

DEAD DAYS THESE ON WALL STREET

Holiday Inactivity Reigns On
New York Exchange.

COPPER AND STEEL QUIET

Only in the Mercantile Lines Has
There Been Any Improvement.

New York, Dec. 25.—The last week of the year saw one in the stock market was conspicuous chiefly for its general inactivity and irregularity of price movements. Trading partook of the usual anti-holiday air, which is to say that it fell to insignificant proportions, and was subjected more or less to the whims of a coterie of room traders. That faction seemed to change from one side of the market to the other for no very obvious reason, but toward the end the heaviness of the list bespoke an increase of operations for the decline. The broader movement in bonds, which began a week ago, suffered a slight check, but large direct sales of this class of securities continue to be made.

With few exceptions developments were hardly in the direction of betterment. Conditions in the steel and iron trade, so long unsatisfactory, have admittedly reached the stage where definite action on the part of the buyer and seller is well nigh imperative. During the week it was commonly reported that the larger independent steel manufacturers had made further price concessions, thereby setting at naught the reassurances given at recent conferences in this city and Pittsburgh. The United States Steel Company has ordered further curtailment of operations in the Pittsburgh district and at one of its southern plants.

The Copper Situation.
The situation in the copper trade is not unlike that in steel and iron. Home consumption of the metal is on the decline and an open shading of prices during the week is said to have been followed by further secret concessions.

Only in mercantile lines has there been pronounced improvement, and this chiefly in the retail trade. Bankers accept this as natural to the holiday season, and declare that the outlook for the coming year is not altogether encouraging.

"Money evinced much easier tendency, a result not only of the heavy inflow from the interior points, but the light demand.

The general situation insofar as it affects the leading transportation companies of the country, is practically unchanged. The broad and general retrenchment entered into some months ago still obtains, and is likely to be present, pending a settlement of the freight rate question.

Events of the week in the railroad world was the increase in the Lehigh Valley commission on dividends on a six to ten per cent basis. In view of the recent large increase in capitalization of the company, and the greatly enlarged earnings reported during the past few months, the action of the directors provoked no little criticism in conservative quarters.

New York, Dec. 25.—The rebellion in the steel trade last week against the policy of restricting output, which was expressed in concessions of 11 per cent or more in prices of steel bars, structural shapes, plates and steel pipe by some of the independent interests in the industry and by exceptionally low prices in fabricated steel in the eastern territory. The holiday spirit, however, was against any important expansion in business.

The railroads placed additional contracts for equipment, including 130 locomotives, 552 cars, 290 mining cars, and 22,000 tons of rails. Bridge contracts were unusually light, but some specifications were received on contracts. Fabricated orders for buildings aggregated only 1,000 tons, but bids were submitted on 2,500 tons additional, but only a small section of this is expected to be closed this month. The large tonnage said to be pending at Chicago, and New York, is made up mainly of proposals of long standing, which are not likely to afford work for the mills for a year or more.

The steel corporation has about 48 per cent of capacity active. Independent are pursuing the same policy and some of the turnouts likely may go out about the first of the year.

TRIED TO SAVE THE TRAIN.

London, Dec. 24.—During the inquest on Peter Connolly and James Lough, driver and fireman who were killed in a railway collision at Dartington, Thomas Garnett, guard of one of the trains, said that he could have stopped the train from the guard's van if there had been a continuous air-brake.

William Kirk, a signalman, stated that all the signals were against the Leeds train, but it passed his cabin at a great speed. He knew the line was blocked for the Hull train, and he placed an automatic fog signal on the line. He was complimented by the coroner for his presence of mind in doing this, and the jury added to their verdict of accidental death a rider that airbrakes should be applied to all freight trains.

PUGILIST SHOT.

New York, Dec. 25.—Jacob Nadler, a pugilist, who, as "Terry Brooks," claims the lightweight championship of Maine, was shot three times to-night in a row over \$2. Joseph Nierenberg was locked up, charged with the shooting. Nadler is not fatally wounded.

CUT OFF HIS HEAD.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 25.—Albert Robbs, a white man, aged 30 years, saw two negroes fighting today and attempted to separate them. The larger of the fighters threw Robbs to the pavement, and almost cut off his head with a razor, killing him instantly.

