STOLE MAIL POUCH

Michigan Robbers Secured Over \$100,000.

REMARKABLE CARELESSNESS

Station Agent Left the Sacks Unguarded Over Night in the Publie Waiting-Room-The Richardson Murdel Case.

DETROIT, Dec. 28.—A mail pouch con-taining \$100,000 in negotiable paper and an unknown amount of money was stolen from the Michigan Central passenger sta-tion at Wyandotte, Mich., some time last night. The last mail for Wyandotte ar-rives at 10:23 on the Michigan Central, and owing to the lateness of the hour it is left at the station until morning. When is left at the station until morning. When is left at the station until morning. When the two mail sacks were thrown from the train last night Night Operator Richert threw the pouches under a seat in the corner of the waiting-room. He then went to his home in Detroit. Today when Mail-Carrier John McCleary came to the station for the mail sacks he missed one. About the same time George Bessy, a driver of an oil wagos, reported at the station that a pouch, ripped open at the station that a pouch, reported and empty, was behind an oil tank a short distance from the station. At about short distance from the station. At about the same time two employes of the J. B. Ford Alkall Works found a number of checks and opened envelopes strewn along the railroad track. Postmaster Johnson, of Wyandotte, was notified and went at once to the scene. The trail of the thief was marked along the railroad track by strewn letters, checks and drafts. Most of the mail was intended for the J. G. Ford Company, and a force of clerks was sent out to collect the let-ters strewn along the track. J. B. Ford, Jr., said he expected a draft today from New York for \$40,000. The draft did not come, and it is believed that the robber or robbers took it, with other valuable papers, from the pouch.

FOUND IN A CEMETERY. Man For Whom Police Long Searched

at Last Located. NEW YORK, Dec. 28,-According to the World, William H. Post, the alleged the World, William II. It is also be mail thief, who led the band of four prisoners in the escape from the Ludlow-street jail in January, 1897, and for whom the United States Secret Service officers have been searching the country over since, died two months afer escaping. His body has been for three and a half years in the Wooster cometery, Danbury, Conn., under a tembstone bearing the name "Charles

Post, who was a mail wagon driver, was arrested during the holiday week of 1896, charged with robbing letters of holigifts. He did not deny the charge, Two weeks later he, with Michael Eagun, Peter Masso and George Polycrannis, broke jati. Masso was recaptured the

next day.

In March, 1897, a farm hand employed near Paterson, N. J., died in a Danbury, Conn., hospital from injuries received in falling from a wagon. He was buried and failing from a wagon. He was buried and the town placed a stone over his grave. James Schriver was arrested in Newburg a few days ago. A letter from Danbury undertakers itemizing the expense entailed in moving a body from Danbury to West Hurley, N. Y., was found on him, and Captain Ginty, of Danbury, began an investigation. It was learned that a letter had been received from Mrs. Anna Kelis, of Newberg, Post's mother, asking about the body. A description of "Mason" tailled with that of the missing Post, even to the absence of two fingers on even to the absence of two fingers on the right hand.

RICHARDSON MURDER CASE.

Traveling Man and Adventuress Responsible for the Crime. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 28.-Two sensa-

The first sensation was the testimony establishing the probable innocence of his business partner, who has been under of the murder, it having been | declared no contest, suspicion of the mirror, fust previous to the murder, was accused by Richardson of undue intimacy with Mrs. Richardson. The second sensation today was the fact that the testimony tended to fix the responsibility of the crime on a woman and her adviser, a traveling man, who are alleged to have blackmailed the de-ceased out of various sums of money,

covering a period of almost a year. Mrs. Richardson was expected to take the stand today, but darkness approached before the third witness had concluded his evidence. Charles Stanton

Charles Stanton, superintendent of the electric light station, testified concerning Richardson's connection with Goldie Whitehead, a young woman who resided at Stanberry, Mo., with whom Mr. Richardson had been on intimate terms, and who appeared to be hounding him for

The Indianapolis Mystery.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 28.—The condition of William Pt. Smythe, the grand secretary of the Masonic fraternity of Indiana, who was mysteriously shot resterday, was much improved today, and he may recover.

