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Big Fleet in and Out During Christmas Time.

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Columbia Arrives from San Francisco—Leaves Out Again Tomorrow Morning—Square-Riggers Get Away in a Bunch.

The steamer Lurline will be on duty some time in the coming week. The Undine came down last evening in good season and went away on her 7 o'clock schedule. Pilot "Scotty" McNell will be placed in command of the steamer Mascot on Tuesday next, on the Portland-Lewis River run. Pilot Kane Olney is due to take the wheel of the Lurline on January 5 next.

The steamship Columbia was a Christmas arrival here, from San Francisco, going on to Portland at once. She will be down tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock en route to the Bay City.

The American ship Lucile, from San Pedro for Portland, was another holiday arrival, and she went on to the metropolises on the hawsters of the Oklahoma without delay.

The British steamship Franklyn left out yesterday, having come down from the metropolis on Christmas day. She goes to Comax for coal, thence to the Orient.

The steamer Johan Poulsen came down the river on Christmas morning and left out for San Francisco yesterday.

The Japanese steamship Shihita Maru, Captain Eckstand, left out over the bar yesterday morning, for Japan, direct.

The steamer Alliance is due down this morning bound for Coos Bay and Eureka, with freight and passengers.

The steamship Geo. W. Elder is billed to leave out this morning from the Callender pier, for Eureka, San Francisco and Port Los Angeles.

The British steamship Manchester-Port, went over the bar yesterday morning, bound for Europe.

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The steamer Northland came in from San Francisco on Tuesday morning and went directly on to Portland.

The steamer Tiverton made it out over the bar with the Christmas fleet, San Francisco bound, with lumber.

The Emperour Menelik, the French bark, got away for Limerick, on Christmas morning.

The British steamship Apollo, lumber laden for the Orient, went to sea on the great holiday.

The steamer South Bay was an early arrival in this port yesterday morning, from San Francisco.

The American bark Agate went to sea on Christmas morning on the tow lines of the tug Samson, and it is hoped her troubles are at an end for a while at least.

The schooner Andy Mahoney went to sea yesterday and is headed for the south on a smashing breeze.

The French bark Jacobson, Captain De'Heronval, left out yesterday for Europe, grain laden.

The American ship Elwell was among the get-aways over the bar yesterday, lumber laden for Redondo.

The American ship Sintram was among the fleet crossing out yesterday.

FAINTED FOR FREEDOM.
Curious Method Employed by Chicago Woman to Gain Liberty.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A woman known to the police as "Fainting" Bertha again escaped from the Illinois Insane hospital at Elgin last night by employing the same means she had used in the last five years, during which time she has made a chapter in police history in Chicago. Bertha claims to be an epileptic and she has "acted" so well that the last time she was arrested she succeeded in being sent to Elgin instead of Joliet.

The woman's system is unique. It was her habit to enter a store, and when she had located something she wanted and it was within easy reach, she would faint. While those who were present had gone for water and assistance, she would secrete the article she had planned to steal and by the time the water had arrived she would recover sufficiently to be able to leave.

It was during the Christmas festivities at the hospital that Bertha found a chance to get hold of some keys that would aid in her escape. Then she fainted. The attendants carried her to the ward in which she was confined and she became hysterical. Later she became quiet and was left alone, and then she used the keys she had obtained to get her liberty. She made a similar attempt a month ago and was captured. The state authorities offer a reward for her capture.

VZRAL FAMILY POISONED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Traces of poison have been found in the body of another member of the Vzral family and the police believe that they have secured additional evidence against Herman Belek, who is now in custody in connection with the deaths of several members of the family. The analysis completed today was that of the body of Rose Vzral. Evidences of arsenic have been found in all the bodies analyzed.

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WRECK NEAR TACOMA

Interurban Passenger and a Work Train Collide at Milton.

CARELESS FLAGMAN BLAMED

Four Persons Are Killed and Eleven Injured—First Passenger Car Was Crushed to Splinters by the Freight Cars.

TACOMA, Dec. 26.—An interurban passenger train and a work train collided a mile north of Milton, near Edgewood about 8 o'clock this morning. Four persons were killed and 11 injured. Conductor George Ross is among the dead and the motorman is fatally hurt. The passenger train left Seattle at 7 o'clock.

The dead: GEORGE ROSS, conductor. WILLIAM HARRIS, third-rail man, body cut in two. WILLIAM GUYON, motorman, fatally injured.

The injured: Martin Johnson, Georgetown, arm broken. D. E. Conley, of Tacoma, hurt internally. J. A. Ward, of Tacoma, badly injured.