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DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS THAT IS, IN SOME HOMES

Santa Claus Is Due to Arrive
Here in Many Houses
This Morning.

This is the day after Christmas. Yesterday, the gladdest of all glad days, was ideal. As fine a winter day as could be desired, made everything favorable for a pleasant holiday.

The majority spent the day at home. There were many joyous family reunions, and all had plenty of fun. Santa Claus did not appear in the majority of homes Saturday night. True, he was due, but he postponed it until to-night, in order to give the youngsters an opportunity of properly enjoying the gifts, and not disturb the Sabbath quiet.

The blowing of tin horns and the beating of toy drums do not make for peace and rest in a house such as is the rule here on Sunday, so this morning the children will make merry.

Few have been overlooked in the city. The charitable-disposed citizens of London contributed most generously for the less favored young and old, and good things were distributed in abundance.

It was a pleasant holiday, most pleasantly spent in all the churches yesterday suitable music was given, and special sermons appropriate to the occasion were preached.

LOS ANGELES PLANT WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Company Says It Was Due to Fight
Over Closed Shop.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—The plant of the Llewellyn Iron Works was partly wrecked early today by an explosion, presumably of dynamite. The company has long been prominent in the fight against the closed shop in this city, and is involved in the metal workers' strike, and the police are working on the theory that the explosion and wholesale murders, which have been brought to justice for that crime.

In view of the Times disaster, this morning's explosion created extraordinary interest. It caused no deaths, but slightly injured J. E. Ashbury, a watchman, who was seated in the office about 29 feet from the point of explosion. He was buried under a mass of debris, but was dragged out by Policeman Cahill, who was in front of the office at the time. With the exception of a cut on the right hand and a bruise on the scalp and face, Ashbury was unhurt.

MINISTER SOLD VOTE

Took Ten Dollars and is Disfranchised
For Five Years.

Portsmouth, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Fifty arrests were made yesterday in Manchester, on charges of vote selling. Five hundred more arrests, it was said today by county authorities, will be made next week. It is now believed the probe will include 2,000 men. Judge Blair today said at least every sixth man in the county would be the subject of investigation. Up to today 174 voters have acknowledged their guilt. Among them are Rev. Hiltner, of Red Brush, who admits selling his vote in the last election for \$10. On account of the minister's financial condition the judge made his fine a light one, but disfranchised him for five years.

Personal Mention

Mr. Leonard McDonald, of Detroit, is spending the holidays at his home in London Junction.

Mr. H. B. Moyer, cartoonist of the Toronto Star, and formerly of The Advertiser, is spending the holidays in London, accompanied by Mrs. Moyer.

Mr. Alex. C. Falls, of Chicago, is spending the Christmas vacation in this city, the guest of his mother.

Dr. Norman Williams, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Williams, of James street.

Mr. A. E. Millar, of Saratoga, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Millar, of St. James street, for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McDonald, of Dreanay avenue, are visiting Mrs. McDonald's aunt, in Alvington, over Christmas.

Mr. James Duffield and Mrs. Geo. B. Roe, of Wingham, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hecht, 258 Dufferin avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald White and son, Warren, of Chicago, are spending the holidays with Detective and Mrs. Thos. Nickle.

Mr. Arthur Lawerson, of New York, is spending the holidays in London, with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Wanless, Miss Pearl Wanless, and Mr. and Mrs. Watson Beamer, of Chatham, are spending Christmas holidays with Mr. F. C. Wanless, Askin street.

Mrs. F. Towl, of Chatham, is spending Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Maine, 71 Askin street.

Miss Hazel Chatter, who has been spending the past few months with her sister, Mrs. Charles Sperian, 165 Bruce street, has returned to her home in Toronto.

Mr. Frank Porter, a former Londoner, and now proprietor of a commercial printing office in Detroit, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. E. Porter, 52 Grey street.

Miss Pauline Dudley, who has been attending college in Toronto, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dudley, Thornton avenue.

