

THE BUSY READER.

Painted Icons Chronicling the Week's Happenings.

TELEGRAPHED BOILED DOWN

THE RECORD OF CRIMES, ACCIDENTS AND OTHER MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST GIVEN IN FEW WORDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO ARE IN A HURRY.

The general term of the fourth department convened in Syracuse and handed down the last decisions of the year and of the court, as under the new constitution its jurisdiction goes to the new appellate division, which will sit in Rochester.

Alfred Woodhouse of Utica, N. Y., aged 26, who engaged with his father removing a tree, was struck on the head and instantly killed.

Isaac Pasha, the chief steward of the Sultan of Turkey, who was arrested recently for presenting his majesty with a long report upon the situation of the country, which document Abdul Hamid refused to read, whereupon Ismet Pasha resigned, is to be tried by court-martial.

The cruiser Kuan Ping, one of the warships captured from China by the Japanese during the recent war, was wrecked on the Pescadore Islands on Saturday last. Nearly all her deck officers and 60 men are missing.

The British steamer Bellerophon has been in collision with and sunk the French steamer Emile Heliole at the entrance of the harbor at Algiers. Thirty passengers of the Emile Heliole, including 18 natives, were drowned.

The report that the town of Zeitoun, held by the insurgent Armenians for some time past, has been captured by the Turkish troops, is confirmed.

John H. Huston of Denver, a well-known mining man, said to be worth \$600,000, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. The suicide is supposed to have been occasioned by despondency, due to ill health.

Henry E. Hatch of New York has been appointed clerk to the committee on rivers and harbors.

The Dominion cabinet at its meeting in Ottawa reached no decision in the Shorter smelter case.

Edwin S. Hooley, banker and broker, has entered suit against the town of Monroe for \$100,000 for injuries received by falling from a bridge at that place, which it is alleged was not in a proper state of repair.

Commander F. M. Barber, U. S. N., has been retired on account of disability incident to the service.

Aldo J. Walker, receiver of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad, confirms the report of his resignation and that of his successor, John J. McCook. The resignations have been accepted and will take effect upon the appointment of their successors.

The sophomore Edna M. Champion, which ended from Philadelphia Oct. 19 for Port Jervis, Pa., has been given up as lost. She covered a cover of 11 men.

Louis Combs, Jr., of Lexington, Ky., has located tobacco groves in the world, and anticipated liabilities nearly \$800,000.

The British steamer Kirby has landed at the Azores islands the crew of the German bank Dresdner, Captain Lueke, which was abandoned at sea.

Princess Frederica Leopold of Germany, while skating on the ice on Giesebrechtsee, had a narrow escape from drowning. The day gave way, and the princess was immersed in the water until she was rescued, with the aid of a plank, by a party of eight days.

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The vice-president and Mrs. Stevenson and their daughters were the guests of Mrs. Stevenson's daughter, Susanna, at her home.

The members of the cabinet remained at their homes and nearly everyone of them had with him members of his family or kindred from out of town.

The day was unusually mild and the weather heavy and foggy.

A terrible gale has caused a large amount of damage throughout the Adirondacks.

No official report of all dividends for stocks issued by G. M. Hefford & Co. of New Haven, Conn., the total of \$1,200,000 "promises to paid on a capital of \$60,000,000 of slightly over 20 per cent." The total dividends include extras of 10 per cent.

The London Chronicle says: "Lord Dunraven's failure to incriminate Defender's servants or crew is complete. He may now in full blood reflect that he has done more to bind his blood between the two nations than President Cleveland and Secretary Glenny combined."

Charles H. Bulkley, president of the Cleveland park and home and community, died there, aged 88 years. He was prominently identified with the business interests of the city, being part owner of the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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AMERICA'S CUP INVESTIGATION.

The Ultimo Survey Maintained as to the Committee Proceedings.

