Dodge Informs on Prominent New Yorkers

SENSATION IS PROMISED

Confession Is Made in Morse Divorce Case.

JEROME RELEASES PRISONER

Brought Back From Texas on Charge of Perjury_District Attorney Will Not Allow Statement to Be Made.

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Charles F. Dodge, who is expected to go before the grand july next wer give evidence concerning the care former husband of Mrs. Charles L. Moree, wife of the banker, and forme head of the Ice Trust. His wife it 1898 secured a divorce from him and soon afterward married Morse. October, 1901, she applied to have b divorce annuited, claiming that she had discovered that the summon in the case had not been served or Dodge, which fact prevented him mak ing a defense. Supreme Court Justice Clark annulled the decree.

The case since has been reoper Morse's plea to intervene as an intercoted party, the annullment set aside and the original divorce upheld, evidence being offered that Dodge had He was indicted, went to Texas and was extradited.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24-Brought to this city last night from Texas through the persistent effort of District Attorney lerome, to face a charge of perjury in connection with the Morse-Dodge divorce tangle, Charles F. Dodge, ex-husband of the present wife of Charles F. Morse, reenived his liberty today upon the recommendation of the District Attorney, who personally appeared before Judge Cowling the Court of General Sessions and asked that Dodge be discharged on his

own recognizance. This turn in the case follows an allnight conference at police headquarters, where Dodge was taken immediately upon his arrival, and during which it is said he made a confession that will lead to the making of serious charges in connection with the Morse-Dodge divorce case against seven men of prominence in this city. It is said that Dodge will go before the grand jury, which, at Mr. Jerome's pest, was continued in session through next week, and that he will be the chief witness of the state in the prose of the men said to be implicated by his

Ex-District Attorney James W. Osborne, the new counsel for Dodge, who was present throughout last night's conference advised Dolers to tell all Dodge will never see the inside of a plan.

When Dodge was taken before Judge Cowling, District Attorney Jerome, after relating the incident connected with the prisoner's arrest and extradition from Texas, asked that the transfer of the prisoner from Federal to state authority When this had been done he

"For reasons of a public nature which cannot now be stated in public, because they would be detrimental to the cause of justice, the defendant should be discharged upon his own recognizance on the indictment found on June 26, 1904, and I ask that he be discharged."

Dodge was discharged and went to a hotel, accompanied by a detective of Mr. Jerome's staff. After these developments Mr. Osborne said:

"Mr. Dodge will remain at his hotel in my care until he is called as a witness for the county.'

At the request of Mr. Jerome, Dodge and his counsel will appear at the Criminal Court as soon as court convenes on Monday, 1. is said, carefully to review the testimony to be presented to the grand jury. The grand jury will meet Wednesday, and Dodge will appear either on the opening day or the day following.

DODGE IS TURNED LOSE.

Man Accused of Perjury Released on His Own Recognizance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 .- There was an unexpected turn to the case of perjury against Charles F. Dodge, who was brought to this city from Texas yesterday, when he was released today on his own recognizance, after arraignment before Judge Cowing, in the Court of General Sessions. Dodge was accused of committing perjury in tostifying that service was not made upon him in the suit by which divorce was secured from him by his former wife, who subsequently married Charles W. Morse, the banker and pro-

After Dodge's testimony, now alleged to have been perjured, his former wife se-cured a divorce from Mr. Morse. Dodge resisted when an attempt was made to bring him from Texas, but on his arrival in this city is said to have made a confession in a midnight talk with the local as

Judge Cowing said after releasing Dodge that he could not make public his rensons for doing so at this time. Dodge was released upon the recommendation of Dis-trict Attorney Jerome, who said that for reasons not of a public nature the ends of justice would be served by such action. It Dodge has turned state's evidence, and that he will be a witness for the District Attorney in pro-ceedings against others for whom Dodge is supposed to have acted as agent.

Commendation From the Mikado. TOKIO, Dec. 24 (10:15 A. M.) .- An imperial rescript dispatched to Vice-Ad-

miral Togo says:
"We hear with great satisfaction that our torpedo flotilias, engaged in the work required of them at Port Arthur, have gallantly and successfully accomplished the duties required of them, and in so doing had to brave the dangers of storms and shells by day and night.