NICKEL THEATRE BURNED.
Quebec, Dec. 25.—The nickel theatre, formerly the old Tara Hall, was reduced to ashes about 4 o'clock this morning. The loss on the building, which is estimated at \$30,000, is fully covered by insurance. But the lessee of the theatre, Mr. Laws, had no insurance whatever on scenery and machinery. His loss is estimated at \$4,000. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it seems to have started on the stage.

NEW KING FOLLOWS FATHER'S EXAMPLE

George V. Decides to Discontinue
Arrangement With Lord
Derby Re Racehorses.

HIS MAJESTY'S ENTRIES

Latest Calendar Shows Several Will
Compete Under King's Colors
Next Year.

A London cable to the New York World says: American turfmen who have been despoiled of their pleasures by the Hughes anti-betting laws will be interested to know that King George intends to follow the example of his father by his active participation in the sport of kings.

After the death of King Edward whose of His Majesty's horses which were in training were run in the name of Lord Derby, but this arrangement will not be continued next summer, and the royal name will be entered in the King's name and will be run in His Majesty's colors.

This week's issue of the Racing Calendar, the official journal of the Jockey Club, contained details of the entries for next season's meetings that have been and by Mr. C. by Miss Thrusi-Zarine.

The Events.
The engagements relate to the Newmarket Second October, Bath, Blbury Club, Doncaster Spring, Gatwick October, Hurst Park Whitson, Newbury Summer and Sandown Park first summer meetings.

Whitson, of Hurst Park (1912)—already entered into on behalf of the by Miss Thrusi-Zarine.
Autumn Yearling Plate, Hurst Park (1912)—B. C. by Florizel II.—Loch Doon and B. C. by Miss Thrusi-Zarine.
Kennet Plate, Newbury (June 1913)—B. C. by Vlodyslav—Runaway Match.
Atlanta Stakes, Sandown (June 21)—Petchay and Glad Tidings.

Sandringham Stakes, Sandown (1912)—B. C. by Desmond-Sweet Vernal and B. C. by Florizel II.—Guinea Hen.

LOCAL ITEMS

Old Resident Dead.

The death occurred in Victoria Hospital last night of Henry Brown, an old resident of this city. Mr. Brown had been ill for some time. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Masonville Resident Dead.

Mrs. William Wilson, of Masonville, died yesterday at her late residence, in her 45th year, as a result of a stroke of paralysis sustained one week ago. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Wilson was a daughter of the late William Penn, of this city, and is survived by her husband, one son and three daughters.

Pocket Picked.

Mr. John H. Isaac, of 773 Colborne street, has reported to the police that while he was getting on a street car at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, on Thursday evening, his pockets were picked and \$21 taken. Mr. Isaac was wearing a long overcoat, and he thinks that when he was stepping up on to the car someone got his hand under his coat and removed the money.

DOCTOR TESTIFIES BY THRASHING MAN

Athletic Old Physician Illustrates to
Chicago Judge How He Treats
Holdup Artists.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Dr. Patrick H. Hayes, who is 60 years old but athletic, soundly pummeled a man in Municipal Judge Himes' court today and was unrebuked for the surprising attack. It came about in this manner.

When Dr. Hayes was attacked by Edward Meyers, an alleged pickpocket and hold-up man, last night the physician punched Meyers until the latter cried quits. Dr. Hayes then called a policeman and had Meyers taken to jail.

"What did you do, doctor, when this man tried to rob you?" asked the court today when Meyers was arraigned for trial.

Without making a reply Dr. Hayes jumped at Meyers with the agility of a boy, seized the prisoner by the collar of his coat, threw him against a bench, struck him repeatedly with his clenched fists and wound up by hurling Meyers to the floor of the court room and sitting on him.

"There, judge; that's what I did," said Dr. Hayes as he loosened his hold on the frightened prisoner. Meyers, who is 34 years old, was held to the grand jury on bonds of \$1,000.

FOR THE WATER COMMISSION.

Dr. H. A. Stevenson, candidate for the water commission, is making a strong canvass for the position, and is meeting with much success, being well known as an ex-alderman of London. He has always taken a deep interest in the Niagara power question. For years he has given much time to the subject, and is qualified to speak with authority on all matters regarding it.