New York, Dec. 28.—The committee of the New York Yacht club investigating the charges made by Lord Dunraven against the Defender in last summer's race, which was won by the latter, resumed its work at 10 o'clock this forenoon. Lord Dunraven, who came over from England for that purpose, was present.

The inference from the majority of the quasi-statements made by those who were present during the session, was that the hearing would be very nearly finished by this afternoon.

It was almost impossible to get any tangible idea of what was going on inside the model room of the clubhouse, but the persistent reporters, who were forced to remain on the outside, ascertained that Lord Dunraven was on the stand and that his henchman, Arthur Glennon, was also subjected to a few questions by Lawyer Chase.

At all events, from the present state of affairs the hearing is not likely to last more than a day and a half longer, and the context of the proceedings may not be made known until the committee renders a decision on the merits of these.

New York, Dec. 31.—At 6 o'clock the burglar of the New York Yacht club was hauled down and the investigating committee adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock this morning.

The members of the committee and the lawyers, Choate and Aspinwall, together with the witnesses who were called to the stand, maintained the same stony silence that has characterized all the proceedings of this investigation, stating that there was absolutely nothing to be said for publication yet.

Among those who testified were Mate Berry of Defender, and Mosers, Thorne, Terry, Staples and Conant.

It is expected that today's session will end the case, inasmuch as there is but one more quartermaster to testify, and the members of the investigating committee desire to have everything closed up before New Year's day.

RUSSIA OFFERS US GOLD.

But the Offer Was Made Nearly Two Years Ago.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Great interest was excited in official circles here by the publication in the Washington Post under a New York date of a circumstantial statement to the effect that the Russian government has offered to lend the United States any amount of gold up to \$400,000,000—some half of its total possessions of this species—in order to maintain its credit against assaults from the great money powers of other European nations and that, learning of this tender, the Rothschilds, through Meers, Belmont & Morgan, had made overtures to let the United States have any amount of gold needed.

The statement, it is learned, is inaccurate, so far as concerns the fact that Russia tendered the United States a part of its store of gold, but the natural inference is that this offer was a recent one, made in consequence of the late Venezuelan message and subsequent panic, is not warranted.

It may be asserted positively and on excellent authority that the tender was in no manner influenced by the complications now existing between the United States and Great Britain as the result of the negotiations over the Venezuelan boundary question, and was in fact made two years ago.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CAPITAL.

The President and Official Washington Generally Spend It Quietly.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The president and cabinet and official Washington generally, with the exception of the Republican members of the ways and means committee, who labored to complete the text of their tariff and bond bills, spent a quiet and enjoyable Christmas free from the anxieties and excitements of the past six or eight days.

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SOMETHING LIKE A SOCIALIST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—At the second day's session of the annual convention of the Jewish speaking organization of the Socialists-Labor party, Daniel de Leon advanced the policy of providing ways and means for the agitation of socialism among the Jews. His remarks met with the approval of the delegates. Reports from various committees were submitted.

Court of Common Pleas Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The court of common pleas, the direct successor of the first judicial tribune, established by the Dutch on Manhattan island more than 400 years ago, will go out of existence tomorrow. The ceremonies attending its decular were held in the general term room. A brilliant assemblage of legal lights was there.

JAMESTOWN'S FIRST CHIEF DEATH.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Colonel Thomas T. Cluney, chief of the Jamestown fire department, has died after a lingering illness of several months, aged 52 years. Colonel Cluney was a war veteran.

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PANIC IN A THEATRE.

More Than a Score of People Trampled to Death.

FALSE ALARM OF FIRE GIVEN.

Terrible Stampede of Death in a Hebrew Theater at Baltimore—Nearly All the Victims Polish Jews—No Cause for the Awful Disaster.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Twenty-four persons were killed and twice as many more seriously injured last night during a panic at the old Front street theater in this city.

Almost all the victims are of Polish nationality and Hebrew extraction.

The theater, which is probably the oldest in the city, was filled from pit to dome with people who had assembled to listen to Hebrew opera which has been given in the old Front street theater for the past month.

