

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 28, 1900.

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CHINA'S REPLY IS RECEIVED

The Emperor Objects to at Least Two of the Demands of the Powers.

WANTS TO RETAIN FORTS

Opposed to Reduction of Fortifications and Permanent Legation Guards in Peking—Believes the Latter a Menace to the Court—Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang to Communicate with His Majesty Again Before Presenting His Answer to Ministers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese peace commissioners, have heard from the Emperor, Kwang-Su. Prince Ching called on Li Hung Chang for consultation and remained for more than one hour. The Chinese cabinet, however, strenuously to reducing the forts and also to allowing permanent legation guards, which, it seems to believe, could be made sufficiently large at any time desired in order to menace the court itself.

After the conference it was decided to hold further communication with the court before seeing the ministers. The British have increased their garrison at Yang-Tsun to a hundred men, with horses and three guns.

A flying column of 1,600 cavalry will scour the country between Tien-Tsin and Yang-Tsun, in obedience to Field Marshal Waldersee's orders, to be on the alert, in view of the French report of an engagement with 2,500 Chinese troops.

Col. Tullock's regiment will return to destroy the towns he recently held. That action is due to the discovery that a number of Boxers unquestionably made the towns their headquarters. The British authorities say they do not expect serious trouble from the Boxers, mainly because the latter lack arms. Fortunately the Chinese government is afraid to rebel against the dynasty. Otherwise the danger might have been serious.

British soldiers have been found dead outside the Temple of Heaven with bullets in their heads. The murders, it is believed, were committed by Chinese.

A detachment of the Sixth United States Cavalry, Ninth Infantry and Fifth Artillery will leave tomorrow to investigate the reported burning of native Christians by Boxers, as reported by the Rev. Mr. Kelly, the Presbyterian missionary.

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GATHERING OF WISE PEOPLE.

They Attend the Congress of the Archaeological and Philological Societies at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Learned men and women from every educational center of the United States gathered at the University of Pennsylvania today to attend the opening session of the congress of the Archaeological and Philological societies of America. Seven distinct societies were represented and close upon 300 delegates were at the university when the first sessions were called to order. Among the organizations which were represented were represented 3,000 men and women interested in all the branches of original research in the American Oriental society, which met at the university last year; the Archaeological Institute, the American Philological Association, the Modern Language Association, the Dialectic Society, the Society for Biblical Archaeology and the Spelling Reform Association.

All the societies held separate meetings this morning and completed arrangements for the work mapped out for the congress, which held its first session this afternoon.

SMALL WAR IN DUTCH GUINEA

Raid on the British Possessions Reported—Forty Shot or Drowned.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—The steamer Miowaba brings advices of a raid on the British possessions by the Tugeri tribe from Dutch New Guinea. A squad of police met the pirates from Tugeri at the mouth of the Moorhead river. A fight on the water ensued, the police capturing or sinking five junks. No prisoners were taken, but it is estimated that forty were shot or drowned. There were no casualties among the government forces.

Afterward the Tugeri made another raid on the Moorhead villages, killing fifteen persons. Six months ago the tribe concluded terms of peace with the British.

LAWYERS' CLUB IS ORGANIZED.

Bedford Springs Selected as the Next Place of Meeting.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—About fifty prominent lawyers from all sections of the state met at the Lawyers' club here today for the midwinter session of the committees of the Pennsylvania State Bar association. The executive committee transacted considerable important business. Bedford Springs was selected as the place for the next annual meeting and the date decided upon were June 25, 26 and 27. Much time was devoted to the arrangement of the programme for the annual meeting and the papers to be read on that occasion. The annual banquet of the state was also discussed and the meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock.

The executive committee officially approved the action of Chairman Victor Gullion in giving assent to the association's co-operation with the Lawyers' club in the celebration of "John Marshall Day," which occurs February 24 and commemorates the one hundredth anniversary of the seating of that famous jurist on the bench.

A report was made to the executive committee from the committee on legal history and biography, which report showed that steps had been taken that will result in the gradual compilation of legal history of the bench and bar of the state. These histories will be presented in groups of counties, and it is probable that Crawford and Allegheny and Bedford and Washington will be compiled in time for the next annual report. The executive committee appropriated \$500 for the use of the historical committee and the compilations have been placed in charge of Burton A. Kunkle, who has been assisting J. Hampton Carson on the Supreme Court history.

