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Ended in Smoke.

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Peter the Great and Always a
Favorite with Russia's Czar.

Death of Baron Trevor.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Arthur Edwin Hill-Trevor, the first Baron Trevor, is dead. He was born in 1819 and was raised to the peerage in 1880. He was a Conservative.

Lord Churchill's Condition.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The doctors attending Lord Randolph Churchill issued a bulletin this evening saying that their patient is in a critical condition.

The doctors say Lord Randolph is a victim of general paralysis. The Queen and the Prince of Wales inquired as to his condition today.

Two Good Cartridges Wasted.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—M. Barthou, Minister of Public Works, and Jean Jaures, Socialist member of the Chamber of Deputies, exchanged shots today on "the field of honor." Neither was hurt. The duel was the result of violent debate in the Chamber yesterday, in which Barthou gave the lie to Jaures.

Mrs. Astor's Funeral.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—A private funeral service over the body of Mrs. William Waldorf Astor was held at Clarendon this afternoon. A special train conveyed intimate friends from London, and these, in addition to the members of the family and the household servants, were the only persons present.

Copyright.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Times will publish tomorrow a letter from J. D. Edgar, a member of the Canadian House of Commons, dated Toronto, Dec. 3, supporting the Copyright Act of 1889. Mr. Edgar says that British authors and publishers desiring the act modified will ultimately have to apply to Ottawa.

Torpedo Boat in Trouble.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—A British torpedo boat, after destroying the wrecked vessel Lynx last night, was washed broadside on the rocks of Cornwall in a fog. She got off with the assistance of a life and several fishing boats, and anchored in Plymouth harbor today. She is leaking badly, her plates having been strained and a hole being knocked in her port quarter.

Armenian Investigation.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 25.—Chefik Bey, judge of the Court of Cassation, and Djaleddin Bey, of the Court of Appeals, members of the commission appointed to investigate the Armenian troubles, left Constantinople today for Erzeroum. With them went the French delegate, M. Vibert. The Sultan positively declined to allow Mr. Jewett, the United States consul at Sivas, to accompany the commission.

A Beer Boycott.

BERLIN, Dec. 25.—The Vorwaerts says the boycott committee of the Socialist organization has issued a call for the holding of eight mass meetings between Christmas and New Year. The object of the meetings is to sanction an agreement relative to the beer boycott, which was signed yesterday by Herr Singer and the brewers.

The Vorwaerts says that the decrease of respect in which the empire used to be held is seen in the comments of foreign newspapers upon the Kaiser and his actions, which it is impossible to reproduce in Germany.

The Berlin correspondent of the Times gives the following as the basis of a compromise between the Berlin brewers and the boycotters. The brewers undertake to establish a labor register upon which employees dismissed at the beginning of the boycott will be given the preference. They also will abolish the changes in working hours and wages introduced since May. The Socialists undertake to repeal the boycott.

Saloon Employees Not Laborers.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—To define exactly what is and what is not manual labor seems to be equally difficult. The other day a potman and a cellarman, working in a public house in West London, applied for a summons in order to get wages due them. Mr. Rose, the magistrate, refused to help them, however, on the ground that they did not do manual labor and were consequently beyond the jurisdiction of his court. Now, what do a potman and a cellarman work with if not with their hands? It is hardly with their brains. Maybe it is with their mouths.

A Curious Case.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 25.—The Brussels High Court has a very strange case before it. Last March a beautiful young married lady met with an accident that necessitated the amputation of her right leg. It was a shapely limb, and the operation was so successfully performed that the surgeon took the leg off in more ways than one, and, putting it in spirits of wine, exhibited it in his consulting room. The jar containing this specimen was labeled with the name and address of the rest of the exhibit, and the husband, hearing of the show, instructed his solicitor to demand discontinuance thereof and restitution of what he considered his property. The surgeon objected on the ground that the leg was no longer the property of the husband, but being part of his wife, and that, in its present condition, it was the result of his work and certainly must belong to him. The court appeared a trifle staggered by this argument and reserved its decision.