The theory is gradually gaining cre-dence that the story of an unknown wom-an having done the shooting is unfounded. Friends of Mr. Smythe refuse to talk of the affair, except to say that they know

A mystery which cannot be explained by the police and detectives who entertain the suicide theory, is the disappearance of the revolver with which the shooting was done.

Murdered by an' Ex-Convict. DERKALB, Mo., Dec. S.—Charles May, an ex-convict, shot and killed Robert Martin, and fatally wounded John McGes at a dance near DeKaib last night. May was recently released from the Missouri penitentiary, where he sorved a term with his uncle for murder of a farmer named Burdette. He has not been apprehended.

Duel in a Cafe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-In a duel between Myles McDonaid and Thomas Kennedy in a Harlem cufe today, Kennedy was hit in the leg by a bullet, and two bystanders, Edward Courtney and George Price, were probably mortally wounded. The trouble between McDonald and Kennedy grew out of the former winning \$1000 in Kennedy's poolroom on a 10-to-1 shot some time ago.

Anti-Vice Crusade:

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Conference of representative clergymen and laymen was held here today for the purpose of inaugurating a movement to suppress vice in all large cities. William Phillips Hall, in all large cities. William Failings Hall, of New York, chairman of the central committee which is in charge of the Twentieth Century National Gospel Campaign, was present and outlined the genral purposes of the movement.

RENO, Dec. B.—Lieutenant Gordon Freeman, late of the First Nevada Caval-ry, which did service in the Philippinea, committed suicide last night by blowing the top of his head off with a rifle.

of despondency, accompanied by suicidal mania. He was the soul of honor and greatly respected and loved by everyone of the 52 who composed his company, and was very popular. Lieutenant Presman was a native of Missouri, aged 30 years.

PAN-AMERICAN VIEWS.

A Dispute With Venezuela.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says:

If the view of Minister Loomis is adopted by the State Department, Secretary Hay will probably bring pressure to bear on the Venezuelan Government to respect the rights of the New York & Burmedese Asphalt Company. A dispatch has been received from the Minister, but its contents will not be officially divuiged by the department. It is understood, however, that Mr. Loomis indicates that the revolutionists are not making any headway and that the government is in control of the situation. At the same time, he apparently does not think it advisable for the training-ship Hartford to be withdrawn as desired by the Navy Department. A Dispute With Venezuels.

Politics in Ecuador.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Panama says: General Frenco, formerly General-in-Chief of the Ecuadorean Army, who was nominated by the Radical party as a can-didate for the Presidency, has withdrawn from the cempaign. This means that the official candidate, General Plaza, will have no serious opposition in the coming elec-tion. The situation now points to peace and prosperity for Ecuador.

Incendiarism in Barbadoes. KINGSTON; Jamaica, Dec. 28.—Mail advices from Barbadoes report that incendiarism is rampont there. Thirtsen cansfields and houses were burned during the weeking ending December 16. The planters are slarmed, and are securing pollo disappointed in the non-ratification of the American reciprocity treaties.

Pernvian Customs Tariff.

LIMA, Peru, via Galveston, Tex., Dec. 28.—The Peruvian Government has finally issued a decree directing that the new customs tariff shall come into force May

1, 1991.

The British coast line of steamers will inaugurate a new service to San Francisco, the steamer Guatemala sailing from Callao and Port of Lamon January 2.

Southwestern Blizzard. WALSENBERG, Colo., Dec. 28 .- A blizzard has raged in this part of the state during the past 26 hours. Cattlemen ex-pect to lose much stock on the range. us misgivings are expressed for the safety of miners who are working in the Coronado and other mines on Mount Bianco. These miners are penned in at an altitude of 11,000 feet. Provisions may me scarce and starvation result.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 28.—A flerce bliz-zard, which began at midnight, extends over the northern and western half of the state. The mercury is down to the freez-ing point at Dallas, and growing colder.