FIRE IN LONDON DOCKS.

Five Large Sheds in the East India Section Destroyed—Shipping Saved.

London, Dec. 27.—One of the most serious fires in the east end of London during the last ten years, broke out today in the East India docks. Five immense sheds filled with goods, including a thousand bales of hemp and quantities of jute, were consumed.

The shipping in the neighborhood and other warehouses were saved by the great exertions of the firemen.

Accused of Murder.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Anna Rathbun and John F. Hart were arrested tonight by direction of Coroner Mis, and held without bail under suspicion of complicity in the murder of William Rathbun, the woman's husband. Rathbun died from poisoning and the arrests are said to have resulted from discrepancies which have appeared between the statements of Mrs. Rathbun and that since the coroner's investigation was begun.

Arrested for Murder.

Ironton, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Epitaph Noble, a son of Alex. Noble, on-law and two grandsons, were arrested today, charged with the murder of George W. Noble. The murder of Noble occurred last August. He was beaten to death with clubs and his body lay in his farm yard, where hogs ate a portion of his head. Noble was a stockman.

Valley Men Resume.

Pittston, Pa., Dec. 27.—The 2,500 employees of the Lehigh Valley Coal company at the Heidelberg, Dorrance, Prospect and Franklin collieries went back to work today after being out on strike since last Friday. The men struck because they were not receiving their pay every two weeks. They have been assured that the company will hereafter pay wages semi-monthly.

TESTIMONY IN THE BOOZ CASE

An Unusually Large Attendance of Spectators at West Point Yesterday.

EVIDENCE OF MR. PHILLIPS

The So-Called Congressman Did Not Try to Save His Son from Hazing. Horace C. Booz Gives Evidence in Refutation of the Statement Made About His Brother, the Victim of Hazers.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 27.—There was an unusually large attendance of spectators at both the morning and afternoon sessions of the military court of inquiry at the military academy today. The fact that two witnesses from distant points would be called upon to testify was the cause of increased interest. One of these was Horace C. Booz, a civil engineer, of Buffalo, and P. O. Phillips, of East Cleveland, who was heralded as a congressman, but he told the press representative that he was never elected to congress. The testimony given by the former was principally a refutation of the statement made about his brother, former Cadet Oscar L. Booz, of Bristol, who died recently.

Several of the cadet witnesses during the progress of the investigation accused Booz of having shown cowardice in his fight with Cadet Keller in August, 1898, and they also accused him of untruthfulness.

Instructor of Mathematics Lieutenant Coe in his testimony last week stated that Booz was not possessed of sufficient mental capacity to pass the necessary examination at this academy. His brother stated today that this was not so, as the manner in which the former cadet had passed his examinations at the preparatory school in Bustleton, Pa., was sufficient to prove that Oscar was possessed of sufficient intellect. On the other hand, he said Oscar was not untruthful and he was anything but a coward.

Principal Reason.

Mr. Phillips' principal reason for appearing before the court was to show that he had not visited the academy in 1898 for the purpose of saving his son from being hazed. He stayed here for about ten or eleven days in August of that year, shortly after the fight between Booz and Keller had taken place. Mr. and Mrs. Booz stopped at the same hotel with him, but neither of them had seen Cadet Breth so far as he had been hazed. He said that he had seen Cadet Breth so far as he had been hazed, but one thing he believed Breth was pretending prostration.

There still remain thirteen cadets of the first class to be examined. They have all been away on Christmas furlough and have not yet returned. Some of the fourth class men will also be examined, and T. J. Smith, of Carbondale, Ill., a former cadet, is expected to be on hand tomorrow to tell what he knows of the hazing practiced at the academy. It is possible that the court will get through here by Saturday.

NOT TO BOOM BRYAN.

Mr. Walsh States That the Meeting of National Democrats Is Not in Interest of Any Candidate.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Charles A. Walsh, of Iowa, secretary of the Democratic national committee, today declared today to assist in arranging for the meeting of the national executive committee in January.