What is "Vulgar Abuse?"

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Vulgar abuse does not come under the heading of slander in

England, but the line as to what constitutes mere vulgar abuse has to be drawn somewhere. Mr. Noble, of Halifax, did not draw the line sharp enough. He met Mr. Senior, a coal merchant, in a tavern, and thereupon called him "a young thief and a rascal." As Mr. Senior's reputation was none reprobate, the terms might easily be called "meaningless abuse," and this was the line of defense taken by the counsel of Mr. Noble when that gentleman was called to account before a Manchester jury. "It was," he said, "merely a passionate expression, nothing more." The epithets were "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing," and the abolition of temper was the result of Mr. Senior's being the cause of his client's being put to the expense of county court proceedings. Unfortunately this man of wrath had consented to make a verbal apology and pay costs, but had afterward refused to do the latter. He had also given way to another fit of temper, and repeating the chaotic words, had added that he could prove them, which he was unable to do. In view of these facts the slandered coal merchant gained a verdict for £25, to which were added the legal expenses.

The Dreyfus Case.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Standard's Paris correspondent says: "It is rumored that Dreyfus' counsel, M. Demange, will publish the speech he made at the trial, showing the nature of the charges. The publication of the speech will not be permitted in France, however." The Chronicle's Paris correspondent says that the journey of Dreyfus to Brussels was one of the clues that led to his detection. The Paris correspondent of the Morning Post says that he has been assured by good authority that the document by which Dreyfus was convicted of high treason came from Belgium. "There is no doubt," the correspondent continues, "that the document was once in the hands of the German legation in Brussels from which France probably obtained it by bribing."

PARIS, Dec. 25.—According to Le Soleil today a mysterious titled foreign lady has disappeared from her residence in Paris as the direct result of the trial of Dreyfus. Detectives had been ordered to keep a strict watch on her, but she succeeded in eluding them.

Famous Russian Regiment.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Preobrazhenski Regiment of the Imperial Guards, which has taken so important a part in the ceremonies accompanying the funeral of the late Czar Alexander III., and which has the honor of precedence over all the other regiments of Russia, in so far as to be the first among the troops to take the oath of allegiance to the youthful Czar Nicholas II., is one of the oldest regiments in the army of the Imperial Guards, and may be said to owe its origin to Peter the Great, who when but a boy at Preobrazhensk, near Moscow, formed his playmates into a little band of miniature soldiers, and thus at the age of 11 years gave an early proof of his faculty for organization. This little force was subsequently called "La Compagnie de Diversissement de Pierre le Grand." It was the wish of his Imperial Highness the late Czar Alexander III. to be interred in the uniform of this his favorite regiment, as indeed, it was the desire of his predecessor, Alexander II.

The present Czar Nicholas II. is colonel of the famous Preobrazhenski regiment, and at the various State functions consequent to his office almost invariably wears the costume of the regiment to which he is most attached. The uniform is a dark blue one, and his Imperial Majesty, when attired in the full dress uniform of his rank, with golden epaulettes, and wearing the light blue ribbon of the Order of St. Andrew, is said to look exceedingly well.

The Situation in China.

Rev. Dr. Henry Blodgett, who has just returned to Plainfield, N. J., from Peking, went to China in 1845, and has been connected since with the Congregational missions at Tien Tsin and Peking, removing to the capital in 1884. In an interview on Christmas Day he said:

