORAST.

Attempts to Murder His Wife and Then Commits Suicide.

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 27.-George A. Me rast, aged 56 years, tonight shot his wife Annie, and then blew out his brains. The woman will recover. The couple were Germans and came here from Colorado a year ago. Mrs. Morast conducted a dress making school. They quarrelled and sen-arated a week ago, and tonight he called to attempt a reconcillation. She ordered him from the house and the shooting oc-

Morast is said to have belonged to veli-to-do family of farmers,

Big Fire in London. London, Dec. 27.-A fire broke out to-light in the dry goods store of Messrs. Jermyn & Perry, High street, Kings Lynn (Lynn Regis), Norfelk. The local fire engines collapsed and the flames spread rapidly, soon destroying a number of the adiaining business houses. The total damage is estimated at £100,000

#### MASONIC GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS

Officers Installed at the Annual Sessions of 1897.

MANY APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE

At the Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Philadelphia, a Large Number of District Deputy Grand Masters Are Appointed.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.-The grand lodge Free and Accepted Masons held their annual session to-day, instaled the grand officers recently eleted, and heard the grand master's appointments for the ensuing year. The officers installed were grand master, William J. Kelley: deputy grand master, Henry W. Williams; senior grand warden, George W. Wagner: junior grand warden, Edgar T. Tennis, grand treasurer, Thomas R. Patton; grand secretary, William A. Sinn.

A large number of appointments were made. Among the grand chap-lains named are Revs. Cortland T. Whitehead, of Pitsburg; Benjamin F Delo, of Clarion; John N. MacGonigle, of Oll City: Charles M. Stock, of Hanover; David S. Monroe, of Altoona; Grafton T. Reynolds, of Pittsburg; Joseph W. Miles, of Pittsburg; Thomas B. Angell, of Harrisburg; Kennedy C. Hayes, of Meadville; William B. Chalfont, of Chester, and Alexa:nder H.

Spangler, of Mifflintown. These district grand masters were appointed:

Andrew J. Kauffman, of Columbia, for Lancaster county; William L. Gor-gas, of Harrisburg, for Dauphin and part of Northumbberland east and south of the Susquehanna river; B. Latrobe Maurer, of Chambersburg, Cumberland, Franklin and Fulton; G. Henry Shirk, of Hanover, for York and Adams; William J. Transue, of Portland, for Northampton and Mon-; Laird H. Barber, of Mauch Chunk for Carbon and Lehigh and lodge No in Luzerne county; Matthew M. MacMillan, of Mahanoy City, for Schuylkill; William D. White, of Wilkes-Barre, for Luzerne, lodge 327, and for lodge 462 in Columbia county; Thomas F. Wells, of Scranton,

for Lackawanna and lodge No. 341 in Wyoming county; Elbert P. Jones, of Ariel, for Wayne and Pike; David C. Alay, of New Milford, for Susquehanna and lodge No. 428 of Wyoming county; Charles E. Riggs, of Canton. for Bradford and Sullivan and lodges 248 and 263 in Wyoming county; Aaron R. Niles, of Wellsboro, for Tioga; John Hayes, of Williamsport, for Lycoming and Union and for lodge 401 in North imberland county; Exra C. Doty, of Midlintown, for Perry, Juniata and that the note was simply what is Mifflin; Boyd D. Steel, of Altoona; for had made it out simply as a favor to Wilson I. Fleming, of Beliefonte, for had stated that it was the company's Jefferson county; Charles L. Wheeler, Warren, for Warren, Forest and Venango, except lodge 552; David A. Sawvis, of Meadville, for Crawford; Walter D. Clark, of New Castle, for Lawhad been received in a regular busi-ness way, dith, of Kittannig, for Armstrong, Bowles at once placed the matter Butler, Clarion and Jefferson, except 552 in Venango county; James W. Brown, of Pittsburg, for that part of Allegheny outh of the Allegheny and Ohio rivers; James W. McDowell, of Washington, for Washington and Greene, except lodge 461 in Washington county; Irvin McFarland, of Indiana, for Westmoreland and Indiana, except lodge 562 in Westmoreland county John D. Carr, of Uniontown, for Fayetet and Somerset, and for lodge 461 in Washington and lodge 562 in Westmoreland county; William H. Stack, of Allegheny, for that part of Allegheny north of the Allegheny and Ohio riv Clinton, Elk and Cameron, and for Elliott, of Huntingdon, for Huntingdon, and Bedford and for lodge 494 in Blair county; John W. Farnsworth, of Danville, for Montour, Snyder and lodges 256 and 404 in Northumberland ounty: William B. Broomall, of Chester, for Delaware, except lodge 581, and lodges 353, 475 and 545 in Chester county; Ulysses S. Strouss, of Beaver, for Beaver and lodge No. 429 in Butler county; Samuel Hamilton, of Braddock, for ledges 375, 519, 526, 548, 582, 583, 590, 612 and 61 in Allegheny county south of the Allegheny and Ohio riv