Santa Fe's New Line.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—President Ripley, of the Santa Fe, speaking today of the reported acquisition by that road of the Pecos Valley & Northwestern Railroad,

"We have owned that road for some time and have no intention, as reported, of extending it to Albuquerque, nor have we the slightest desirs to block any plans of the Rock Island for extending its sys-

Brainerd & Northern Minnesota. ST. PAUL, Dec. 28.-An evening paper

"The Brainerd & Northern Minnesota Railroad will shortly be incorporated in the Northern Pacific system, if the present plans of the latter company do not mis-carry. About 70 per cent of the stock of the Brainerd & Northern Minnesota is heid by the Northern Pacific, it is stated, but the two companies are working as separate systems."

No Bouts in Paterson.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 28.-Chief of SEPH, Mo., Dec. 28.—Two sensa-suited today from the evidence hibiting the holding of boxing bouts in the inquest over the murder of this city in future. The Chief's order that all the natives have deserted their villages and are living on the peaks of of Frank Richardson, the millionaire is believed to be a result of the outmerchant, who was shot down in his own
home at Savannah, Mo., Christmas eve.

Passaic Athletic Club between "Mysteri-Passaic Athletic Club botween "Mysterious" Billy Smith and "Young" Mahoney, of Philadelphia. The audience was much dissatisfied because the tame affair was

Easy Way to Defeat Quay.

Omaha World-Herald. The anti-Quay Republicans in the Penn-sylvania Legislature will never be able to convince the people of their sincerity until they show a willingness to vote for

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The action brought by Tom L. Johnson to restrain R. T. Wilson & Co. from carrying out an agreement with Pack & Everett for the purchase and consolidation of the Datroit street rallways, and for the appointment of a receiver, was discontinued today by

A Rock Island Extension.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Directors of the Rock Island road have finally decided on the extension of their line to El Paso, Tex. so as to connect with the Sor Pacific and form a short line from Chi-cago to Los Angeles. Construction work-has already begun, it was announced to-day, and will be pushed to completion with vigor.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption,

Wilhelminn's Marriage.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Holiand so-clety of New York received a cablegram from The Hague today saying that Queen Wilhelmina's marriage has been set for

Idaho Notes.,

So far 15 or 20 carloads apples have been shipped from Troy, which are said to represent about one-half of the crop of that section. On this basis it is estimated that the Potlach country alone will ship no less than 15 carloads before next Spring. This will mean a revenue of about 25,000 for the fruitgrowers, exclusive of the dried product or, a value equal to about one-sixth of the value of the wheat crop.

The market for the dried product of the

THE POPE WARNS FRANCE announced in Parliament that the court-martial inquiry had entirely exonerated from blame Lieutemant-Colonel Sprogge

RIGHTS OF CATHOLICS MUST BE RESPECTED.

The Vatican Has Recently Befriended the Republic, but May Change Its Attitude.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The Matin publishes an interview with the Pope, develed ex-clusively to the attitude of the Waldeck-

an interview with the Pope, agustic exclustively to the attitude of the WaldeckRousseau ministry towards the religious
congregations. Referring to the Premier's
speech at Toulouse, October 28, when M.
Waldeck-Rousseau enlarged upon the
necessity of the chamber passing a law
resulating associations—a measure directed against religious congregations—the
pontiff said:

"The concordiat is being changed from
an instrument of peace into one of war
and oppression. Even in Protestant countries, religious orders are not excluded
from the liberties enjoyed by other citizens. They will probably return to England and the United States, as in the
days of the terror, to find a refuge against
the iniquity of Catholic France. The associations bill is the negation of all the
laws of liberty.

laws of liberty.
"I hope the French Government will not renounce the service I am still able to render her. Several times recently I have been solicited by the head of a powerful state to permit the rights of France in the East and far East to be disregarded. I have refused, although compensation was offered to the church. But if the orders, without which Catholic expansion is impossible, are to be sup-pressed, what answer shall I give in a day when similar proposals are made?"