Regarding a report circulated to the effect that the present organization is planning to make W. J. Bryan the presidential candidate of 1904, he said: "There is no foundation for such a story. As the last address sent out by the committee says: 'It is not designed to advance the interests of any man or faction.' That is what the organization declared and that is all I care to say about the matter."

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Joshua D. Baker, who for five years past has been manager of the Hotel Lafayette in this city, died today following an operation for appendicitis. He was taken ill Sunday. Thirty-five years ago he began his hotel career in Harrisburg. For the past twenty-five years he had been associated with various hotels in this city. He was 54 years old and was born in Perry county, Pa. He leaves a widow and two children.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—John Howard Jones, who from 1888 to 1893 was agent for the Northwestern Associated Press in Chicago and for the greater part of that time agent for the Western and California Associated Press, died at his home in New York. He was 54 years old and was born in Chicago in 1847. He was a considerable estate.

London, Dec. 28.—Mr. Edmund Morison Wimperley, vice president of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, died.

London, Dec. 28.—Miss Mariott (Mrs. Alice Edger), the actress, is dead. She made an American tour about 1870.

London, Dec. 27.—Dr. Ulysses Higgins Brown, an oculist of Syracuse, N. Y., was found dead this morning in an arcaway on West Forty-sixth street.

PENNSYLVANIA GRADUATES

Sixth Annual Convention Held at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The sixth annual convention of the National Federation of Graduate Clubs met today at the University of Pennsylvania. The clubs represented at the convention comprised the graduates from the following universities and colleges: Columbia, Rattcliffe, Cornell, Chicago, Bryn Mawr, Western Reserve, Clark Brown, Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Kansas, Barnard, New York University, Iowa, Columbian and the University of Pennsylvania. Each club was represented by three delegates, but there were many members from each club present at the opening session.

Horace Howard Furness, of Pennsylvania, delivered the address of welcome. The morning session was devoted to the reading of reports of the officers and executive committee of the federation.

In the afternoon, Mr. Ewald, of New York, read a report prepared by Prof. O. F. Lewis, of Maine, on the status of American students in foreign universities. Dr. H. S. Merrett, of Harvard, read a paper on "The Teaching Professor," and in a paper on "Where Does Graduate Work Begin?" was read by Miss Laird, of Bryn Mawr.

FEMALE PRISONERS ASSAULT MATRON

Twenty Maddened Women Create a Big Disturbance in Raymond Street Jail.

New York, Dec. 27.—Twenty maddened female prisoners in the Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, rioted today and assaulted a matron.

There was no attempt to escape. The riot was caused by ill feeling. Miss Handy was transferring the prisoners from one corridor to another in the women's section, when she was attacked by Nellie Jones, a powerfully built woman, who had been sentenced to fifteen days for intoxication. Miss Handy was felled. Nineteen other prisoners then assaulted her. While the blows rained thick upon her head and she managed to reach a push button that rang a bell in the warden's office.

Warden McGrath rushed to the women's department without waiting to call for assistance. As he entered the corridor the infuriated women jumped on him. The blows were fast and furious and he was thrown to the floor. Hat pins were brought into play and his face, head and neck were gouged.

Miss Handy made her way through the crowd and again rang the alarm. The sheriff, under-sheriff and four deputies rushed to the scene. They had much trouble in subduing the rioters, who were and two of them were placed in straight jackets. The others were put in separate cells and then the prison physician was called to attend the wounded warden and matron.

MRS. NATION BREAKS GLASS.

W. C. T. U. Enthusiast Creates Have in a Kansas Saloon.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, president of Barber county W. C. T. U., entered the Carey hotel bar-room today, and with a stone crashed a \$300 painting and a mirror valued at \$100.

Mrs. Nation broke mirrors in two saloons in Iowa, Kan., some months ago and declared there was no law under which she can be prosecuted. She was lodged in the county jail this afternoon, charged with malicious destruction of property.

After being incarcerated, Mrs. Nation sent two demands to the sick bed of Governor Stewart, asking that he as governor of the state to come to the city jail and take charge of her defense. After the governor's refusal, she telegraphed to ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson, her neighbor at Medicine Lodge, Kan., asking him to go to the city jail and take charge of her defense. Mrs. Nation practices osteopathy and was on her way to Missouri to visit an osteopathic school. Before she left home, however, she stated that she intended to raid every saloon in Kansas and rid the state of the joints, claiming that the anti-saloon laws were not enforced by the authorities and that she had a perfect right to take their enforcement into her own hands.

