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## DECEMBER.

**ACCIDENTS.**—Burning, Cambridge, Mass., Charles F. Foley, 50 years of age, burnt to death in his carpenter shop. It was his custom to sleep in the shop. Fire supposed to have originated from an overheated stove.—Dec. 21.

Collision, Chicago, fire engine collides with a street car. Jennie Ward 18 years old, a passenger, dangerously injured.—Dec. 20.

Drowning, Bewdley, Ont., twenty-two young people driving across Rice Lake break through; all get severely frost-bitten, and one lady dies from the effects.—Dec. 25.

Drowning, Colorado Springs Charles Hendrickson, aged 20, and Charles Reed, aged 14 years, drowned by the breaking of the ice on Cheyenne Lake, near.—Dec. 19.

Drowning, Evansville, Ind., five colored men drowned by the upsetting of a boat.—Dec. 1.

Drowning, Holstein, twelve young girls drowned while crossing the ice on Lake Selenter, on their way from church.—Dec. 22.

Drowning, Haverstraw, Mosher Jennie, aged 14 years, drowned while skating on the Hudson.—Dec. 19.

Drowning, Philadelphia, Charles Franks, 10 years old, breaks through the ice on a pond and is drowned.—Dec. 21.

Drowning, part of a coal wharf at Halifax, Nova Scotia, caves in, and five men are drowned.—Dec. 19.

Electricity, Denver, Col., Charles McDonnell, a lineman of the Electric Light Company, killed by an electric current while working on top of a pole in one of the streets. Before the body could be taken down it emitted blue smoke in three places.—Dec. 25.

Electric, Philadelphia, Samuel Kerns, while repairing a roof, grasps an electric wire, and is instantly killed.—Dec. 30.

Explosion, Cincinnati, boiler of a steam engine in the sausage factory of Gus. Lowenstein, jr., explodes; the boiler house and seven dwellings wrecked, and a 2-year-old girl, named Bertha Gray, killed. Six others were injured, Mrs. Lowenstein mortally.—Dec. 27.

Explosion, Chebogue Point, U. S.; government steamer "Newfield" badly damaged by the explosion of the powder magazine; one man killed and several injured.—Dec. 9.

Explosion, Columbia, Pa., 3 boilers in Byers & Co.'s saw mill explode, two men seriously hurt.—Dec. 6.

Explosion, Dale, Wyoming county, Pa., boiler of a Lehigh Valley locomotive explodes; one man killed and three injured.—Dec. 8.

Explosion, Espytown, Pa., boiler explodes in a saw mill on the Nescopeck Mountain; four men killed.—Dec. 2.

Explosion, Gosport, Eng., a shell bursts in the Admiralty Powder Magazine; one man killed and two injured.—Dec. 5.

Explosion, heater in first-class car on Chicago & Grand Trunk explodes, causing serious injury to two passengers and great damage to car.—Dec. 20.

Explosion, Newport, Ark., by the explosion of a boiler in Kelly & Wells, lumber mills, Willy Sloan and John Angus were killed and several others were injured.—Dec.

Explosion, Scottsdale, Pa., quantity of kerosene explodes, doing great damage to property; no lives lost.—Dec. 25.

Explosion, Wayne Co., Va., several sticks of dynamite explode, killing two men and dangerously wounding several others.—Dec. 20.

Falling down stairs, Philadelphia, Pa., William Sweeney, 50 years old, a blind man, killed by falling down stairs.—Dec. 25.

Fall from window, Philadelphia, John Wildridge, 23 years old, killed by a fall from the second-story window of a house he was painting. The slipping of a jack caused the accident.—Dec. 19.

Fall of a tree, Indianapolis, Ind., Charles Marshall killed by a falling tree while chopping.—Dec. 19.

Fall of a furnace, Joliet, Ill., at the Illinois Iron & Steel Company's works, the furnace, while being repaired, falls to the ground; 6 killed and 3 fatally injured.—Dec. 4.

Fall of a wall, Kirksville, Mo., one person killed and five injured by the fall of a wall during a fire.—Dec. 13.