Despite all the difficulties confronting

them, they have succeeded in performing | fuch in height

their duties without the least conf rendering one another mutual assistance.
"We especially note their brave and loyal performance of the duties required of them, and express our approbation of their gallant behavior."

LOOKS BRIGHT TO MINERS. Settlement of Strike in Colorado Has

a Good Prospect.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 24.-The report o the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, which was made public today, announced that the prospector settlement of the strike in Colorado is brighter now than it has been for the past six months. The troubles of the organization in this state ended with the action of President Moyer in calling off the strike in the Telluride district. There are now 11 local unions on strike

in this state. California has three union out on strike, and two unions in Mon tana have been locked out since last Summer. The board congratulates itself in having President Moyer back after his long period in the builpen. He was se-lected as a member of the executive board of the American Labor Union. The board also pays a high compliment to the woin the strenuous times of the strike dur-ing the last 15 months. The thanks of the labor unions are tendered to all of the ons which have been supplying

inds. The report concludes:
"We assure the members of the organiration that he have labored faithfully to advance the interests of the organization to the best of our ability and feel confident that when the momentous time arthe Western Federation of Miners will be regarded as one of the pioneers in this

GLOOMY AT FALL RIVER.

Several Carloads of Toys Sent, but Food Is What Is Needed.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 24.-Meetings of the various textile unions are to be called within a short time, it is learned to vote upon the question of further con tinuing the cotton-mill strike. No vot has been taken by the unions since the strike began, 22 weeks ago, upon this question, and it is thought by labor lead ers that an expression of sentiment should be obtained from the operatives in order that plans may be formulated for the fu-

It is a gloomy Christmas season in Fall River, although every effort is being made to make Christmas day as bright as possible under the circumstances. All the unions have given strike-pay to their members, several carloads of toys are coming from Boston, but labor leaders say it is food that the suffering operatives and children in Fall River need the most.

More Members Than Reported.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 24.-After long investigation, National officers of the United Mineworkers are reported to have discovered that there are on the rolls 10,000 or 12,000 more paid-up members than have been reported to them. This discovery explained the apparent loss of many members which has disturbed the National officers. It is said to have been found that secretaries of some of the small divisions have falled to report all their members.

Moyer Gets Change of Venue.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 24. The Teller County cases against Charles H. Moyer and other officers of the Western Federation of Miners, growing out of the strike troubles in Cripple Creek have been transferred to Douglass County for trial, by order of Judge Cunning-ham, before whom a motion for a change of venue was argued in chambers here. The reason for the action of the Judge is that he believes a fair trial could not be had in Teller County

Women Join Striking Capmakers. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Women to the number of 350, employed by the members of the Cap Maufacturers' Association, have joined in the strike against the open-shop declaration of the association. In all, about 1800 or 1900 workers are now on strike, and the factories will remain until next week when capmakers he knew. Mr. Osborne says he feels that will be offered work on the open-shop

Dealing With Strikers Refused.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 24.-The executive board of the strikers this after-noon announced that the attempt to effect a settlement with General Manager Jenks, of the American Steel Hoop Company resulted in a failure. Mr. Jenks ab plutely refused to deal with the men of the Amalgamated Association

Wages Settled by Arbitration.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-Arbitration has been employed successfully to settle scale differences between officebuilding managers and 300 stationary firemen employed in 150 downtown office blocks. The arbitration tribunal has been in session for two weeks.

Rubber Shoe Plant Shut Down.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 34.-The Atatic Rubber Shoe Company, which employs about 500 hands, gave notice today that the plant would be closed for an in definite period beginning Monday, reason for the shutdown is assigned.

HOPES NEITHER WILL WIN.

Admiral Schley Says Pacific Coast Will Profit by Compromise in War.

SEATTLE, Dec. M.-Charles H. Baker of this city, who has just returned from Washington, gives the following synop sis of an interview he had with A

Schley, retired; "The Admiral," said Mr. Baker, "sees no good to our people if the outcome be decisive for either belligerent. If Russia wins, it removes the wedge now driven between herself and the ultimate ab-sorption of China by herself. The outlet for Chinese products would then be through European Russia, a situation not helpful to us on the Pacific Coast. If Japan wins, it then means a spread of militar-ism by infection and contagion through her 400,000,000 people, and that might in

time mean a struggle which would involve the world against her.

