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New York, Dec. 29.—A decree was signed yesterday by Justice Gaynor in special term of the Supreme Court, held for the County of Richmond at the King's County Court House, in Brooklyn, authorizing David Bennett King, assignee of the estate of Erastus Wiman, to make a final settlement with the creditors of Mr. Wiman, as far as the assets in the assignee's hands are concerned. These assets consist of various stocks and bonds, which have been reduced to available funds, the assignee realizing thereby $8380.70. After deducting expenses, fees and commissions there remains $6658.70 to be divided among 63 creditors, whose claims aggregate a little more than $913,000. They will each get about 68-100 of one cent on the dollar. Before Mr. Wiman made his assignment he had transferred to Mr. King, as trustee, for the benefit of his creditors, all his Staten Island real estate, except his home. These assets remain to be divided later. Among the largest of Mr. Wiman's creditors are:

R. G. Dun & Co.	$313,404 36
Chemical National Bank	20,100 00
Wilbur, Jackson & Co., Providence	10,000 00
Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.	10,000 00
Desires Girouard, Montreal	19,250 00
Hezekiah S. Archer	54,146 14
Robert Mackay, Montreal	41,500 00
Leroy W. Baldwin	18,477 94
Orvin S. Wood	12,722 56
Travelers' Insurance Company of Hartford	65,000 00
Crawford Extractor Company	19,083 00
William Clark, Lynn, Mass.	25,000 00
State National Bank of Boston	10,000 00
Finlayson & Auld, Glasgow	21,532 92
Howard E. Perry	10,064 99
Garrison & Howe, Boston	15,000 00
North National Bank, Boston	15,000 00
National Hide and Leather Bank of Boston	10,000 00
Central National Bank	35,919 93
Albert R. Boardman, as receiver of Electric Power Company of Staten Island, N.Y.	100,040 05

THESE ARE QUEER PEOPLE.

New York City Council Wants Uncle Sam to "Funk" in Philippine War.

New York, Dec. 29.—At the meeting of the New York City Council to-day a resolution condemning the action of the United States Government in continuing the war in the Philippines was passed. The resolution stated that the war was begun against Spain for the purpose of procuring the liberty of the Cubans, and was now being carried on for purposes of gain.

The Pioneer Society.

The Canadian Order of Foresters was the first fraternal society in Canada to collect a fixed premium from its members per month, whether there were death claims to pay or not. A special assessment has never been collected from its members, and it has a surplus in the insurance fund of over $823,000. This surplus has been accumulated since the 1st of November, 1885, and is increasing at the rate of $11,000 to $12,000 per month. It is invested only in Canada, in the best securities procurable, not a dollar of it being in unproductive real estate, or unoccupied buildings. A complete list of the investments of the society is given each month in The Canadian Forester, the organ of the society. The society confines its operations to Canada, and all physically and morally qualified males between 18 and 45 years of age, who are not disqualified on account of their occupation, are accepted for membership. The society has a membership of upwards of 33,000, which is being rapidly increased. The society issues insurance policies for $500, $1000, $1500 and $2000, the latter sum being the limit allowed on any life. The insurance premium, payable monthly in advance, are from 60 cents to $1 per month per $1000, according to the age of the applicant. The death rate per 1000 of the membership in 1898 was 5.36, and the average since the formation of the order in 1879, in only 4.94. Members of the order may participate in the sick benefits provided by the society, which are $5 per week for the first two weeks and $5 per week for the succeeding ten weeks in any one year, and the fees for same are from 25 cents to 45 cents per month, according to the age of the brother when joining the fund. During 1898 $143,937 were paid out in death claims, and since the inception of the society over one million and a half dollars have been paid out of the insurance funds and over half a million in sick and funeral benefits. The head office of the society is in Brantford, Ontario, where full particulars as to rates, etc., can be secured. All parties wishing safe society insurance should join this signally successful Canadian society.

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LIBERIA MADE OVERTURES.

It Is Surmised That Uncle Sam Wants a Coaling Station in That Part of South Africa.

GREAT BRITAIN IS IN LINE.

French Activity Has Some Influence in the Affair, but John Bull and Uncle Sam Will Fix It.

