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COLLIERIES FLOODED

LIADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—At the cf the Reading Company today s announced that four of the my's collieries in the Schuylkill are flooded. The Knickerbocker, owan and Maple Hill workings, henandoah, and the Goodspring at Minersville are idle owing recent heavy rains. Work in other operations is seriously capped, the accumulation of in the lower levels necessitating moval of the mules and con emporary suspension of mining. company's officials were unable when work would be resumed. said, however, that the pumps eing kept in constant operation lieve the mines of the surplus and they hope within a few bring about normal conditions

TON, Dec. 22—Because one "material"s is dead and another has left the ind cannot be located. John J. Nawn. tor and politician, will not be tried indictment charging him with complite the city of Boston team frauds of the 1897. Today in the office of the of the superior criminal court the innt papers were placed on file by the attorney.

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By Explosion of Gasoline at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

THIRTY INJURED

, and May Die_Par-

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 24.- By an explosion of gas or gasoline this afternoon in the cellar of Ture Exchange, a club house and poolroom, operated by Chambers and Walker, the building was badly damaged and 30 people were injured, sixteen of whom are in a serious condition. The most are in a serious condition. The most seriously injured are: R. O. Chambers, one of the proprietors of the Turf Exchange, both legs and both wrists broken. Wm. Helwig, a blind man, manager of a bath house, both legs broken; will die. J. S. Meeks, Hot Springs, badly bruised and out Joseph Kinney, Hot Springs, both legs broken. Jos. Pace, hotelkeeper, Hot Springs, both legs broken. A. Finnegan, nlumber of the prince of th Jos. Pace, hotelkeeper, Hot Springs, both legs broken. A. Finnegan, plumber, Hot Springs, both legs broken. James Cowen, Hot Springs, both legs broken. Wm. Metzger, a boy, Hot Springs, both legs broken and skull fractured; will die. Jas. Coughlin, plumber, Hot Springs, leg broken. C. G. Parker, Milwaukee, both legs broken. A. F. Hotchskiff, Hot Springs, knee fractured. T. Ozier, engineer. knee fractured. T. Ozier, engineer Hot Springs, both legs broken. H George, New York, leg broken. Cranfield, Cincinnati, both legs broken, ibs crushed. Walter Powers, St. Louis, arm broken. Eugene Daly, Hot Springs, both legs broken. Thos. Phelan, telegraph operator, Hot Springs, badly cut. Mr. Dennelly, visitor, residence unknown, leg broken, also badly cut. Twelve others sustained

About 4 o'clock this afternoon the poolroom was crowded with more than 100 people: Just as a race at New Orvas being called by operator, or seemed to rise and in an in-report that shook the entire

The upper floor and back walls of the building fell on the mass of struggling no were wildly excited and endeavoring to escape to the street.

The news of the explosion spread rapidly and soon Central avenue was jammed with people. Reports were current that several persons had been killed. The police and firemen took charge of the building and the work of rescue here. jammed with people. Reports were current that several persons had been killed. The police and firemen took sharge of the building and the work of rescue began. Men were pulled from under the debris in a terribly shattered state. One of the most pitisfied Lord is not known, as she profiled lights was when "Billy" Helwig, the blind manager of the Lamar bath house, was taken from the ruins. Helwig is widely known to the thousands of visitors who come to Hot Springs of the Springs of the Springs of the Springs of the Mueller had her mainboom carried away with everything attached and had cutwater and forecastle deck started. She anchored off Cape Poge until this afternoon, when tug Teaser towle should be referred to The Hague court.

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H. C. Chambers, one of the propretors of the Turf Exchange, is also a lessee of the Fort Erie, Ont., ractrack, and is one of the best know sporting men in the country. His condition is serious.

The injured were taken in charge by the local hospital psysicians. The exact cause of the explosion ha not been determined. It is said by some that gas, which had escaped in

the cellar of the building was ignited Another report, which is probably

correct, says a driver of a gasolene wagon was filling a tank in the cellar when the explosion occurred.

POISONED CANDY.