"The Armiral believes that Port Arthur will fall inevitably and that the Baltic fleet will be annihilated; that with these accomplished the Japanese will have at-tained all they sought to accomplish and will quit, after fortifying Manchurla against eneroachments of Russia in the future, and so guarantee a state of peace between herself and her neighbors and

Roosevelt Congratulates Diaz.

outside foes,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Senor Don Manuel de Aspirozo, the Mexican Ambassador, accompanied by Senor Don Gamboa, the first secretary of the Mexican Embessy, called on President Roosevelt today to pay their respects and present his official letters announcing the re-election of President Diaz, of Mexico. The Presi-dent requested the Ambassador to convey to President Diaz his cordial congratulations and to express to the people of Mexico his felicitations upon the re-election of President Diaz.

Giant in the Almshouse.

NEW YORK, Dec. N .- After having been exhibited for more than five years, during which time he has visited nearly all the principal cities of the United States and Europe, William Country, known as "The irish Glant," today was sent to the city Connery is seven feet on

CELL DOORS LOOSEN

New Jersey Prisoners Given Liberty for Xmas Present.

REPORTERS NAME LUCKYONES

Judge Stipulates That Number Shall Include Eleven Men and Four Women_One is Grieved to Leave Warm Quarters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 .- Ante-Christmas mercy was dispensed in an unusual manner by Judge Prank J. Higgins, in the First Criminal Court in Jersey City today, in releasing 15 prisoners from the County Jail. After the regular session of court today the Judge called together the Jail attaches and reporters who usually are on duty in the court and informed them that in re-nition of the Christmas season he decided to permit each of them to name release they desired. The prisoner thus named would be given immediate freedom by order of the Judge. The beneficiaries were to be 11 men and four women, he provided. It required but a mement for the of-

ficers and reporters to make their de-cisions, and 15 cell doors awang open and the prisoners were told that they were at liberty. Only one of the perons liberated appeared ungrateful. He was clearly disappointed at the prospect of losing his comfortable quarters

jury on the remains of Howard Penn, at Broken Bow, a young business man who killed himself here yesterday, testimony was given that he was to have been married to Mrs. Stevens, of Lincoln, the day he committed suicide. The two had disagreed, it is alleged, as to whether the ceremony should be at York or Lincoln. Penn is a sen of the commandant of the Soldiers' Hothe at Milford.

Shot When Put Off Train. GALLIPOLIS, O., Dec. 24.-An exciting GALL-POLIS, O., Dec. 24.—An exciting battle occurred at Evergreen, about five miles west of here, this evening, on the northbound Hocking Valley passenger train. Conductor James McBride was shot through the left arm and shoulder and Brakeman Spencer was shot through the left breast and ankle by Edgar Gro-

The crew had attempted to put Grover rom the train. Sheriff Mannering and a posse of officers have gone in search of

Strikebreakers Badly Beaten. CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—Following the attempt to blow up the Newport Foundry & Machinery Company's plant last night. five of the strike-breakers were attacked by a large crowd of union workers tonight. Martin Baurcies, one of the nonunion men, was beaten into insensibility and of the strike sympathizers was out with a knife. His companions carried him off with them and his name or the extent of his injuries could not be learned.

Doctor Killed Man With a Gun. NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 28 .- Dr. J. C. Todd practicing physician and an ex-member of the State Legislature, who shot and killed R. T. Wall, at Richards, Mo., in May last, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury here today and his punishment fixed at 12 years in the state penitentiary. Todd pleaded self-de Ill-feeling had existed between the two men for 20 years. Wall was a wealthy

Robbed His Benefactor. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Charged with

THE NEW YEAR'S OREGONIAN

The New Year's Oregonian for 1905 will be published Monday morning, Jan nary 2. It will be distinctively an Exposition number. People at home and abroad who may want the fullest and most accurate information of the World's Fair that will be opened in Portland on June 1 next should send for the New Year's Oregonian. It will be mailed to any address in the United States or Casada, postage prepaid, for 10 cents a copy. Address The Ore gonian, Portland, Or.

and an opportunity to be present to partake of the hearty Christmas meal partake of the hearty Christmas meal which will be served in the institution. "I guess my only chance is to get drunk and disorderly and get locked up again." he said as he walked away from the Jail with a dejected air.