FIVE PASSENGERS INJURED. A Wreck on the Memphis Railroad at

Liberat, Mo. Liberal, Mo., Dec. 27.—A wreck occurred at the Memphis road's depot at this place last night. Local train No. 46 broke in last night. Local train No. 46 broke in two on the down grade coming into town, and the two sections came together in front of the station. Five persons were injured, two seriously. The injured are: Miss Tillie Smith, of Liberal; Mrs. Shel-ton, Colonel Jesse Poore, of Golden City, and Floyd Quintard. The conductor and one brakeman were slightly injured.

Turkey's Explanation.

Constantinople, Dec. 27,-The Turkish government replying to the representa-tions of Greece, has explained that the firing upon the Greek gunboat Actium by the Turks at Prevess on Saturday last as the vessel was leaving the gulf of Ambracia was due to a misunderstanding

Death of Paymaster Hess.

New York, Dec. 27.—George F. Hess, died today at his residence in Filzabeth, N. J., aged 76: Mr. Hess was for many years paymaster of the Central Railroad and about a year ago was retired by the company on a pension. He known throughout New Jersey. He was well

Clothier Assigns. Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—Louis Leon, clothier, assigned today to denjamin Sal-berg. The assets are \$16,000 and the lia-bilities. \$30,000. Prior to assigning chattel mortgages were filed for \$19,210 to secur promissory notes.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Dec. 27.—Cleared: Nomadic Liverpool. Sailed: Rotterdam, Rotter-dam. Havre—Arrived: La Gascogne New York. Gibraltar—Arrived: Ems

New York, and proceeded for Naples

#### BIG PLUM FOR "CHOLLY."

W. Keller Appointed Com missioner of Charities !

New York, Dec. 27.—John W. Keller, the "Cholly Knickerbocker" of the Journal and Advertiser, has been appointed by Mayor Van Wyck commissioner of the department of charities at a salary of \$7,500 a year Mr. Keller was formerly editor of the Recorder.
Colonel Asa Bird Gardner, district attorney-cloct, has selected his assistants. They are John F. McIntyre, Colonel Robert Townsend, Henry W. Unger, ex-Congressman James J. Walsh, Moses Hermann, ex-assemblyman, and James ditor of the Recorder

nann, ex-assemblyman, and James Brady, a brother of Senator Grady. It was John F. McIntyre who resigned assistant district attorney to George Proad and defended Ward J. Ivory was charged with conspira ause dynamite explosions in Great Bri

The Democratic members of the board of alderines held a caucus in the city council chambers today to select offi-cers of the board. What is known as the Croker state was adopted as follows: Fliomas F. Woods, president of the beard William 11. Gledhill, vice president; Michael F. Blake, cierk, and Robert Muh, chairman of the firance committee. Mr. Woods is a borseshoer, and has not held

#### RUSSIA'S LATEST MOVE.

Has Taken Possession of Corea and

office before.

the Gulf of St. Lawrence. San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Eli T. Shepherd, who has recently returned from China, where he held an official position, commenting upon the reported occupation of Kin-Chau by Russia, said today:

The seigure of the port shows that Rusa has practically taken possession of orea, Manchuria and the Guif of Lau Tung, and possesses a significance which will cause consternation among the diplo-mats in the world. Its situation is such that its possession practically places Rus-Arthur

#### FATAL ENDING OF A PRISON JOKE

Henry McCallum Hangs Himself for Fun and Finishes with the Coroner. Died in a Few Minutes.