Deadly Stuff From a Massac

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Dec. 24.-It was ascertained today that the candy recently sent to Mrs. C. M. Beers, covered with poisonous powder, was purchased at a candy store in this

It was a cheap mixture and one of the clerks in the store remembers hav-ing sold it to a "stout woman," the being impressed upon her mind from the fact that the purchaser wanted it put in a box instead of a bag, as is the usual custom with the cheap

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thickly that it was very perceptible The post office authorities have taken no action in the matter and Postmas ter Darby said today that he had not

All attempts to find Mrs. Beers to-day have resulted in failure. She left her house, which is situated just over the Clarksburg line, early this morn-ing, telling some of her neighbors that she was going to the city, and had not eturned at a late hour tonight. It is said that she has a married daughter living in Lowell, and it is ossible that she may have gone

ARRIVED AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24. - The HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24.— The Hamburg-American line steamer Assyria arrived this morning from Hamburg via Bologne. She left Hamburg on the 10th and experienced terribly rough weather throughout the whole passage. She brought 515 immigrants, 111 of whom were for the United States. After arriving at quarantine the port physician went on board to examine the passengers. It was found that there were three cases of side. that there were three cases of sick-ness on board, a middle aged Norwegian being afflicted with smallpox; those having the measles and scarlet fever are children. The case of smallpox was so slight that it was some time before it was decided whether it was smallpox or not. The government steamer Argus returned from the steamer Argus returned from the island at noon. It has been decided to put this steamer in quarantine for a week to see if any further cases de velop. The man has been removed to the quarantine hospital on the is

ST. JOHN SCHOONERS

Meet Trouble Off Vineyard Haven. VINEYARD HAVEN, Dec. 24.—Schr

Viola (Br.), from St. John, N. B., for New York, which put in here today, broke main boom, fore mainsail and sustained other damage when off Pollock Rip last hight. She will repair here and proceed.

Schr. Rosa Mueller, Capt. McLean, from St. John, N. B., for New York, with a cargo of laths, and schr. Alice with a cargo or laths, and scar, were Lord, Capt. Brooks, bound west, were in collision off Cape Poge yesterday. The Mueller had her mainboom cargith everything attached

liters who come to Hot Springs reported a large fleet of eastern schooners detained on Nar schooners detained on Nantucket shoals by easterly winds.

Bignty Islanders Took Part i Bombardment of Puerto Cabello.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 24.-Elghty bers of the Newfoundland naval reserve are included among the crew of the British cruiser Charybdis, which recently bombarded the forts at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela. It has been officially reported here that the Newders made an excellent showing, both in gunnery and in the landing parties.

The str. Magnific returned here this afternoon from her search for three schooners which have been missing since the gales. The crew of one schooner was landed yesterday at Boulogne. The Magnific failed to find the crews of the other vessels. It is believed here that they foundered and that the fourteen persons aboard have

WORLD'S LARGEST ICE YACHT.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 24.-The Hepburn Boat and Car Co. of this city has imenced the construction of what will be the largest ice yacht in the world. It is building for D. C. Olin of Kalamazoo, Mich., who will enter it in the regatta to be held at Gull Lake Chief of Police Dineen has the package in his possession and is very skeptical that murder was intended, the powder having been spread on so pion of the World.

ST. JOHN.

been officially notified that any such package had been sent through the

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The pre-sident and Secretary Hay were in con-ference for some time this afternoon

over the proposals from Great and Germany that the presument trate the issues involved in the Venezuelan claims controversy. They exuelan claims communications very thoroughly, considering the subject from every view point. The accept-ance or declination of the proposals by the president is believed as hinge on the nature of the conference between the president and his secretary of state the fact was not made public. Inquirers at the White House regarding the president's intentions were referred to Secretary Hay, and the latter sent word to newspaper reporters who called on him that there was no news to be given out on the subject tonight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.-It was stated at the state department today that the president had reached no dethat the president had reached ho cision in regard to the invitation of the powers that he arbitrate the Venezuela matter. It is possible this decision will not be forthcoming for several days. Correspondence is beseveral days. Correspondence is hing exchanged daily between the str department and the foreign offices with reference to the subject. Secretary Hay was at the White House today and held a brief confer ence with the president on the Ven

PARIS, Dec. 25.-Baron D'Estour nelles DeConstant has written to Foeign Minister Decasse notifying his that the writer will interpolate the government on the rease the chamber concerning the of article 37 of The Hague v

ing Venezuela.

In his letter Baron D'Estourne strongly supports the contention the United States that the Venezu trouble should be referred to Hague court.

After pointing out that the preise just the continuous contention.

obligation that France and the formal obligation that France and the 25 other powers signed is not only being ignored, but we observe a systematic interdiction of The Hagne court of griding the European governments. An explanation has been necessary. It cannot be objected by the allied powers that Venezuela took no part in the conference, and as she is seeking for arbitration occasion exists for reminding the powers of exists for reminding the powers of exists for reminding the powers of the obligations they signed and rati-fied. Nor can the reply be made that states, unlike individuals, are free not to observe their engagements, and that moral obligations exist only for individuals, or for the weak, as this point of view is precisely contrary to the

principle that The Hague conference

ROME, Dec. 25.—The only conditions which Italy has attached to her acceptance of arbitration of the Ven ezuelan difficulties are that all points in dispute shall be submitted to the

BERLIN, Dec. 25.-The Lokal Anzeigler publishes today the following statement, which was evidently inspired by the foreign office:
"The German government has excluded from the scope of arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulty a claim

of 1,700,300 bolivars which must be paid immediately in cash before arbitration is begun." The paper adds that it is understood here that President Roosevel;'s undertaking to arbitrate involves an indirect guarantee for his payment of

Confidence has grown in governmen circles during the past 24 hours that President Roosevelt will accept the task of arbitration.