"The Emperor of China gives audiences to his mandarins, privy councilors, princes and high military commanders daily. He is inaccessible to foreigners except when he gives occasional audiences to ambassadors from other countries. In case the Japanese should invade Peking the Emperor would probably withdraw to Jehol, just as one of his predecessors did in 1800, when the British invaded the city. The anti-foreign sentiment in Peking is greatly exaggerated. Of course the Chinese do not like foreigners, and if they were not restrained they might do injury. Shortly before my departure, in response to remonstrances of foreign representatives, the Emperor issued a proclamation to protect foreigners. A copy of the proclamation was tacked up in every mission church, and completely quieted all manifestations towards foreigners. No Americans or other foreigners are allowed by treaty to do business in Peking. In other parts of China little business is done by Americans, most of what used to be American having passed into English hands. Dr. Blodgett says there is little resentment on the part of the Chinese in general on account of American restriction of immigration. The high officials rather favor it because they do not wish their subjects to leave the country. Li Hung Chang has been greatly misunderstood. He believes in the western world civilization without the Christian religion, and had he had his way the Chinese would have been educated in the arts of modern warfare. The defeat of China, Dr. Blodgett says, came from a supercilious disregard of the advance of the world in warfare. He believes the war is practically at an end, the severe weather and the general foreign sentiment against it being too much, he thinks, for the Japanese to resist.

The meeting of the Japanese Parliament was officially communicated to Minister Katano at Washington in the cable advices received on Tuesday morning. The impression prevails that the negotiations between the representatives of the contending powers will be held at Hiroshima, present headquarters of the Japanese Emperor. It will probably be a fortnight, or perhaps longer, before the commissioners will be able to effect a meeting.

Leaped 217 feet.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Henry Menier, of New York, the young man who, with the aid of a parachute, made a successful jump from Brooklyn bridge a short time ago, this afternoon made a successful leap from the highest span of the Poughkeepsie bridge—a distance of 217 feet—into the water. A boat was in waiting which picked him up. He was not injured in the least.

CHRISTMAS DAY DISASTERS.

Three Railway Wrecks, Resulting in
Three Deaths,

And the More or Less Serious Injury
of a Number of People.

AN ENGINEER AND A TRAMP PERISHED.
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 25.—Two freight trains collided at 8 o'clock this morning on the Big Four road about three miles south-east of here. Both engines were demolished. Engineer Elijah Campbell was killed and buried under the wreck of his engine. An unknown tramp who was stealing a ride was also killed, and several passengers were injured.

ONE KILLED, EIGHT INJURED.
ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 25.—The first section of the fast Philadelphia express on the Pennsylvania Railway crashed into the rear lower end of the railroad yard at the east end of Altoona, wrecking train at the lower end of the yard, two miles east of this city, last night. No one on the passenger train was injured, but James Dunn, aged 45, of this city, and married, who was sitting in the caboose, was instantly killed. Eight others are badly, but not fatally injured. The injured men all reside in this city.

SEVERAL PASSENGERS INJURED.
PRINCETON, Ariz., Dec. 25.—East bound passenger train No. 2 on the Atlantic and Pacific road was wrecked six miles west of Ash Fork yesterday. A broken rail was the cause. The day coach was turned upside down and the tourist car was thrown 30 feet from the roadbed. Several passengers were painfully injured.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Nubar Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, is seriously ill, the result of breaking an ankle.

Timothy Kane Camp, foreman of the Manitowish Lumbering Company, was murdered by Isaac Sletcher on Monday night at Soney, Mich., on account of an old grudge. Sletcher is under arrest.

J. F. Benedict, a farmer living at Bush Hill, near Enfield, I. T., was assassinated Monday night at a dance. Benedict was on the floor dancing when an unknown man stepped to the door, fired one shot and Benedict fell to the floor dead.

WALKED INTO THE WATER.

Sad Fate of John Fisher at Iroquois.

IROQUOIS, Dec. 25.—The body of John Fisher, a resident of "The Point," was found in the lock basin this morning. He was going home last night heavily laden with Christmas supplies and in the darkness missed the narrow bridge that spans the chasm and walked into the water.

BURNED OUT.