The flagman of the freight train was sent out, but failed to stop the freight train. The wreck occurred on a sharp grade in a deep cut. Two flatcars were piled on the first passenger car, crushing it to splinters. The flagman whose alleged carelessness caused the wreck, cannot be found.

ATTEMPTED HOLD-UP.

Martin Nelson Stopped by Lone Robber, Whom He Wounds.

Tuesday morning, at about 5 o'clock, Martin Nelson, a deckhand on the dredger W. S. Ladd, was accosted by a stranger as he went to work. The man stepped out of a heavy shadow at a corner of lower Fourth street, and said sharply: "Got any money with you?"

Nelson was taken by surprise and merely answered in the negative. A pendant watch-guard in his vest pocket caught the robber's eye. "Give me your watch, then," he demanded.

"Take it," was the brief reply. The thief attempted to do so, and was met by a hard blow on the side of his head with a closed knife, which Nelson had whipped out of his pocket. Without further parley, he turned and ran, covering the ground at a good pace.

The wound must have been rather a severe one, as the intended victim found his face and coat splashed with the would-be footpad's blood. Mr. Nelson is unable to give any description of the man, and the only aid to the officers in their search for him will be the injured head.

SAYS PINCHON PREVARICATES.
Vatican Makes Denial of French Foreign Minister's Statement.

ROME, Dec. 26.—In spite of the denials by the French government that it has made any reply regarding the Vatican's protest to the powers on the subject of the expulsion from France of Monsiugneur Montagnini, the Vatican has been positively informed that Foreign Minister Pinchon has made verbal statements in answer to the protests of several diplomatic representatives at Paris, who telegraphed the minister's communication to their governments. According to the Vatican's authority, M. Pinchon said that Montagnini had no diplomatic standing; that the papers sequestered at Nunciature were unimportant, all the important documents having been previously removed; and as the French government has not allowed the papal Nuncio to correspond with the French bishops, much less could it permit Montagnini to do so.

COME FROM HAWAII.
Japanese in Sunny Isles Pass Over to the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A report on Japanese questions in the Hawaiian Islands will be made to the President by F. P. Sargent, Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, as a result of his recent visit to the islands. The commissioner expressed his opinion that there are fewer Japanese in the islands now than two

years ago, a greater number having come to America in that time than have arrived at Hawaii. Consul General Salto at Honolulu, intimated to Sargent that the Japanese government discouraged its people from coming to the United States, because of its knowledge of conditions existing in this country, and it was apprehended that the coming here of great numbers of Japanese might induce a prejudice against them that would prove embarrassing.

INVESTIGATIONS MAY END.
Statute of Limitations May Quash Indictments Against Companies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Unless the grand jury hands up indictments as a result of their investigations of the affairs of the New York Life Insurance Company before the end of this week the statute of limitations will prevent the matter that has kept the December grand jury busy from being placed before another grand jury.

The grand jury will take up this matter again today and if indictments are to be ordered they must be handed up in Recorder Goff's court not later than Friday on which day it is expected the grand jury will be discharged for the term of court.

WIDOW PROVES FORTITUDE.
Rises From Sick Bed to Attend Obsequies of Husband.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Mrs. James E. Pepper, widow of Colonel Pepper who died Monday evening at the Waldorf Astoria, gave a remarkable display of will power yesterday when she got up from a sick bed and made arrangements for the burial of her husband. Mrs. Pepper has been ill with bronchial pneumonia for several days. Her friends were astonished yesterday when she decided to accompany the body of her husband to her home in Lexington, Ky. Dr. Gibbons tried to dissuade her, but she ordered the body placed on the 4:55 o'clock train this afternoon for Lexington and with relatives she left on the same train.

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WHOLESALE EMMIGRATION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A cable dispatch from Madrid published here today, says that nine thousand of the inhabitants of the town of Bejar, which is 45 miles south of Salamanca, decided some time ago to emigrate in a body. A meeting was held Monday, which approved the offer of the presidents of Uruguay and Nicaragua to supply ships and funds for the transportation of these emigrants.

A complication of female troubles with catarrh of the stomach and bowels, had reduced Mrs. Thos. S. Austin, of Leavenworth, Indiana, to such a deplorable condition, that her doctor advised an operation; but her husband fearing fatal results, postponed this to try Electric Bitters; and to the amazement of all who knew her; this medicine completely cured her. Guaranteed cure for torpid liver, kidney disease, biliousness, jaundice, chills and fever, general debility, nervousness and blood poisoning. Best tonic made. Price 50c at Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

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