The ticket office receipts show that over 2,700 tickets had been sold, when at 8 o'clock the sale of seats was stopped because there were no more left. General admission tickets were sold, however, afternoons, and it is supposed that there were at least 3,000 people within the walls when the curtain went up in the first act.

As the capacity of the house is less than 2,600, the density of the crowd may be imagined.

Ten minutes after the curtain rose one of the attendants went up to the second tier to light the gas jet, which appeared to have been extinguished. As he turned the cock and applied the match the light flared up, and it was seen that there was no tip to the burner. The jet was well down toward the stage on the left side of the house in plain sight of the greater part of the audience, but as the glare from it showed against the wall someone in the gallery shouted: "Fire! Fire! Fire!"

In an instant there was a mad scrabbling for the door, in which the whole audience took part. The vanguard of the terror-stricken multitude reached the entrance on Front street, pushed on by the howling shrieking mob behind them.

The steps leading from the doorways are but about five feet high, but the landing at their base is narrow. Down these the frightened people hurled themselves in the frightful struggle to reach the open air and to escape the certain death they thought was behind them.

As the crowds from the two doors, one on the right, the other on the left, reached the landing, they met. There was a brief struggle and then someone lost his or her footing and fell.

In a moment this crowd, pushed with irresistible force from the rear, crowded over the prostrate form and began in turn to stumble, reel and presently to fall prone upon the floor, under the myriads of feet coming like a herd of frightened buffalo from behind.

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The dead are of all ages, from mere infants to gray-haired men and women. All were killed or injured in the terrific crush on the fatal landing, not a casualty having happened inside the house, although the crush there was tremendous.

The Front street theater is an old, rambling affair on the west side of Front street between Bay and Low streets.

It has not been used for theatrical purposes for several years, but has recently been the scene of many glove contests under the auspices of the Aurora Athletic club.

The means of egress were confined entirely to two narrow doorways opening upon the stairways leading down to the narrow landing upon which the tragedy occurred, and the rooms having been converted into two unsafe places to be put to public use.

JUDGE ALVEY SELECTED.

President Has Named Him as a Venezuelan Boundary Commissioner.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 30.—A special from Hagerstown, Md., says: "The Hon. Richard H. Alvey, chief justice of the United States court of appeals in the District of Columbia, has been requested by President Cleveland to become a member of the Venezuelan commission. The request was made on Thursday last in Washington.

"The proposition took Judge Alvey by surprise and he begged for time to consider the matter before committing himself. This the president granted and Judge Alvey now has the matter under consideration. He is at his home in Hagerstown and will be here until his court meets on the first Monday in January.

"Judge Alvey said that he had not yet fully made up his mind whether he would accept or not. He is heartily in accord, however, with the president's views and feels under obligations to further Mr. Cleveland's policy.

"Bayard had nothing to say, except that if Mr. Cleveland insists upon it, he feels it will be his duty to accept, though it was not his desire to be one of the commissioners."

Chief Justice Sanderson Arrested.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 31.—A special from Chattanooga says: Chief Justice Sanderson was arrested on a warrant sworn out by John R. Beatty, charging him with assault with intent to kill. The warrant was served quietly by a country constable and was taken out at Sherman Heights, five miles in the country, and was kept very quiet.

American Chemical Society Meets.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 31.—The 13th general meeting of the American Chemical society began here with a large attendance. It is the third annual gathering since the society became of national importance.

Big Drygoods Firm Acquires.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 31.—The H. W. Ladd company, one of the largest drygoods houses in Providence, has made an arrangement to James W. Scott. Assets and liabilities not stated.

Troy Book Firm Acquires.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 31.—H. W. Nine, a firm, one of the oldest book concern in the city, has made a general arrangement. The firm, which has been in business for 100 years, will be absorbed by the H. W. Nine company.

Washington, D. C., to Get New Name.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The name of Washington, D. C., will be changed to Washington, D. C., effective Jan. 1, 1902.