DREYFUS' APPEAL. It Has Set Paris Ablaze With Ex-

citement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the World from Paris says:

The letter from Dreyfus to Premier Waldeck-Rousseau, demanding a new hearing, has set Paris ablaze with excitement. The Nationalists will hold a secret conclave to decide upon what action to take in view of the threatened reviews of this colement. "Mair" which vival of this celebrated "affair," which "will not down." The impression prevails that Drayfus is now in this city. Some usually well-informed persons insist that his letter to the Premier was carefully prepared after consultation with various distinguished men, one of them being especially conspicuous. The ab-sence of any date to the letter is pointed to as evidence that Dreyfus is here.

Everybody believes that if an inquiry is accorded it will mean a revival of the case. The Nationalists are palpably alarmed lest Dreyfus' former counse now stronger than ever, may find a for-midable majority in both Houses of the Legislature: that, goaded by the insults of the opposition, will order an investigaof the opposition, will order an investigation, which will result in another courtmartial on the ground that new evidence
has been discovered. The wiser Nationalist heads severely blame Rochefort for
precipitating a new dilemma. The World
correspondent has interviewed several
leaders in the Senate and Chamber. They
simply expressed satisfaction at Dreyfus'
described described. dignified denunciation of Rochefort's statement, and said they expect that an investiation will be granted. Rochefort, proud of having raised a rumpus, talks hotly about traitors, and declares that Dreyfus' letter is a bluff.

IN THE SOUTH SEAS.

Plague Reported From Thursday Island-Earthquakes in Tonga.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 28.—Plague is reported from Thursday Island, in advices brought from Australia by the steamship Miowers. Three cases were discovered aboard the Government tug Cormorant, which arrived from Eng-land. The patients were landed and quarantined at Thursday Island, and great fear is expressed that owing to the large Asiatic population on Thursday Is-land the disease may obtain a foothold.

At Niua Foou, in the Tongun group, earthquakes have occurred at intervals since last August. Three disturbances threw up immense waves in the inland lake, and the eruptions became so severe

the hills on the Island.

The New Zealand Government has de cided to invite tenders from ship own ers for a service of steamers for two years calling at five colonial ports and at least three ports in South Africa,

The Russian ship Occident, coal laden, from Hamburg to China, caught fire near Fiji through the overheating of the coal. The crew could not extinguish the flames and so abandoned the ship. The water around the vessel was bolling from the intense heat given out by the hull.

Tonga is divided in opinion over the question of annexation to New Zealand. Until lately nearly all the residents favored Tonga retaining its native government, but the native government is said to have acted so unwisely of late, placing so many hindrances in the way of trade that the majority of the Europeans now favor annexation, even with New Zealand, though they would prefer to cast in their with the coming commonwealth of Australia.

LATE LORD ARMSTRONG.

His Part in the Development of Ships and Ordnance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Sincere regret is expressed in Naval cir-cles here at the death of Lord William George Armstrong, the well-known Eng-

George Armstrong, the weit-known lang-lish gun and shipbuilder.

"Lord Armstrong played a conspicuous part in the development of the rified can-non," said Rear-Admiral Charles O'Neil, Chief of Naval Ordnance. "He was the ploneer in the combination of the various branches of warship construction, so that the firm of which he was the head is now which the statement of the complete. He able to deliver warships complete. He was an artillerist of distinction and his death is a distinct loss to the ordnance

Rear-Admiral Philip Hichborn, Chief Rear-Admiral Philip Inchborn, Chief Constructor, spoke of the important influence exerted by Lord Armstrong upon modern ship construction. "Lord Armstrong has constructed ships for many of the navies of the world," he continued, "and it was his earnest effort to keep always abreast of the latest naval development. The Expression to Demany and The Esmeralda, the Demayo and ment. The Esmeralda, the Demayo and the Naniwa are excellent vessels of their day. The New Orleans and the Albany were purchased by this Government from Armstrong during the war with Spain. "Besides building ships, Lord Armstrong was interested in the manufacture of ordnance and the impetus he gave to modern gun construction is well known. The world can ill afford to lose such men as he and I deeply regret his death."

MORE OFFICERS RESIGN.