London, Dec. 29.—It has been learned by a representative of the Associated Press that the United States cruiser Montgomery's visit to Liberia is apparently the result of overtures made to Washington by that republic. Though the British Government is in complete ignorance of the purpose of the Montgomery's mission, the establishment of a coaling station in Liberia by the United States is regarded as scarcely probable, as it has been ascertained that no Liberia port has facilities for ships, all of them being open and surf-bound. But the Associated Press learns that a far more important step is under consideration. It consists in a joint understanding between the United States, Britain and France to define the territory's claims and that of Liberia. This step is not decided upon, but Great Britain only awaits the United States' consent to become a party to it. It is learned that France has been encroaching on Liberia, and it was only by strenuous protests that she was prevented from appropriating a large slice of Liberia.

As to French Activity.

According to the Hon. Arthur Ponsonby, managing director of the Liberia Rubber Syndicate, which recently guaranteed the interest of Liberia's public debt, the Montgomery's visit is probably prompted by a desire to ascertain the extent of French activity. Mr. Ponsonby said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"Bishop Hartsell, while in Monrovia this year, strongly urged the Government to interest the United States in preserving the boundaries, with the result that Liberia appointed a mission to Washington. I believe it has already made representations, and presume the commander of the Montgomery realizes the possibility of the coaling station. The latter Liberia would gladly lease to the United States, but beyond hoisting a flag upon it, it would be of little service.

"The feeling among the British subjects commercially interested in Liberia is that the Liberia proceedings had better be under the protection of either Great Britain or the United States. But the British Government, and those having interests there, believe that so long as Liberia can continue to struggle on in her present position everything should be done to support her."

Liberia decorated Mr. Ponsonby this week with the Order of African Redemption, in recognition of his services against encroachments.

THE TRADE REVIEW.

What Bradstreet's and R. G. Dun & Company Will Say of the State of Trade To-day.

New York, Dec. 29.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: Holiday quiet and stocktaking impart an appearance of dullness to general distributive trade, broken, however, by fair activity in reorder business to fill up stocks depleted by the heaviest holiday trade that has ever been experienced. Anticipation of spring trade wants has given a more than ordinarily active appearance to business in drygoods at New York, while in industrial lines the efforts of manufacturers to keep up with filled order book is resulting in unusually active operations. Following the hurry in money, stocks and in some lines of speculative commodities, noted last week, has come a more cheerful tone, and a firming up of quotations is noticed in such staples as Cotton, which was affected by last week's money developments and also in hog products, coffee, copper, tin and lead. The failure of cotton receipts to increase has been a source of strength in that market, more especially as the break recently is understood to have afforded opportunity for heavy short covering by foreigners. Aside from these features, prices have displayed exceptional firmness, cereals holding up especially well.

The strength of textiles is still a feature which finds justification in current statistics of large season's receipts and sales of wool, and in reports of enlarged old and heavily increased new capacity in manufacturing lines.

In iron and steel seasonable quiet as regards new business is observable, but unabated activity of earlier booked orders is reported. A production little below 13,700,000 tons of pig iron is anticipated. A gain in strength of other metals is a feature calling for note this week. Chicago reports business in all lines for the year as 25 to 50 per cent. ahead of last year, prices 10 to 15 per cent. higher and more orders booked for the ensuing year than ever before at this period. Holiday trade at St. Louis was satisfactory and filling-in orders have been of a good volume this week. Kansas City reports such a large volume of reorders as to indicate that country buyers underbought, milder weather has helped seasonable goods in the Northwest, particularly at Minneapolis and at St. Paul. On the Pacific coast a reaction from ante-holiday retail activity is noted. Trade reports from the south are generally good.

Business failures for the week number 220, as compared with 211 last week and 218 in this week a year ago. For the year failures are the smallest in number for 17 years past, and were it not for a few heavy financial suspensions in December, liabilities, which will exceed those of 1892 slightly, would have been the smallest for 12 years past.

Dun & Co.'s Review.