Big Blaze in Burlington, Vermont—
Loss, \$100,000.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 25.—By a tremendous effort of firemen and citizens the fire here last night was kept within the Booth lumber yards. The loss will reach about \$100,000. Mr. Booth's loss reached \$85,000. Twenty freight cars on the Central Vermont track were burned. Fifteen of them were loaded. The city's pumping station, which was surrounded on three sides by fire, was saved by the heroic efforts of Joel Thomas, the foreman.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 25.—One of the most valuable business blocks narrowly escaped complete destruction by fire to-night. It broke out in the Y. M. C. A. building on the corner of North Pearl and Steuben streets shortly after 7 o'clock. A high wind was blowing, and its direction was the only thing that saved the block. Damage, Y. M. C. A. building, \$40,000; Pruyn estate, \$10,000; Knickerbocker Hotel, \$3,000; H. B. Dickinson, cloak and fur store, \$15,000; Singer Sewing Machine Company, \$8,000.

Free Rides To and From School.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—By a vote of the aldermen of Malden the children of Linden will be conveyed to the Maplewood grammar school at the expense of the city. The Lynn and Boston street railway has agreed to carry the 44 pupils the distance of one and a half miles for \$1 a trip, and to meet this \$200 was appropriated.

Seely's Sentence.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Samuel C. Seely, the defuncting bookkeeper of the National Shoe and Leather Bank, who pleaded guilty to an indictment against him for defrauding the bank, was arraigned before Judge Benedict in the United States Circuit Court today for sentence. Seely was sentenced to eight years in Kings county penitentiary.

Rev. Dr. E. McGlynn.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn, who was expelled from the ministry at the Church of the Holy Cross. It is eight years since Dr. McGlynn was removed from St. Stephen's Church by Archbishop Corrigan, and on this Christmas Day he is restored again to full connection with this archdiocese. The doctor looked very happy as he received the congratulations of his friends. He will soon start for his new parish, St. Mary's Church, Newburg, to which he has been assigned by Archbishop Corrigan.

Deadly Sewer Gas Explosion.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—While city sewer inspectors were in a subway at La Salle and Adams streets this morning there was an explosion of gas. D. M. Flannigan, of 15 Boston avenue, who caused the accident by lighting a candle, had his face and hands burned. Edward Sullivan, 63 Edgemont avenue, was burned internally by inhaling flames, and Foreman John Costello, of Baltimore avenue, South Chicago, was burned on the face and hands. The ground was shaken violently and pedestrians were thrown into a temporary panic.

Importation of Snails.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—It may be a matter of surprise to many people to learn that large quantities of snails are annually shipped to the United States from Europe to be eaten by epicures, yet this fact is set out in consular reports received at the State Department from France and Switzerland. From France alone the shipments of these snails in one year amount to 220,460 pounds. Those shipped to the United States are of the finest quality and sell at 82 cents per thousand and snails. Large tracts of ground in France are devoted solely to the propagation of these food snails.

Late Canadian News.

Some \$1,800 Found in the Pocket
of a Stolen Coat That
Was Pawned.

The Northwest Mounted Police is to be materially reduced.

The London Times think it would be "a cruel kindness" to grant Newfoundland a loan of \$4,000,000, as proposed.

The Manitoba Government has made up its mind to cut off the vote for Government House expenditure in the future.

The Toronto City Council declined to take any action in the aqueduct scheme unless the promoters adopt the city's terms.

Owing to irregularities found in the accounts of J. K. Strachan, secretary of the Winnipeg Exhibition Association, he has been suspended.

A letter was received at Ottawa from Lord Aberdeen asking the postponement of the carnival for a week owing to the death of Sir John Thompson.

Miss Harvey, daughter of the proprietor of the Harvey Hotel, Lachine, was shot on Tuesday by the accidental discharge of a gun which was lying in the hotel. Miss Harvey's condition is not regarded as serious.

George Benteloff, of Winnipeg, had his coat stolen by a hackman, who put it up in pawn at a saloon for whisky. The coat contained \$1,800 in money, and when the police found it the money was safe, having been overlooked by the thief.