HELD TO RESPONSIBILITY. Demurrer of Slocum Steamboat Offi cials is Overruled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 .- The demurrer of Charles F. Barnaby, president; J. P. Atkinson, secretary, and F. G. Dexter, director of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, to an indictment charging them with a share of the responsibility in the burning of the ex-cursion steamer, General Slocum, was overruled today by Judge Thomas, of the United States Court.
The company officials demurred to

the indictment on the ground that they tions at the polls.
were not the owners of the craft. Demurrers to similar indictments found against Mr. Pease, of the Knickerocker Steamboat Company suit, and Captain Van Schalek, who was in command of the steamer when she was burned with a loss of 1000 lives, also was overruled by Judge Thomas. The opinion of Judge Thomas was

given in a most exhaustive document which reviewed the various points at issue at great length. He holds that iry duty as regards the selection, test, maintenance and inspection of life-preservers and life-saving apparatus falls upon the owners, as the law commands the owner properly to equip his vessel. At the same time it the duty of the captain carefully to the inspect such equipment, and in event such equipment is found imperfect it is the duty to refuse to navigate

DENTISTRY BRINGS A CLEW.

Young Woman Missing From New

York May Be Victim of Murder. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 24 .-An entirely new clew, and one that looks good to Chief Reynolds, has developed as a result of the excellent description of dentistry sent over the country by the Associated Press. The clew comes from Syracuse, N. Y., where it is learned a girl named Kemter is missing The girl came to Colorado Springs a year ago, and in October a check for 100 was sent to her, which she acknowledged as receiving. Since that time nothing has been heard from her, and her family be lieve that she is the victim of the Moun Cutier murder. Investigation by Reynolds brings out the fact that the dentistry of the missing Miss Kemter tallies exactly with that of the dead girl, s does also the hair and height.

A special to the Gazette received from

Syracuse tonight is to the effect that the

PORTLAND, OREGON.

Portland is perhaps the most attracfive city of the continent. The Lewis and Clurk Centennial Exposition will be formally opened to the publ Portland on June 1 next. This Pair with its exhibits will represent an actual outlay in excess of \$25,000,000. The New Year's number for 1995 will be published on January 2 next. It will be a special Exposition number The paper will be malled to any address in the United States or Canada, postage prepaid, for 10 cents a copy. Address The Oregonian, Portland, Or.

family has directed a sister of Miss Ken ter, who is now in California, to proceed to Colorado Springs at once, and either locate her sister, or identify the remains.

May Be Body of Actress. COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 24 .- Off-

cers now engaged in attempting to solve the Mount Cutler murder mystery are quietly working on what they allege is the best clew yet secured.

The ,new theory upon which they are working is that the deceased was a memne of the theatrical troupes that this city during the past two

ber of one of the theatrical troupes that visited this city during the past two months, and was put out of the way by some male member of the company on ac-count of jealousy.

The police are now in telegraphic communication with managers of a number of companies which were here between November 1 and December 30, to ascerrain if any of the members are missing,

Attempt to Blow Up Factory. CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.-Another attemp was made during the night to blow up the Newport Foundries & Machine Company's plant at Newport, Ky. The building was shaken by a terrific explosion of dynamite. The dynamite was dropped near a fence and consequently little damage was The explosion was heard all over

systematically robbing a man who ha befriended him, a young man who claims to be Count Norman de le Creasan Luis, a member of an old French family, arraigned in the Police Court today. spite the young man's protest that he was innocent, he was held in \$5000 ball for The complainant was John S a retired merchant,

ACTION IS AN EYE-OPENER.

Aslegation Made in Habeas Corpus Suit in Denver Election Frauds.