Frozen to death, Wheeling, W. Va., two farmers frozen to death.—Dec. 12.

## ACCIDENTS—Continued.

Explosion, Lake Hopateong, N. J., cartridge house of the American Forcite Company, blows up. John R. Johnson and Mahlon Sperry, workmen, killed.—Dec. 29.

Fall from telegraph pole, George Winn, superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph at Allegheny City, falls from a pole, and is killed. He was repairing a wire, and, it is supposed, received an electric shock.—Dec. 19.

Gas explosion, Sunderland, Eng., in the Alhambra Theatre, wrecking the building and injuring several employees.—Dec. 23.

Gas poisoning, Louisville, Ky., James Routt poisoned by escape of gas at the Enterprise Hotel.—Dec. 19.

Independence, Iowa, Sylvester Caldwell, a popular and well-to-do young man, found dead on the road near; he was going to a Christmas tree celebration. A well-filled purse and gold watch found upon him; so foul play is not suspected.—Dec. 26.

Lamp explosion, Gerro Gordo, Ill., Noah Kunz and several of his family burnt by.—Dec. 20.

Machinery, New York, Mrs. Minnie Wilkes, wife of a laundry-man has her hair caught in the machinery and her scalp torn from her head. Her recovery is doubtful.—Dec. 29.

Runaway, South Coventry, Conn., George H. Green and his wife injured by a runaway accident; Green dies two hours later of internal hemorrhage. His wife is not expected to recover.—Dec. 25.

Shooting, Monroe, La., F. H. Frost accidentally shoots his friend, Erastus Crotwell, with a pistol which he thought was not loaded.—Dec. 21.

Skating, Muskegon, Mich., Claude McCarthy, aged 13 years, and John Mahon, aged 12, drowned by breaking through the ice while skating.—Dec. 26.

Street car, Omaha, Neb., electric motor car in Omaha, Nebraska, jumps the track and is turned bottom up. Mrs. Dennis O'Halloran and Mrs. Aggie McNaughton, passengers, badly hurt.—Dec. 21.

**AFRICA.**—Cape Town, advices from, report that on Nov. 8 the Portuguese seized Mutaca's Kraal, hauled down the British flag and raised the Portuguese ensign in its place; a detachment of British South African Company's police drive the Portuguese out, and capture two of their leaders; prisoners conveyed to Fort Salisbury. News reported.—Dec. 5.

Congo, Commission decide that America shall have the same rights as other powers in the Congo State.—Dec. 23.

Congo, Free State, advices from, report that the natives are still rebellious, and that fighting has occurred between them and the forces of the State.—Dec. 2.

Emin Pasha arrives at Victoria Nyanza at the head of a German expedition. News reported.—Dec. 5.

Manica Land, the Portuguese Governor of, reports that he is now in a position to repel invasion by the British South African Company's troops.—Dec. 8.

Soudan, Italian forces to occupy Kassa'a.—Dec. 14.

Tripoli, the Porte sends an engineer corps to lay torpedoes at Benghazi, in anticipation of an attack by Italy.—Dec. 12.

Uganda, conflict between Christians and Moslems; several of the latter wounded.—Dec. 30.

Alabama, six thousand coal miners on strike in.—Dec. 2.

Argentina, Buenos Ayres, rumor current that a plot to overthrow the Government has been discovered. Several persons are said to have been arrested for complicity in the conspiracy.—Dec. 22.

Argentina, Buenos Ayres, rumor to the effect that a plot to overthrow the Government existed, and that several persons had been arrested for complicity in the conspiracy, confirmed.—Dec. 23.

Art, "The Angelus," Assistant-Secretary Spaulding, of the U. S. Treasury Dept., decides that the bondsmen of the famous painting are liable for \$16,500 duty.—Dec. 4.

Austria, Count Kaluoky opens the conference between Austrian, Hungarian and German delegates, called for the purpose of negotiating a commercial treaty.—Dec. 2.

Austria, Vienna police dissolve the Democratic association, one of the objects of which was to agitate in favor of universal suffrage.—Dec. 14.