CARACAS, Dec. 25 .- President Castro has telegraphed from La Victoria his acceptance of the proposal to submit all pending differences to the ar-bitration of The Hague tribune! subbitration of The Hague tribund subject to certain conditions, which include cessation of the blockade and the return to Venezuela of the fleet seized by the allied powers.

President Castro's acceptance has been transmitted to the Washington government, from which the proposal emanated.

WILLEMSTAD, Curaçoa, Dec. 25.-The American Red D Line str. Caracas has brought the remainder of her cargo here. The warships of the allied Skates made by the Starr Mfg. Co always give satisfaction. See that this name is stamped on every pair and take powers are now using searchlights to watch the coasts of Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—No confirmation could be obtained in Washington of the report from Caracas that the proposition had been made to President Castro that all pending differences between Venezuela and the European governments having claims against her be submitted to the abbitration of The Hague Tribunal. Secretary Hay had retired when the despatch reached Washington and no other official of the state department was able to give any information on the subject.

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er should be arbitrated at The Hague, he conclusion probably was reached to he long conference the president cretary Hay yesterday af-

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ternson.

The despatch to President Castro though Minister Bowen, suggesting a bitration at The Hague, must have followed that conference.

No matter by whom the matter is arbitrated, either by the president or by The Haggue tribunal, the feeling here is strong that the United States severnment, if the occasion arises, will insist that the existing blockade be called off while the arbitration is in progress. The presence of the blockading fleet along the Venezuelan coast is sure to be a menace to peaceof the commanders of the intrepidity

KING EDWARD

With Royal Family,

LONDON, Dec. 25.-King Edward and Queen Alexandra spent the day at Sardringham The royal family, including the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria, the Duchess of Fife and Prince and Princess

Charles of Denmark, attended service at Sandringham church.

The King afterwards personally disected the annual distribution of beef and game, in which every employe and mant on the Sandringham estate al-

BERLIN, Dec. -25.—The Empero spent Christmas in his usual way. His
Majesty took a walk this afternoon in
the Sans Soud Park, and distributed
bright new gold pieces, fresh from the
mint, among the gardeners and watch—

M. J. Joyce of Leetsdale, right leg

After dinner, at 4 o'clock, Christmas trees were lighted in the Shell Hall of the new palace. All the children of and bruised, but none were seen that the children of and bruised but none were seen that the children of and bruised but none were seen that the children of and bruised.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Henry Evans of

Billings Bridge received word yester-day of the death in South Africa of his son William, who went out with the first C. M. Rides.

The death of Senator Primrose gives the liberals a majority of one in the

Christmas trade in Ottawa has been the best for many years.

Judge Deacon of Pembroke has been appointed to investigate the alleged stuffing of ballot boxes in the referendum vote here.

OTTAWA, Dec. 25,—The pastors gown question at the Dominion Meth-odist church, which has been of a newhat controversial character, has seen settled. A few gentlemen friends of Rev. Dr. Rose sprang a surprise upon him yesterday by presenting him with a beautiful gown, and he wore it at today's service. Those present at the service warmly approved of the Itals reported that hundreds of tons

of tea will be shipped to Vancouver and Victoria and sent back again by United States houses as the result of the decision of the United States federal court regarding the war tax.

When the United States congress repealed the war taxes the import on t.a of 10 cents a pound was continued. in force until January 1 next, in order to give merchants who had paid the duty time to dispose of their stocks. Meantime importations of tea were stored in government bonded ware houses on the understanding that they could be taken out free of duty after January 1. Now comes the decision of the United States circuit court of the southern district of New York, which holds that tea now in bonded warehouses will be subject to the 10 cent tax even if withdrawn after Janwarehouses, on which the duty would paying the tax the owners will be forced to ship the bonded tea out of the country and bring it back after Japuary 1.

The citizens of the capital enjoyed very seasonable weather today. There was a slight snowfall in the early

The subject.

It is known that only two days ago
President Roosevelt had not determined whether to accept the proposal of
the allies to act as arbitrator, or to

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go to The Hagne.

If, as stated, the suggestion has come from Washington that the mat-

RAILWAY HORRORS.