Probably Not Connected With the Lindley Incident.

he, and I deeply regret his death."

The market for the dried product of the Potlach seems to be at St. Paul, where most of it finds a ready sale. Mr. Wessels, of Cameron, has returned from St. Paul, where he disposed of a carload of dried prunes at a price that netted him 31-3 cents. With the amount dried at Vollmer, Jullactta, Cameron, Leland and the country directly tributary to Kendrick, it is thought it will amount to several carloads. The plan of marketing dried fruit this season is a departure from the old system of solling by consignment. One of a number who have sufficient dried fruit to make up a carload is selected to go East with the car and show the fruit and dispose of it to the best advantage.

For a Cold in the Head,

Laxative Brome-Quinine Tablets,

and his regiment. Vicomie Shot His Wife. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- A dispatch to the

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Herald from Nice says:
Vicomte Jules de Bernouilly shot his divorced wife here last night. The shootink took place in the Rue de La Prix. The Vicomte fired six shots at his wife, who had strength enough to call for help, and take refuge in a shop, where she died shortly afterward. Mme. Bernouilly was not quite 24 years old. She had been divorced from her husband 15 months. The husband remained intensely jealous of his wife, and kept a constant watch on her movements. There was one child, a girl of 4 years, who had been entrusted to the mother's care. It seems the child was another

who had been entrusted to the mother's care. It seems the child was another cause of discord between the divorced couple, as the husband wanted to have charge of his daughter.

De Bernoullly is 33 years old. He appears to have long premeditated the crime and is said to have frequently told friends of his intention of killing his wife. Directly after he had committed the crime he went to the nearest police station and he went to the nearest police station and gave himself up.

Paderewski in Switzerland.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says:
The rumor cabled from New York
that Paderewski had been killed in
a duel in Paris, caused much
anxiety among his friends in Paris. who, however, immediately pointed out that port of the rumor at least was in-correct, as Paderewski and his wife left Paris on Saturday night for Switzerland. Paris on Saturday night for Switzorland. It is learned that a telegram has been received from Paderewski's son, saying that his father and stepmother arrived at the yacht Morges, near Lausanne, safely that night. A Herald correspondent saw a telegram from Paderewski's wife, in which no mention was made of the great planist fighting or even being wounded, but said distinctly that he was better, referring possibly to the cold from which

referring possibly to the cold from which he had been suffering.

Cummercial War in Germany. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 .- The vast industrial forces of Germany are organizdustrial forces of Germany are organiz-ing for a tremendous struggle with the Agrarian and coal interests, according to a report to the State Department from United States Consul Shuman, at Mainz. He says that the manufacturing interests of Germany surely will demand the pass-age of a protective tariff during the pres-ent session of the Belchstag. Three of ent session of the Reichstag. Three of the strongest industrial societies of Germany recently convened to organize a national council. The Imperial Govern-ment apparently was in sympathy with the movement, and while the efforts so far have failed, they are not to be aban-

Australian Stocks Dropped.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The financial papers announce this morning that some trouble was disclosed on the stock exchange yes. terday in the West Australian market, resulting in a considerable fall in the shares of the London & Globe Financial Corporation, Ltd., and the Leroi Mining Company, Ltd. Several firms have checks returned by the clearing-house. This does not imply failure, however, as it is ex-pected that the period of grace allowed will enable the firms to meet their en-

Pilgrims to Rome

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- A dispatch to the Pribune from London says: The Duke of Norfolk headed a band of over 200 English pilgrims who have started for Rome. It has been alleged that he is paying the traveling expense of the bulk of this party, but this is absurd. The cost of the journey and stay in Rome has been cheapened by tourist agents until the figures are almost the lowest on record for Continental travel. Cardinal Vaughan will tot the purpose to the continents. will join the pilgrims in Rome and the Pope will receive and address them.

Von Blumenthal's Funeral.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—In the Garrison Church this morning the Emperor, Em-press, Princes of reigning families, representatives of foreign sovereigns, the Ministers and the highest military au-thorities attended the funeral services held over the remains of Field Marshal Count von Blumenthal, the oldest Field

Turkey Running Into Debt.