STATE MUSIC TEACHERS.

Annual Meeting of the Association Begins at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The annual meeting of the State Music Teachers' association began here today and the sessions will continue until Friday. These nominations for officers were made today: E. A. Berg, of Reading, president; Edmund Wolfesler, secretary and treasurer; executive committee, William Bendow, O. H. Unger and E. L. Fulmer.

It was decided to hold the next annual conference at Reading on Dec. 26, 27 and 28, 1901. The secretary's report stated that the membership roll contained 500 names and that nearly every county in the state is represented.

Society Belle Arrested.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Carrie Sinclair Hunsdon, the former society belle who was arrested last night on a charge of conspiracy to kill her divorced husband, Walter H. Hunsdon, was today pronounced insane. She will be taken to an asylum for the insane.

Kidnaping Law Desired.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—At a meeting of the prosecuting officers of the state of Missouri held here today a resolution was adopted to recommend to a state legislature the passage of a law making kidnaping a capital crime.

PHILIPPINES TARIFF BILL

Work of the Commission Completed and the Measure is Mailed to Washington for Approval.

QUESTION DISCUSSED

The First Subject Dealt with by the Commission Affects an Issue Between the Church and the United States Government—Many Hearings—Archbishops Chapelle and Nozalede Makes the Presentation of Church's Position.

Manila, Dec. 27.—The Philippine commission has completed the tariff bill and mailed it to Washington for approval. The decision of the commission will be made public Monday.

The first question dealt with by the commission affecting an issue between the church and the United States government is whether the control of the San Jose college is vested in the government or in the church. The college was established by bequest in the seventeenth century and the Jesuit order was given its control. When the authority of the Jesuits in the Philippines ceased the Spanish government assumed control of the college and later permitted the Dominican order to conduct San Jose college as part of the University of Santo Tomas.

Following the American occupation a representative of the people insisted that the college, under the treaty of Paris, came into the control of the United States and ought not to be controlled by the church. The church authorities claimed the church had full legal possession. General Otis finally closed the institution. The first hearing took place shortly after the commission arrived in Manila. Chapelle and Nozalede made the presentations of the church's position. If the commission decides that the control is vested in the government litigation is considered probable.

HILLIARD INQUEST.

Three Nurses Accused of Causing the Death of Hilliard—Testimony of Physician.

New York, Dec. 27.—The inquest into the death of Louis H. Hilliard, in the insane pavilion of Bellevue hospital, on December 12, was begun before Coroner Fitzpatrick today. Three women from the Bellevue training school, J. R. Davis, Edward C. Dean and Clinton L. Marshall, who were on duty at the insane pavilion, are accused of causing Hilliard's death. They are represented at the inquest by Henry B. Anderson, an attorney engaged by Ogden Mills to defend them. Mrs. Hilliard, the widow, testified that Hilliard had not been bruised or hurt before entering Bellevue. She said that once when she called at Bellevue she saw Marshall, one of the accused nurses, handle her husband roughly.

The principal witness today was Thomas J. Minnow, a reporter, who testified to having seen Dean seize Hilliard by the throat, throw him to the floor and hold him there until he was black in the face, Marshall and Donnelly meantime helping to hold Hilliard. This punishment was inflicted because Hilliard refused to eat. He persisting in his refusal to eat, the three men hit and kicked him, and dragging him to the bathroom, took his clothes off and gave him a shower bath and hit him in the stomach. The next day, the witness continued, Hilliard was found dead in the bathroom by the three nurses, dragged to the bathroom and given a bath with his clothes on. He was then dragged forcibly to his room.

Witness said that later in the day he heard Davis tell Dean that Hilliard was dying.

Dr. Donlin, the coroner's physician, who made the autopsy on the body of Hilliard, testified that he found three ribs broken, many abrasions on the legs and arms and lungs congested. Death had been caused, he said, by asphyxiation and fracture of the ribs.

The inquest was adjourned until tomorrow.

WHERE IS PADEREWSKI?