DENVER. Dec. M .- Attorney Samue Belford has drawn up the brief to be pre-sented to the United States Supreme Court in the application for a writ of habeas corpus for Michael Dowd, one of the 30 election officials who have been sentence to jail by the State Supreme Court or charges of contempt based on their ac

The brief questions the authority of the Supreme Court to take jurisdiction of an lection. The brief concludes that the charge of the election in this city will open the eyes of the rest of the country to what is meant by government by injunction

Election Officials to Jall. DENVER, Dec. M .- Three more elec Supreme Court today for contempt, making a total of 30 who have been sent up for violation of the court's injunction issued prior to the November election. Isaac Goldman and Edward Sweeney. Questions of state administration are of judges, and Clarence P. Dixon, clerk,

are the men sentenced today. Indictments against Michael Callahan and Jacob Schurtz, charged with elec-tion frauds in 1966, were quashed by Judge John Mullins today.

MONEY SPENT ON MISSIONS. American Board Reports Large Increase Over Last Year.

BOSTON, Dec. 24 .- The annual report of the American Board of Foreign Missions shows disbursements during the past year of \$748,308, an increase over the previous year of \$7906, and the excess of expendi-tures above receipts was \$22,535. The increase was due largely to the new efforts to enlarge the constituency through the young people's department. The report says of the work of the European Turkey

"The last year has witnessed the con-tinuance of the efforts of our Govern-ment to secure the authoritative recogniion of American institutions and American citizens in the empire which Turkey had long since conceded to the institutions and citizens of France, Ger. many, Russia, Italy and England, strange-ly thus far without success. There is no abatement in the demand which our Government is making. There is a defi-nite purpose to secure what is our manifest right, and unreasonable delay on the part of Turkey will only heighten the pressure and call forth measures that may be needful."

Reduction of Panama Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. - President doosevelt has given consideration recently the membership of the Panama Canal Commission, but thus far it can be suid no definite decision has been reached. It has been urged by some members of Con grees that the commission is so large as to be unwieldy. It is known that Representative Hepburn, of lows, chairman on in-terstate and foreign commerce, is inclined to the opinion that the commission is too large, and the chief engineer of the canal ought to have greater initial authority than he now has. Mr. Hepburn talked to the President today about canal matters, but he declined to say whether it was the intention of his committee to introdmeasure looking to the crystallization of his ideas into law.

Retired Officer Retains Title

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Attorney-General Moody has given an opinion to Secretary Morton in the case of Paymaster-General A. S. Kenty, U. S. N., retired. who some time ugo made a protest against being designated in the Navy register and in official correspondence as 'pay director." The contention was that he designated as "Paymaster-General, S. N., retired." The Attorney-General holds that the title of the Paymaster General and of the chiefs of other stuffs' duty in the United States Navy Department goes over to the retired list with the officer and stays with them thereafter.

Pleased Some One.

Louisville Times. The University of Chicago has sub the University of Chicago has sub-stituted college songs at chapel serv-ices for "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." It is at present un-certain whether the Almighty or John D. Rockefeller is the more gratified.

Suicide of a Bridegroom.

First Cook-Silchfinger has been arrested Second Cook-You don't say? First Cook-You, Neb., Dec. 24.—At the Coroner's Chicago Daily News.

NO MORE PASSPORTS

Russia About to Abolish Police Surveillance.

GREAT BOON TO THE NATIVES

First Notable Result From the Administration of Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky... Foreigners Not Affected.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28 .- The Associated Press can announce that Russia is on the eve of abolishing the passport The matter has already been which is investigating the passport ques tion. A new law will be promuigated within six weeks as one of the solid reorms resulting from the administration of Interior Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky For the present the abolition of the pass port system, will only apply to Russian and not to foreigners, although it is inthe system governing foreigners also. The state tax on the latter, however will be removed, leaving only Red Cross and invalid taxes.

Abolition of the passport system in

Russia will work a complete revolution not only in removing every individual in the Empire from constant surveillance by the police but in many other ways in creasing personal freedom. It is impossi ble under the present system for a peas ant to leave a commune without an in-dorsed passport, or for a divorced wife to leave the husband's roof without his permission. The abolition so far as tourists are concerned will be a great convenience, but it will have no such deep and material significance as in the case of

The present passport system constitutes ore annoyance than the actual restric tion of legitimate tourists. No hotel or lodging-house in the Empire is permitted to receive a guest overnight without his submitting a passport to the police for both arrival and departure; neither native or foreign can leave the country without permission of the police explicitly dorsed on a passport, and a native nust secure a special passport costing \$7,50 before he can go abroad. The penalty for a native eveding this law is exeedingly drastic, including corporal punshment if captured.