LONDON, Dec. 29 .- "The engagements of the Porte for the purchase and renova-tion of warships and for naval and mili-tary artillery now amount to £2,409,000." says the Constantinople correspondent of the Times, "while the treasury is absolutely empty and internal debts increase

Turco-Bulgarian Treaty.

SOFIA, Dec. 28.—The treaty of com-merce between Turkey and Bulgaria went into effect today. It regulates the custom duties on meats and cereals, on which merchandise entering Turkey Bul-garians agree to pay 8 per cent ad valor-em. Turkey agrees to pay the same tax on salt, tobacco and spiritous liquors.

Canr Returns to St. Petersburg. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—The Imperial train started today from the Crimea with the Czar and Czarina. Great thankfulness is expressed on all hands at the betterment of the Czar's condition. The whole people were stirred by the Czar's illness.

Grand Duke's Condition Serious. WEIMAR, Dec. 28.—The condition of the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar is considered more serious, his original malady, influhaving become complicated with in-

ation of the lungs.

No mother should overlook so good a skin cure has been quiet but steady.

Wheat (including flour) shipments for Parker's Hair Halsam aids the hair growth. the week aggregate 4,011,105 bushels.

TEN THOUSAND FAILURES

REACTION FROM 1899 EXPANSION CAUSES TROUBLE.

Commercial Situation Still Retains a Firm Undertone-Weekly Trade Reviews-Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow

curate figures of failures during the full year of 1900, a preliminary statement may be made that will approximate the final result. Detailed returns for all but the last few days of the year have been compiled, and adding a proportionate amount for the time still to elapse, it appears that commercial failures will number about 19,530, with liabilities of \$137,000,000.

prices, the succeeding year had to bear the brunt of reaction. Despite these disasters, made unavoidable by the very con-ditions that brought such a phenomenal record for 1899, it still will be found that 1909 compares favorably with other recent

Such general preparation had been made by Eastern business interests for a queeze in money near the end of the year that the expected advance did not occur, and collections in the interior were so good that banks made general complaint of the scarcity of mercantile paper offered for discount. This outcome was particu-larly encouraging, though business will need more money after January 1. Meanwhile a good undertone has been con-tinually in evidence, founded upon the active distribution of merchandise, South and West. In both cotton and silk circles, better things are expected in January, and in no direction has reduction of working forces in milis occurred. Some wage differences have been adjusted. In this

respect the situation is unusually bright, More talk of a general reduction in coke and cheaper ore after navigation opens might be calculated to unsettle quotations of the finished products, but fron and steel continue the even tenor of their way. In every department of this industry, more business is offered than can be accepted unless purchasers are willing to give much time for delivery. One large for-eign contract was lost on this account, and at many points domestic operations are delayed by inability to secure material. Instead of the agitation for cheaper steel rails that was so prevalent a short time ago, producers are said to contemplate an advance. Domestic contracts in this line exceeded 50,000 tons at Chicago, and among foreign orders is noticed one for 17,000 tons from Australia, with many smaller sales. Structural material is wanted for buildings and bridges, with noticeable activity in this department for

It is not a bad sign that the local job bing trade in footwear is quiet, nor that orders received by manufacturers from salesmen are small, as most travelers returned home for the holidays. new contracts are not large, but factories are running at full capacity, and in many cases refuse to duplicate orders at pre-vious prices. Wool lost the temporary increase in activity, sales aggregating only

(575,709 pounds, a decrease of 2,661,309 compared with the preceding week.
Stocks at the close of the year are excessive, although dealers are encouraged by the knowledge that manufacturers' supplies are light.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW. Fitting Close to a Year of Exception-

al Activity. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-Bradstreet's to-

morrow will say:
A fitting close to a year of exceptional and in some respects unprecedented activity is furnished by the very general re-port of large holiday business in the past week. The best report as to this sort of trade comes from the Southwestern section, but, except in some parts of the Spring wheat and lumber belt of the Northwest, satisfactory advices are quite general. Heavy-weight clothing, too, has een measurably helped for the same reason, but, despite a good business in the last two weeks, the trade has apparently lagged somewhat owing to mild weather. In wholesale trade, business has been of seasonably small proportions, but reports from leading lines, such as iron and steel, shoes and leather, lumber, glass and Spring dry goods, have been encouraging, chiefly, of course, as regards the views entertained as to the outlook rather than as to new business actually accomplished. Stock taking is now in progress, and details as to accepted results probably will be forthcoming soon after the close of the year.