Nothing Known in Paris About the Pianist's Reported Duel.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The prefecture of police has not heard of the alleged duel in New York city, Paderewski, the pianist, was killed on a small island in the Seine.

The music publishers, Chaudens and Durand, who have business relations with Paderewski, do not believe he is here.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Tonic, Liverpool; Bremen, Bremen; State of Nebraska, Glasgow; Boulogne-Claire; Cap Erie, from Hamburg for New York. Mailed-Arrived: Ethiopia, New York for Glasgow. Cherbourg-Arrived: Graf Waldersee, New York for Hamburg. Lizard-Passed: Sparadus, New York for Rotterdam. Sagres-Passed: Kaiser Wilhelm II, New York for Gibraltar, Naples and Genoa. Rotterdam-Sailed: Potsdam, New York.

Breidenstein Captured.

Buffalo, Dec. 27.—Clement L. Breidenstein, the defaulting clerk of the city engineering department of Baltimore, today waived identification and was taken to city this evening by a Baltimore detective who arrived here today with requisition papers.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today, CLOUDY, WARMER.

- 1 General—China Replies to the Note of the Powers. Tariff Bill for the Philippines. Reported Willingness of the Boers to Surrender. General—Carbondale Department.
- 2 Local—Green Ridge Baptists Will Dedicate a New Church. Violated Injunction Proceedings in Court.
- 3 Editorial. One Year's State Legislation.
- 4 Local—Superintendent and Crew of Trolley Line Receive Rough Treatment. Death of Councilman Lelstone.
- 5 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
- 6 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania News.
- 7 Local—Building Inspector Will Enforce the Law. Live News of the Industrial World. Financial and Commercial.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

The Secretary of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Indiana Is Shot by a Woman.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—William H. Smythe, who for twenty-five years has been secretary of the Grand Masonic lodge of the state, was shot in the head in his office in the Masonic building shortly after noon today. It is believed he cannot live. Mr. Smythe claims a woman did the shooting, but the police have so far been unable to locate her.

Lewis A. Coleman, an attorney, found Mr. Smythe shortly after he was shot, lying in a pool of blood on the floor. He at once telephoned to the police department. When the police arrived, the wounded man was in a semi-conscious condition but was able at intervals to utter a few coherent words. He was able to say that he was seated at his desk when a blonde woman entered his office and asked to use the telephone. He said she had been in several times before, but the last call irritated him and he refused her request, and that she then drew a revolver from the bosom of her dress and fired.

When a search for the woman failed to reveal any trace of her, the theory was advanced that Mr. Smythe had attempted to take his own life. His sons said that while their father had been very despondent at times during the past year, they were unwilling to believe he had attempted his own life.

NEWS AT WHITE HOUSE.

Nothing Known of London Yacht Club Story.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Nothing is known at the White House concerning the story cabled from London to the effect that the New York Yacht club would invite Emperor William of Germany and the Prince of Wales to witness the yacht races for the America's cup next summer, and that President McKinley would write concurrently to the Kaiser and the prince inviting them to visit the United States.

At the White House it was stated that nothing of the sort is in contemplation. The Prince of Wales was a guest at the executive mansion during President Buchanan's administration.

TROUT FRY FOR PLANTING.

Pennsylvania Fish Commission Now Ready for Orders.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The Pennsylvania fish commission at its meeting in this city today declared itself ready to receive applications for brook trout fry for planting in the public waters of the state.

The attention of the public is drawn to a rule adopted by the board at its last annual meeting to the effect that no applications for trout fry will be received after April 15 and that the fish will be shipped by the superintendent of the hatching station, when he decides it best for the interests of the fish to do so, and not to suit the convenience of the applicants.

SUPERINTENDENTS MEET.

Public School Instructors in Session at Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 27.—The annual meeting of the public school superintendents and teachers of the Lehigh valley was held in this city today. Those present were J. C. Taylor, of Lackawanna; Thomas E. Moxley, of Susquehanna; Frank H. Jarvis, Wyoming; J. B. Miller, Columbia, and Frank Hopper, of Luzerne.

Vertical penmanship as taught in some schools at present was disposed of as a fad and not practical.

A resolution was adopted requesting the state department to prepare an elementary course of study for rural schools.