Foreigh commercial travelers at present are also heavily handicapped by the passport system. Their vocations must be stated in a passport and especial license which costs \$25 is exacted before they can transact business in the country. Whether this license will be modified with the abolition of the passport it is

impossible at present to say.

A strong effort was made in 1847 to abolish passports. The measure was then shelved until 1869, when a special commission investigated the subject and de cided it was impossible to abo system. Since then the law has been ened with the greatest set

ZEMSTVO PRESIDENT RESIGNS

Forty Members of Chernigov Body Act With Presiding Officer. CHERNIGOV, Russia, Dec. M.-Forty members of the local Zemstvo, including

the president, who signed the recent tele-gram to Emperor Nicholas, have resigned. (The Chernigov Zemstvo, December 20 telegraphed resolutions begging Emperor Nicholas in the most loyal manner to convoke legally elected members of the Zemstvos to present a programme of re-forms for his consideration. The Empe-ror, December 22, wrote the following indorsement on the Chernigov Zemstvos' dispatch: "I consider the action of the no concern to the Zemstvos, whose func-

tions and rights are clearly defined by the Further Reforms Are Planned.

ST PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.-Current stories of a complete victory of the reactionaries and the deficite shelving of all hope for early reforms on a broad scale, according to an authority very close to the Emperor, are absolutely false. Interior Minister Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky stands higher than ever in the Emperor's confidence and esteem and the programme of reform that is being worked out covers National, municipal and peasant admin-Istrations.

The reforms will include an extensions of powers of Zemstovs and Moumas (Land Council) especially in the matter of taxation and assessm a crystallization into a law of the recendation of the Witte commission and the whole plans of reforms in the direction of a curtailment of the powers of the bureaucracy and decent real-

Moreover, it is understood that the Zemstovs are to be invited to send representatives to St. Petersburg for con sultive purposes, and there seems even to exist that something in the nature the scheme advocated by Lorris-Melikoff may after all suot be impossible.

Exciting Scene at Moscow. MOSCOW, Dec. 24.-Expressions of sym pathy with the reform resolutions passed at the recent conference of Comstvo representatives raised a storm at the sess of the Agricultural Society here yesterday evening. A statement signed by 28 mem-bers indorsing the Zemstvo resolutions was introduced by a member. The presi-dent objected, but notwithstanding his protest the communication was read. A opresentative of the Kostrama branch of the society was heartly cheered when he announced that the Kostrama branch had passed a similar resolution and de-manded the termination of the war. The president thereupon left, and the assembly raceeded to elect a new president. Excited speeches continued to be made until ate at night.

The members of the Moscow bar have also adopted a resolution to send an address to the Municipal Council of Moscow approving of its recent reform resolutions.

Discredited at Paris.

PARIS. Dec. 24.—The officials of the Foreign Office discredit the report from St. Petersburg, circulated in the United States by a news agency, to the effect that Ambassador Bompard is the bearer of a letter from Emperor Nicholas to resident Loubet favorable to the mediation of France in the war. they are not aware of the existence of any such letter, and that the report is believed to be an exaggeration growing out of Bompard's call on President Loubet, December 13, when he pr a letter from Emperor Nicholas esident, as cabled to the Associated Prese at the time. The Ambassador has since said that the letter was not important or in connection with the war

Right of Election Restored.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.-The Zems. tvos of the government of Tiver and of the district of Novotorshk have had re-stored to them the right to elect their presidents from among their own mem bers. A year ago the late Minister of the Interior, Von Pichye, disapproved of the presidents elected by these Zemstvos, and replaced them with his own nominees.

The restoration of the right to elect their precidents in the case of the two Zennstvos mentioned is regarded as being a significant sign of the times.

No Overtures for Peace.

ST. PETERSBURG. Dec. 24.-Amil dor Hardinge, whose visit to Foreign Minister Lamsdorff Wednesday, taken in connection with Ambassador Bencken lorff's audience with King Edward Thurs day, gave rise to suggestions of another attempt at mediation, authorizes the Associated Press to say that the interview with Count Lamsdorff was without special significance. The Ambassador called on the Foregin Minister in the ordinary way about purely current matters.