EDILIZED IN THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE Serious Collisions in Nebraska,

passengers and trainmen were injured in a collision between the Colorado special and a freight train on the Union Pacific railroad here today. The injured: Engineer Wm. Bay, of the Colorado special; A. W. Cole, Chicago; Miss E. M. Murray, Orchard, Calif.; Mrs. M. J. Wilson, Lyons, Iowa; N. F. Reed, Ottumwa, Ia.; H. A. Walton, train porter; flagman of freight train

and fireman of special, hurt internally and possibly seriously.

The freight, east bound, was about to take a siding when the passenger train, west bound, crashed into it. The passenger train was only 100 yards from the freight and running forty

trestle here today. The collision was due to a misunderstanding of signals.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—The Pennsylvania limited, running almost an hour late, crashed into the rear end of the Leetsdale accommodation at Quaker Valley station tonight at 11 o'clock. The big engine of the limited ploughed into the rear car, the smoker, and the little car was pushed was heard.

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running at the rate of 55 miles an hour, carried the train from Quaker Valley to Edgeworth, a distance of almost half a mile, before it could be stopped. The injured:

Charles Hopkins of Leetsdale, left arm mangled and cut off; left leg broken and left eye gouged out, badly bruised all over; will die.

John D. Carson of Zwickley, nose broken, badly cut, and bruised, seri-

roken, badly cut and bruised, seri-

M. J. Joyce of Leetsdale, right leg broken and badly bruised, arm cut by fling pieces.

P. E. ISLAND.

Sir Walter Scott

Willard Kitchen of Fredericton Will Reside at Murray River This Winter-Pat Deherty Vigorously Fighting the Liquor Act- A Chapter of

Cove was totally destroyed in one of the recent gales.

The following have been appointed officers of Orient lodge, A. F. and A. M., at Souris: Duncan McDonald, W. M.: Wm-Pope, S. W.: H. Squarebriggs, J. W.: John T. Garrett, Treas.; C. C. Carlfon, ir. Sec.; Rev. Mr. Bell, Chap.; F. E. P. Conray, S. D.; John A. Pope, J. D.; Dr. A. McLean, Sr. Steward; F. H. White, Jr. Steward; Jas. Duncan, Marshal.; C. E. Shaw, Tyler.

Wm. H. Roper, of Peterboro, Ont., has been appointed superintendent of the Charlottetown Light and Power Co. He succeeds James Waddell, who resigned.

A well finished piggery, owned by Nelson Orr of French River was burned last week, together with seven dressed hogs, Loss, 300. Wm. M. Curtis, formerly of Charlottetown, has been elected for the fourth time to the common council of the city of Boston for Ward 21. Gilbert M. Stalker and Dr. J. A. McDonald, two other successful candidates, are also Islanders.

passenger train was only 100 yards from the freight and running forty miles an hour when Engineer Bay first saw the danger. He reversed, put on the emergency brakes and stayed by his engine until the crash came. The fireman jumped.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24—Six persons were injured, several seriously, in a collision between an electric car and a Big Four freight train on a seriously will add another of the deceased, was a daughter of the late william Alley of Cardigan.

Rev. Neil McLauchlin of Summerside has

se ing the Liquor Act—A Chapter of
Accidents—Recent Marriages and
Deaths.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 22.—Much interest has been taken here of late in the criminal libel case of the king on prosecution of B. C. Prowse v. S. F. Tarbush. The defendant enlarges portraits, deals in framing, set. A couple of months ago Prowse Bros. engaged two men from Boston and began glying portraits as premiums with their dry goods. Tarbush had 5,000 circulars printed and distributed. These Prowses Bros claimed contained assertions that were tilbellous. About a dozen witnesses were examined with the result that the supendiary has remanded Tarbush for trial at the supremens court.

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In the probate court, in the estate of John Nixon, application for teministration cum testamento annexe has been made by his widow, Henrietta Nixon. The estate is entered at \$1,200 personalty. John B. M. Baxter, processing

tor.

Letters of administration of the estate of Ludlow B. Lyon were granted to George Lyon, a brother of the deceased. The estate consists of \$300-personalty. Charles F. Sanford, proc-

perville, Mass., where they will reside; R. E. Johnston of Summerside to reside in Portland, Oregen: J. C. Stewart of Suffelk to Boston to undergo treatment for ear trouble; Mamie Houle and Maud Horne of Charlottetown to resume the study of nursing at Newport: Prof. H. H. Shaw on a vacation trip to Boston.

News has been received of the death in Guysboro, N. S., of Jostah Rhude, who had been a resident of Montague for about mine years. Deceased was a well known sea

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