Speculation in cereals has been light In wholesale trade, business has been of

Speculation in cereals has been light, and increases in supplies and large surplus reports from the Argentine Republic have still further depressed the long in-terest in wheat. The world's wheat supplies are about on a par with those of a year ago, and American supplies are actually smaller. Prices, as a rule, are steady and changes few. The conspicuous advances are in refined petroleum on export account, and some gain is noted in tin on the week, although the close is below the highest. Coffee is fractionally higher. Lard is weaker, but by far the largest list of staples is unchanged. Wool

against 4,123,500 last week, and 2,510,557 bushels in 1869. From July 1 to date this season, wheat exports are 54,151,455 bush-els, against 103,594,183 last season, and

els, against 103,994,132 last season, and 121,582,709 in 1898-95.

Business failures in the United States for the week number only 213, against 267 last week, 20 in this week a year ago, 218 in 1898, and 297 in 1897. Canadian failures for the week number 15, against 28 last week, 22 in this week a year ago, 16 in 1898, and 22 in 1897.

In Financial Markets Bradstreet's financial review tomorrow

Further illustration has been given this week regarding the force of the bullish influences which at present govern the movement of values in Wall street. An-other good bank statement tended to negative fears that there might be a check to the progress of the market on account of the high rates for money, a cause which has checked so many promising which has checked so many promising movements in recent years. In fact, though preparations for the largest January interest and dividend disbursement in the history of the country have been in full progress, the arrangements have been so skillfully conducted that, despite the sustained activity of the dealing in securities, the expansion of speculation and the notable rise in prices, the surabout 10,630, with liabilities of \$137,000,000.
Of this number, 2000 were in manufacturing, for \$45,750,000; 7800 in trading, for \$90,000, and \$30 brokers, transporters, etc., not properly belonging in either of the other classes, for \$27,250,000. Beside these strictly commercial defaults, there were 60 financial concerns, with liabilities of \$34,000,000, swelling the total to 10,650 in number and \$170,000,000 in amount.

This shows a large increase over the preceding year, when all failures numbered \$365, and liabilities were \$122,122,573. It must not be forgotten, however, that 1820 was a year of exceptional prosperity, and while trade was then stimulated by rising prices, the succeeding year had to bear influence to keep money in such a condi-tion that no pressure or disturbance can arise from that source. If this is the case, they have been eminently successful, as call money has not been quote above 6 per cent, and stock market bor-rowers have had no difficulty in obtaining ample accommodation.

The week in many respects has been

one of the most remarkable since the "boom" which started immediately after the election began its course. Last Sat-urday, although the stock exchange was trus, amough the stock exchange was to be closed Monday as well as Christmas day, prices advanced throughout the list and the volume of transactions surpassed all records for a haif holiday, sales of 1,000,000 shares being officially recorded. and the real total was, of course, con-siderably larger. Monday, however, the London market was open and great activity and strength developed in Americans ity and strength developed in Americans there. The buying of our stocks was sup-posed to emanate largely from New York, but it was supplemented by cov-ering by the foreign bears and purchases by the European public. Even on Christ-mas day there was a further exchange of bullish opinions in all the uptown re-sorts of brokers and their customers, and some transactions were reported to have been made at advanced quotations in sugar, St. Paul and other favorite stocks, In spites of the fact that support and manipulation by inside interests and pools is apparent in the movements of many stocks, it is also evident that the public is in the market. The buying by com-mission-houses in fact, has been on an enormous scale. Moreover, it is the genenormous scale. Moreover, it is the gen-eral testimony that the amount of stocks purchased for investment and taken out of the street is exceedingly large, this ten-dency being illustrated by the compara-tive scarcity of many high-grade divi-dend-paying stocks, and the ease with which they advance on moderated buying. in the bond market, also, the lack of offerings of glit-edge securities has trans-ferred the demand to new second-grade rallroad mortgages, some of which show substantial advances,