Merely a Letter of Good Will.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24-Th-French Embassy absolutely denies that the French Ambassador, M. Bompard, who has started for Paris, is the bearer of any letter from the Emperor to President Loubet accepting the mediation of France-in the war, as announced in the United States by a news agency. He did bear an autograph letter to M. Loubet, but it is of a felleitous character.

Troops Quietly Mobilized ST. PETERSHURG. Dec. 24,-The mo bilization which began December 22 is proceeding quietly. No disturbances are reported from any quarter.

LOSS IS OVER TWO MILLIONS Insurance at Sioux City Will Amount to About Two-Thirds.

SIUOX CITY, Ia., Dec. 24.-Sloux City awoke today with two of its best business blocks in ashes, causing a loss that reaches \$2,500,000, throwing hundreds of people out of employment and entailing the loss of at least one life. The fire had originated in the basement of the Pelletier Dry Goods Company, at Fourth and Jackson streets, one of the main corners

of the city. It was not until after 3 o'clock this morning that the flames were finally checked at Pierce street, after Selzer wholesale liquor establishm been destroyed,

The only building in the fire-swept dis-trict which remains standing is the Tri-bune building. The damage to the build-ing is slight. The big buildings which were reduced to ashes were the Massa-chusetts block, the Toy building and an nex, the Badger Row building, the Mer-cantile block, the Bolton block, the Com-mercial block, the Brown block, the Gilman block, a half-block of well-known Fourth street, east of Pierce street; J. K. Brugh block, Warfield-Pratt-How-ell Company's wholesale grocery house, the Leader Hotel, the West Hotel, Selzer ros.' block, and the Northwestern Na-onal Bank. The insurance is estimated amount to about two-thirds of the

In addition to the large business firms which were burned, a host of smaller business houses were victims of the flames, as were hundreds of people with offices and living-rooms in the burnt dis-

But one life is known to have been lost, . Brockway, who jumped from the ourth story of the Massachusetts building, struck a telephone wire and missed the life net by six inches. A revised list of the principal losses is as follows: Pellitier Dry Goods Company, \$240,000;

Massachusetts Block Real Estate Com-pany, \$185,000; Purslow Estate, \$75,000; Dow Clothing Company, \$55,000; Selzer Broa.' building, \$35,000; J. K. Prugh & Co., \$50,-900; R. E. Purslow, West Hotel, \$25,000; Schulein Estate, \$60,000; George M. Conway, \$55,000; Higman & Skinner Company boots and shoes, \$50,000; Davidson Bros. Company, \$40,000; Johnson & Aronson Company, \$55,000; Brown Block Company,

FLAMES LEAP FROM MINE.

Efforts to Check Fire in Morea Property Are Without Success.

MAHONOY CITY, Pa., Dec. 24.— Tongues of flame today leaped 40 feet originated last night, to the surface, a nothing so safe and reliable for constipa-distance of nearly 400 feet. The roof tion, liver and kidney troubles and espe-cially in all forms of skin disease as this

in several places. Several mine inspectors, officials of the Dobson Coal Company, who ewn entire day in an effort to confine the fire to the "man" stope, but with what success they are unable to determine. The colliery, which is one of the largest

in the region, is in no danger.

Killed by Gasoline Explosion. GUTHRIE, Ok., Dec. 24.—William chultze has been fatally burned and his wife and three children are dead result of a gasoline explosion their home near Guymon, Okla. family recently homesteaded a claim in Beaver County, coming direct Germany.

Heavy Loss in Georgia Town. WRIGHTSVILLE Gs Dec 24 Wrightsville has suffered from the greatest fire in its history. Two banks, five stores, with the stocks, and other offices were burned. Total loss, \$100,000.

Lebanon Valley College Burned. LEBANON, Pa., Dec. 24. - The main building of Lebanon Valley College at Annyille was totally destroyed by fire tonight. Loss, \$50,000.

Careful Bad Men.