FORTY-ONE CHILDREN REPORTED DROWNED

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 27.—A telephone message from Washington, Ia., says that fifty-one school children were skating on the river near Foster, Ia., when the ice gave way and forty-nine were drowned.

Killed by a Buzz-saw.

Harrisburg, Dec. 27.—Rufus Esh, aged 40 years, was instantly killed in a saw mill at Bellevue, Mills county, last evening. A circular was running at a high speed broke on his bearings, striking Esh on the head, cutting its way almost through his body. Frank Brown, aged 18, was severely injured by being struck by flying timber.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Forecast for eastern Pennsylvania: increasing clouds; snow and warmer Friday; rain at night on Saturday; colder Saturday; fresh southerly winds.

CONDITIONAL SURRENDER

The Terms Upon Which General De Wet May Be Persuaded to Give Up Battle Against England.

REPORTS NOT CONFIRMED

A Conference with Steyn and Haasbroeck Is Reported—The Terms to Be Demanded Include Amnesty to Colonial Rebels and to the Boer Leaders Themselves.

Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, Dec. 26.—Renewed, but unconfirmed, reports have reached here that General De Wet, ex-President Steyn and General Haasbroeck have held a conference and have decided to offer to surrender, provided the colonial rebels are not punished and the leaders, including themselves, are not deported.

Boers Celebrate Christmas.

New Castle, Natal, Dec. 27.—Boers celebrated Christmas in the district between Standerton and Ingogo by more or less determined attacks upon every British garrison along the lines of communication. These, however, were in all cases successfully repulsed.

At Utrecht the Boer commandant sent in a demand for whiskey, cigars and Christmas luxuries, failing which he threatened to attack the town. His demand was ignored and the Boers attacked Utrecht in strong force Christmas morning. They were repulsed with loss, the British casualties being but slight.

DE WET IN BATTLE AGAIN.

British Engage His Forces Near Leuwkop—Kitchener's Report.

London, Dec. 27.—The following dispatch has been received from Lord Kitchener: Pretoria, Dec. 26.—Knox, with Barker, Plicher and White, is engaged with De Wet's force, holding a position in the neighborhood of Leuwkop. De Wet hopes to break through and go south again.

The Boers' eastern column, in Cape Colony, is apparently headed by our troops about Reiport Spruit. The Boers' western column is reported to have gone north in two portions, one toward Prieska and the other through Strydenburg. They are being followed up.

BOER INVADERS HEADED OFF.

Driven Toward Ventersdorp, and Through Strydenburg.

London, Dec. 27.—In his dispatch from Pretoria, under today's date, Lord Kitchener says: "The eastern force of Boers in Cape Colony was headed yesterday and driven in the direction of Ventersdorp. The western force is still being driven north through Strydenburg." Burghersdorp, Cape Colony, Dec. 26.—Colonel Grenfell continues in touch with Krutzing's command, which has abandoned his Maxim and carts. An attempt of the 11th Lancers to turn Krutzing's flank, at Plaisierbuvel, on Dec. 24, resulted in eight casualties among the Lancers, including Lord Frederick Blackwood, who was wounded.

MASON'S AT PHILADELPHIA.

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons Installs Officers.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The grand lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons, today installed with ancient and solemn rite the grand officers elected Dec. 5. Today is the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and marks the beginning of the new Masonic year. These officers were installed: Right worthy grand master, George E. Wagener; right worthy deputy grand master, Edgar A. Toms; right worthy senior grand warden, James W. Brown; right worthy junior grand warden, George W. Kendrick; right worthy grand secretary, William A. Sloan; Thomas R. Patton, who has been grand treasurer for twenty-seven years, was elected an honorary member. This is the first time in a century and a half that the grand lodge has conferred this honor. Mr. Patton several years ago presented the grand lodge with \$50,000 with which to establish a memorial charity fund.

Crocker Rusticating.

London, Dec. 27.—Mr. Richard Crocker, who had been rusticating for several weeks in Carlsbad and Nuremberg, returned to Wantage two days before Christmas, where he received a summons to appear Jan. 2 to reply to inquiries respecting his income in connection with the income tax. He left Wantage yesterday, presumably for the continent. His house today was absolutely closed and there is no expectation of his return until next week.

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