New York, Dec. 27.-Two prisoners, Frank Barbain, an Italian, and Harry McCallum, colored, atetmpted suicide at about the same time in the peniten- hoped by the department of state that tlary at Caldwell, N. J., to-day. Me- the American people will come to the Callum, who attempted suicide as a relief and that promptly by subscripjoke, is dead. Barbain will recover, tions of money, clothing and supplies Barbain, who has been ill and des- of various kinds. pondent for some time past, fastened a strap to the bars of his cell and hanged himself, but he was discovered by a keeper before life was extinct, and button has been provided by the state

esuscitated, Barbain admitted that he department, and Consul General Lee had tried to kill himself because he has undertaken with the aid of the was ill and tired of living. When the excitement caused by Barcain's attempted suicide had subsided ation of distress by distribution of the somewhat, McCallum announced to his gifts of the American people. One line prison mates that he would play a joke of steamers plying between New You on the keepers. A few minutes later a and Havana-the Ward line-it is say convict, in a cell adjoining McCallum's has undertaken to forward any co heard the latter's cell door rattle, fol- butions of goods to General Lee Griffiths. Howles said that Griffiths Centre and Clearfield and lodge 435 in lowed by a low groan. A shout of Havana, and it is believed that warning brought the keeprs to the American railroads will do their McCailum was found hanging by carrying the goods to th acres of rich mining land in one part except lodge 566; Caleb C. Thompson of from the door. He had tied one end The Spanish authorities have cons of a strap to the bars and the other od to remit all duties on relief suppl about his neck, both knees under him so forwarded. The state departm and allowed his full weight to hang on directs that they be sent direct the strap. McCallum showed no signs | Consul General Lee, either money of life when the keeprs reached his draft or check or goods, side, though he had not been hanging more than a couple of minutes. The the state department just what body was carried down stairs and a wanting at this juncture and his I physician summoned. The physician is as follows: worked hard over McCallum but could not save his life. The doctor said that the strap must have pressed against children; medicines for fevers, incluthe man's jugglar vein in such a way as to render him unconscious almost instantly. McCallum was serving a sixty days' sentence for larceny and was booked for release next Thursday.

## TOREADOR'S ESCAPE.

Tornas Mazzaltini Tossed and Gored

by a Bull in Mexico. City of Mexico, Dec. 27.—The last of the series of bull fights by Mazzaltini was ers; George R. McCrea, of Renovo, for given yesterday afternoon and was at-Clinton. Elk and Cameron, and for tended by 7,000 people. Tomas Mazzal-loge 566 in McKean county; Alexander that escaped narrowly with his life. He was tossed by an infuriated buil and gored in the hand. Ten horses were killed and six bulls were slain. The night was not up to the usual standard. Bryan and Mrs. Bryan arrived in Calumbia, except lodge 462, and for Guadalajara yesterday afternoon and lodges 256 and 404 in Northumberland were received by the representatives of government and by the Ameri-

#### Steamer In a Blaze.

can residents.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 27.—The fire in the atton cargo of the British steamer Lamerts Point, Captain Humphreys, from Norfolk, Va., for Liverpool, which ar-rived here after forty hours' battling with afterwards, it is further alleged, libelthe flames, resists all efforts to ex-tinguish it. Two tugs and several en-gines of the city fire department are now umping water into the blaze.

Wheel Company Fails.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 27.—The Over-nan Wheel company, of Chicage Falls, with agencies in all the principal cities of the country, made an assignment today President H. H. Howman, of the pringfield National bank. Liabilities. \$139,000; assets, \$1,318,000. The shops were losed tonight, throwing several hundred employes out of work.

Sargent Not a Candidate.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 27.—Grand Master Sar-ent, of the Firemen's Brotherhood, who as just returned from Washington, denied that he is a candidate for interstate ommerce commissioner, and fears that uch a report may east reflection on his motives in opposing Judge Paxson. He ays the brotherhoods are pushing no can-lidates, but are strongly against Paxson,

## THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair: Variable Winds

General-Plans for Adjusting Mr. Singerly's Difficulties.
Profound Distress Prevails Among Thousands in Cuba. Officers of the Masonic Grand Lodge,

Serious Situation in Dawson City. Local-Father Sceks His Absent Son, Social Events.