Washington Post. "I have never yet seen a desperado or man-killer, who, if he thought an antagonist were ready for him with weapons equal to his own, would not back out of a fight," remarked Senator "There was Sam Brown, the champion bad man of Nevada in the old days, who was dreaded by the community about like the public here would dread the turning loose on the Avenue of a Numidian ilon. This Sam Brown was a giant, six feet four inches high, 250 pounds avoirdupois, and as ferocious a looking man as ever mortal eye beheld. He looked more like a dangerous beast than a human being. Killing was his trade, and one Winter in Virginia City he siew 16 men. Timid folk shuddered at sight of him. "Knowing he was going to be present at a lawsuit in which I had been retained by a client whose interes were opposed to the desperado.

A Bad Stomach Lessens the usefulness and mars the hap-

thought it best on the day of the trial

to put a couple of old-fashioned der ringers in my overcoat pocket. Sur-

neard, and when I saw him enter the

enough. Brown was on hand in little room in which the case

piness of life. It's a weak stomach, a stomach that can not properly perform its functions. Among its symptoms are distress after

eating, nausea between meals, heartburn,

beiching, vomiting, flatulence and nervous

Hood's Sarsaparilla

headache.

Cures a had stomach, indigestion and dys pepsia, and the cure is permanent. Accept no substitute,

His fevorite weapon was a big knife, and the knowledge that the villain meant to stab me to death made me feel exceedingly uncomfortable. It was enough to make the bravest heart quall. But I knew it would never do to show the creature that he had me scared, and, looking him squarely in the eye, I brought the pocket of my overcoat around to where he could see the full shape of both my derringers. My hand was grasping the handle, and I was ready to shoot on the second. These pistols shot with terrific force uld knock down even if they

did not kill. "He was watching me like a hawk and I saw his eye fall on the weapon. Before this he had been fumbling at his knife, but immediately he ceased and presently he walked out of the room. When the business was over I found him in the front of the house which was fitted up as a saloon, in the act of taking a drink. With a smile intended to be amiable, he advanced to meet me, holding out both hands, and declaring that I was the sort of man he admired, invited me to join him. A week later he asked me to represent him in a mining suit

Knows a Good Thing. Victoria, B. C., Colonist Whether the Dominion is or is not

officially represented at the Portland exposition, British Columbia should be there-right in the front seat.

Rival Victims.

Meadville (Pa.) Gazette. The butchering time has come for many village porkers. The usual rivalry exists o see who will have the largest and best hog for the killing.

What Sulphur Does

For the Human Body in Health and

Disease. The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every

Spring and Fall.

It was the universal Spring and Fall "blood purifier," tonic and cure-all, and mind you, this old-fashioned remedy was not without merit.

The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpaintable, and a large quan-tity had to be taken to get any effect. Nowadays we get all the beneficial effects of sulphur in a palatable, concentrated form, so that a single grain is far

more effective than a tablespoonful of the

In recent years, research and experiment have proven that the best sulphur for medicinal use is that obtained from Cal-cium (Calcium Sulphide) and sold in drug stores under the name of Stuart's Calcium Wafers. They are small chocolute-coated pellets and contain the active medicinal principle of sulphur in a highly concen-trated, effective form.

Few people are aware of the value of this form of sulphur in restoring and maintaining bodily vigor and health; sulphur acts directly on the liver, and ex-cretory organs and purifies and enriches the blood by the prompt elimination of waste material. Our grandmothers knew this when they dosed us with sulphur and molasses every Spring and Fall, but the crudity and impurity of ordinary flowers of sulphur were

compare with the modern concentrated preparations of sulphur, of which Stuart's Calcium Wafers is undoubtedly the bes and most widely used. They are the natural antidote for liver and kidney troubles and cure constipation and purify the blood in a way that often

often worse than the disease, and canno

surprises patient and physician alike Dr. R. M. Wilkins while experimenting with sulphur remedies soon found that the sulphur from Calcium was superior to any other form. He says: "For liver, kidney and blood troubles, especially when is sulting from constitution or malaria, I have been surprised at the results obtained from Stuart's Calcium Wafers. In patients suffering from boils and pimple and even deep-seated carbuncles. I have repeatedly seen them dry up and disaphigh from the burning Morea mine and all efforts to check the fire have thus far proved unavailing. The slope has been almost entirely swept of timber, from the pump-house, where the fire booed by many physicians, yet I know of

> At any rate people who are tired of pills, catharties and so-called blood "purifiers," will find in Stuart's Calcium ers a far eafer, more palatable and effective preparation.

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