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-The following table, optied by Bradstreet, shows the bank clear ngs at the principal cities for the week ended er 27, with the percentage of increase

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Easy Colds

Are you frequently hoarse? Do you have that annoying tickling in your throat? Would you feel relieved if you could raise something? Does your cough annoy you at night, and do you raise more mucus in the morning?

Then you should always keep on hand a bottle of

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

If you have a weak throat, you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another, and the last one is always the harder to cure.

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If your drugglet cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express a large bottle to you, all charges prepaid. Be sure and give us your nearest express office. Address, J. C. ATER Co., Lowell. Mass.

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Street-Paving.

PORTLAND, Dec. M.-(To the Editor.) The annexed extract is taken from the London Times of December 7, and seems to be well worth reprinting:

"The United States Consul at Hamilton, in Ontario, states in a recent report that

the city authorities there have, after years of experiment, discovered a pave-ment for streets that is durable, excel-lent, and cheap. The tests, which have been made over a number of years on bus-iness streets, show that turred macadam makes not only a smooth and solid road-way, but that it can be maintained and way, but that it can be maintained and repaired at very little expense. The first cost in Hamilton, where abundance of limestone is near at hand, is from 3s to 3s 8d per square yard, and the authorities estimate that the cost of repairs in streets with heavy traffic is less than 3d per yard per year, while asphalt costs over 14d. By the addition of tar, the road becomes impervious to water, it is proof against frost in Winter, and mud and dust are prevented in Summer. It, is easily repaired, and does not require scraping, so that much of the wear of the surface is avoided. A block of tar macadam on a business street with heavy traffic showed no perceptible wear after traffic showed no perceptible wear after being laid down a year. In residential quarters, the tar macadam roadways are in good condition eight years after they were laid down, no repairs having been done in the meantime. Success, however, in this, as in all cases of composite work of the same character, depends on the care with which the road is laid down at the outset; and the Consul obtained from Mr. Barrow, the head of the public works of Hamilton, information as to the process employed. Either stone or cement curbing is placed before the road is commenced. The base consists of cement laid on broken stone or gruvel, which is freely rolled with heavy rollers, the curve being rolled with heavy rollers, the curve being designed to carry off water quickly. Upon this a solid bed of stone, at least six inches in thickness, is placed, the interstices being filled with small stone and gravel, well rolled in. Over this comes a coating of gravel, rolled hard, and then a layer of stone saturated with tar, the stones not exceeding two inches in diam-eter. These stones, before being mixed with belling tar (eight to 12 imperial gallons to the cubic yard), must be thoroughly dried, either in the Summer sum or by exposure on heated plates, until all the moisture is expelled. After a thorough rolling another stratum of tarred. stone of the same thickness and dimensions is added, rolled, and covered with a layer of gravel and quarry chips, also mixed with tar. A top drossing of screen-ings is then added, and if a light color is desired it can be obtained by adding es-ment. Most of the stone used in Hamil-ton is machine crushed; limestone is used, because it is abundant locally, but gran-ite or fiint would absorb less tar and bean RICHARD H. THORNYON,

Death of a Wealthy Hermit. SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 28.—Forty-five thousand dollars in Government bonds, with the coupons still attached, and running back for 30 years, were found yes-terday in a chest in a hut occupied by Hermit Ypsilanti Smith, who died a few days ago. He had lived near Fletchen, Miami County, for 40 years, and was not Miami County, for 40 years, and was not known to have a cent. His mind was deranged years ago by the death of his wife. His pension vouchers, untouched for, years, were also found, amounting to about \$25,000. 1,054,000 5.5 7,024,000 2.2