New York, Dec. 29.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow will say:

No correct report of failures in 1899 can be made until the year has closed. A collapse of speculation in copper stocks has swelled the aggregate at Boston alone over $18,000,000 within a few days, and might yet add to the record. The failures thus far reported are fewer in number than in any year since 1883, and smaller in amount of commercial liabilities than in any year since 1881. The aggregate of defaulted liabilities is $120,160,000, but nearly two-thirds of the banking liabilities were added within a few days, the aggregate reaching about $30,000,000. The commercial liabilities have been about $80,260,000. In no other years except 1881, with defaulted liabilities of $81,155,932 and 1880 with $65,752,000, have failures been as small since the agency commenced quarterly returns in 1875. The week has been exciting only at Boston, where the failures growing out of speculation and the efforts to re-establish banks and firms suspended have not given the week a holiday character. Yet general business is thoroughly safe and prosperous, and no important firms have failed, save some which were individually connected with concerns involved by speculation. It is also claimed, as often happens when speculative misfortune comes, that the defaulting concerns have ample resources, and have temporarily stopped only because they cannot realize on part of their assets. The failures of the Produce Exchange Trust and a brokerage firm here were likewise due to the sudden fall of Industrial and Street Railway stocks and resumption of the Trust Company with new management is now expected.

Railroad earnings gain in December 9.7 per cent., for even in the holidays traffic is enormous and in spite of a small wheat movement eastbound tonnage this month from Chicago is 45 per cent. larger than in 1892.

Atlantic exports of wheat, flour included, have in four weeks been only 8,278,618 bushels, against 19,874,587 last year, and Pacific exports 3,314,271, against 3,856,808. The corn exports continue about as large as last year, but cotton exports this month have been less than half last year's, with some decrease in takings of spinners. The industries are closing the most extraordinary year of their history. Long established branches have undergone a veritable reconstruction. For such reconstruction the increase in demand for iron and steel products is the great feature of the year. With 415,733 tons unsold and 243,516 produced weekly January 1st, hindered by severe weather so that the output of March 1st dropped 15,000 tons, but expanding in every month afterwards, the industry is now producing about 300,000 tons weekly, and unsold stocks are reduced to 122,923 tons, and yet orders unfilled will require 16 months' work from most of the establishments. The average of prices close 119.5 per cent. higher than Jan. 1st for pig, and 102.8 per cent higher for finished products.

Consumption of cotton has been larger than ever, with an average advance of 29.5 per cent. in prices of goods, though cotton was for a time 32 per cent., and is now 22 per cent higher than Jan. 1st. Wool has been raised by speculation 35 per cent. Stocks now held are said to be 157,398,879 pounds.

Of boots and shoes, the east has shipped 400,000 cases or 9 per cent. more than last year, and 27½ per cent. more than in 1892, but prices have advanced only about 11 per cent. since Jan. 1.

Failures for the week have been 221 in the United States, against 252 last year, and 25 in Canada, against 22 last year.

St. Michael's Cathedral.

An elaborate program of music has been prepared by Director Richardson for the midnight service at St. Michael's on New Year's Eve, when Gounod's "Messe Solennelle" will be sung by the Cathedral choir, and the solos will be rendered by the choir soloists, Miss Lansfield, Miss McCarron, Miss Foley, and Messrs. Anglin, Gendron, Troman and Wickett, accompanied by Mrs. Smith, the cathedral organist. The "Te Deum" will be chanted by 50 voices, a number of local choruses will be sung, and it is expected that the musical service will be the finest ever given in the cathedral, the musical director, Mr. Richardson, having spared neither time nor trouble in training his fine choir for this special occasion, when it is expected that the church will be packed to the doors long before midnight. The Archbishop will officiate, assisted by Fathers Ryan, Treacy and Rohleder.

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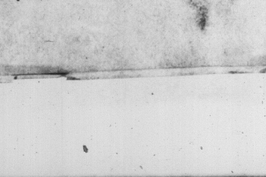

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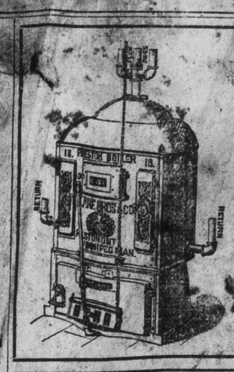
She: Yes, I have often noticed her stony stare.



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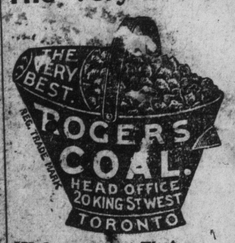

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