Local-Six Men Seriously Burned by Gas in Bellevue Minc. Editorial.

The Markets.

Comment of the Press. Local-Resignation of School Control-

ler Wormser. Local-West Side and Suburban

Lackawanna County News. Neighboring County News.

# **CUBANS ARE STARVING**

#### The Most Profound Distress Prevails Among Thousands.

PRESIDENT SO INFORMED

Facts from Undoubted Sources of Information.

The Sum of \$5,000 Received to Date. Department Is In Hope That the American People Will Come to the Relief of the Suffering -- Consul Lee Sends a List of Articles Needed.

Washington, Dec. 27 .- The most pro-

found distress prevails among many thousands of people in Cuba. Starvation not only impends but is an actual fact. The president has been informed of the facts from sources whose credibility cannot be doubted. He has sa in a position to defy the world."

St. Petersburg. Dec. 27—The Russians have occupied Kin-Chau, north of Port to the attention of the American peo gone to the length of his constitutional power in calling the state of affairs ple. The state department has used all of its authority to mitigate the conditions there and the letter to the public sent out by Secretary Sherman the day before Christmas pointed out the way to further alleviate the miserable condition of the reconcentrades. Today the sum of \$5,000 was received by Secretary Day from certain charitably disposed persons whose names are not disclosed, and this sum will be remitted by telegraph tomorrow morning to Consul General Lee for distribution among the most pressing causes. It is

> The newspapers are expected to lend renerous aid in corrying forward this movement. The machinery for distri-American consular office in Cuba, to give personal attention to the allevi-

Consul General Lee tonight can

Summer clothing, second hand otherwise, principally for women a ing a large proportion of quinine; has bread, cornmeal, bacon, rice, lard, p tatoes, beans, peas, salt fish, princ pally cod fish; any canned goods, a pecially condensed milk for the stary ing children. Money will also be use ful to secure nurses, medicines an for many other necessary purposes.

#### BLANCO'S BANQUET.

Havana, Dec. 27 .- After the banquet given by Captain General Blanco t the officers of the German schoolshi Stein last night the German officers accompanied by the German consul here, and the adjutants of the captain general and the Spanish admiral in command at this port, attended a performance at the theater, where they occupied the boxes of Marshal Blanco, and of the governor of Havana.

The police have arrested on board the steamer Washington, Senor Barocto, fermer provincial deputy, who is aleged to have escaped from Spanish officers who had been ordered by General Weyler to arrest him on the ed the former captain general while he (Baroeto) was in New York.

### LUETGERT'S BIRTHDAY.

Alleged Wife Murderer Wents a Rose in His Buttonhole and Smiles. Chicago, Dec. 27.—Today was Luctgert's fifty-second birthday, and white his trial was in session before Judge Gary he were a rose in his button hole to celebrate the event. He was in a good humor and frequently laughed as Mrs. Agatha Tosch teld of damaging statements he had made to her. She was on the stand nearly all day and was followed by C. Clark and

Swan Nelson, clerks, through whom Luctgert purchased the potash and the ar-John Binik, the last witness of the day, old of meeting Luctgort in Touch's sapolice wanted of his father, and also urged the son to tell the old watchman to come and see Luetgert. It was through the son that Luctgert went to the watch-man's house on the occasion when Kling-er was under the bed and heard the conersation. Tomorrow the state will begin the identification of the rings.

Snilors Missing. Ashtabula, O., Dec. 2.-Oscar Young ind Gus Anderson, Swedish lishermen, hired a sail boat last Wednesday for a trip on the lake. They have not yet re-turned, and its believed both have been

The Herald's Weather Forceast.

New York, Dec. S.-In the middle tates and New England, today, colder weather and fresh northwesterly to northerly winds will prevail, the winds shifting generally in this section to northeasterly and easterly, followed by local snow in the western district. On Wednesday partly cloudy weather will prevail with slowly rising temperature in the afternoon and fresh easterly winds shifting to southerly and probaly fol-lowed by snow in the afternoon or even-