A Detroit dispatch says: It has just leaked out that Minnie Ellen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Huston, of this city, and Samuel W. Williamson, of Lindsay, Ont., were secretly married on Sept. 15 by Rev. J. A. Vincing, of Windsor. Mr. and Mrs. Huston were not told of it until Saturday, and there was a combined Christmas and wedding dinner at the Huston homestead on Tuesday. The young couple will live in Lindsay, Ont.

IN LABOR'S FIELD.

MARTIN'S FERRY, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Non-union glass blowers are arriving to work in the Buckeye glass works, which is about to resume operations, and the local union of glass workers are greatly excited. Nine non-union men have been assaulted, two of them being terribly beaten.

IS MAN A LOP-SIDED ANIMAL?

The Subject Discussed from a Variety
of Interesting Standpoints.

Man at best is an ungainly animal. His head is an irregular spheroid, his eyes are not alike or of equal efficiency; one shoulder is higher than his neighbor, one hand and one foot is larger than its corresponding organ. Despite the fact that the shape, size and color of the ear differs more widely in individuals than any other organ of the human body, says the Albany Times-Union, they are probably more alike on the same head than any other of the twin organs. If one ear is delicate in shade, the other will be the same; if one looks like a dried fig or a conch shell, the other is likewise so. With the eyes, however, matters are different. One eye is nearly always more open than its friend over the bridge, while in many cases people, while apparently looking with both eyes, only use one, and makers of firearms, in making guns to order carefully allow the right or left sightedness of the sportsman for whom they enter. Broadly speaking, women are more often left sighted than men, and when they do happen to be right sighted they are so in less degree than the sterner sex.

The reason why the left shoulder is frequently further from mother earth than the right lies in the fact that while writing most men rest the left elbow on the table, while in the case of porters loads are carried on the right shoulder. With an able-bodied man there is very little difference in the length of the limbs, but the hands and feet are usually widely different in the matter of size. The right hand is the bigger, while, curiously enough, the left foot covers the greater amount of ground.

Ladies have a certain unreasoning sense of satisfaction when they say that they wear five in gloves, because, if this is a fact, then the human hand has grown smaller within the last twenty or thirty years, which state of affairs, however, may be questioned when the glove makers tell their story. Gloves are all marked half a size smaller than they really ought to be, which is the fatal result of the habit in which the ladies indulge of almost invariably asking for gloves a size smaller than they can comfortably wear. The left leg is better developed than the other male carrier, on account of the fact that we stand habitually on the left foot, and mount a bicycle or a horse and kick a man while balancing on the left leg. Most men jump chiefly off the left leg. Lateral curvature of the spine occurs more frequently to the left than to the right, indicating that the body in sitting is thrown more to the left than to the right. This leads to the remark that nothing is more injurious for the young especially, than to sit for any length of time in one position.

An Editor Killed.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Wm. MoEwen, editor of the Braintree Observer, was struck and killed by a train at Braintree last night.

Boys Buried in Falling Gravel.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 25.—While several children were playing at Wellesley Hill today in a gravel bank a mass of sand and gravel loosened by frost fell upon them and completely buried the two sons of Seldon L. Brown and the son of Dr. Tobey, of Lancaster, who was visiting Mr. Brown's family. When assistance arrived little Seldon Brown's dead body was discovered beneath a mass of rock and sand. The other boys were rescued. Seldon was about 12 years old.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 25. At New York: Rotterdam from Werkendam; New York from Southampton; Berlin from New York; Southampton from Liverpool; Pomorian from Halifax; Liverpool from Toronto; Queenstown from New York.

How to Cure All Skin Diseases.

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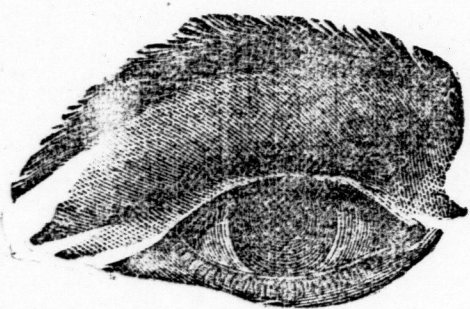
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A Happy New Year

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