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WOMAN TEACHES FLYING IN AVIATION SCHOOL

Opens an Institution Devoted to
Aerial Navigation.

London, Dec. 25.—One must surely realize that the science, or art, of aviation has taken full hold of the public mind here, when the announcement is made that a woman has actually opened a school for flying. This is the case, however, the woman being Mrs. Maurice Hewlett, wife of the famous novelist, and she, with her French partner, M. Blondeau, is head of a flourishing aviation institute in Brooklands.

As teachers of flying they have already scored some brilliant successes, one of these being Snowden Smith, of the army service corps, who took his pilot's certificate, being the first British officer to be trained in any British aviation school. Yet another of their pupils is M. Dueroq, who is the first Frenchman to take his pilot's certificate in this country, and he already proved himself a brilliant and fearless aviator.

"Flying 'got hold of her'"—to use her own expressive phrase—and she determined that she would acquire an aeroplane and become an aviator. But no one is a prophet in his own country, her family treated it as her latest joke.

Plucking up courage, Mrs. Hewlett wrote to all the big French aeroplane makers, only, however, to get depressing answers with regard to the great question of actually learning to fly. Finally she decided to go over to France and set up her abode on the aviation ground of Mourmelon. Durdle all last winter she was the only English woman in Mourmelon. Fortunately for herself, she found, first, an excellent teacher, and then an ideal business partner in a French engineer. By May Mrs. Hewlett and M. Blondeau were the joint owners of a biplane and Maeterlinck, the poet, offered to christen their graceful new possession "The Blue Bird."

Messrs. Hewlett and Blondeau, to give the firm their business name, opened their aviation school last summer and at once started with four pupils. They are naturally proud of the fact that they have taught and passed out two fully-fledged pilots.

CHILDREN FREEZE THROUGH NEGLECT

Coroner's Jury Lays Blame on Care-
less Parents in North Dakota Case.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 24.—That the five-year-old son of Michael Ott, of Richardson, N. D., froze to death as the result of his parents' neglect is the verdict returned by a coroner's jury that investigated the case today. A sister, four years old, who was with the boy, will probably die.

The children disappeared from the house about noon and it was evened before neighbors were called to help search for them. They were found at the rear of their home, one dead and the other with her legs frozen from the knees down, and both arms frozen.

CREATING PEERS

Members of Commons to Be Raised,
is Report.

London, Dec. 24.—A considerable number of peerages are already foreshadowed early in the new year, at the end of February. It is expected that several Liberal peers will be created, some of them being members of the House of Commons.

It is rumored that no less than two or three dozen Liberal peers will figure in the New Year honors list as the first installment. This is considered to be a tactical move, which is deemed likely materially to influence the attitude of the House of Lords toward the veto.

TO WAR ON STRIKES

French Employers Decide to Unite to
Put It Down.

Paris, Dec. 25.—The growth of disorders arising out of labor disputes and fomented by the Workers' Association of trade unions and trade councils, has suggested to employers of labor the necessity of a defensive organization.

Big Meeting is Held.
Under the auspices mainly of the building trade, a meeting attended by some 2,000 persons was accordingly held in the Cirque d'Winter. The order of the day called attention to the "constant agitation which since 1905 has been excited in the building trade by the Confederation du Travail," and invited contractors, architects, house proprietors and other interested parties to form an organization against the common peril.

The principal speaker, M. Villetain, president of the United Builders' Association characterized the Confederation Generale as "an organization which skillfully took advantage of all those laws which were favorable to its activities and treated the rest with disdain." During the past year the Confederation Generale has been responsible for 270 strikes, which, he calculated, represented a loss of \$800,000 in wages.

Pays Tribute to Premier.
Four resolutions were adopted dealing with the situation and the action of the Government in the railway strike, of which the fourth declared it to be intolerable that trade unions should exceed the limits of the sphere which was assigned to them by law.

In this connection the meeting paid a tribute to the courage and firmness which had been exhibited by M. Briand, the Premier, in confronting the revolutionary movement excited on the occasion of the recent railway strike, and congratulated the majority of the chamber of deputies on the support which it had given to the Prime Minister. Finally, a resolution was adopted in favor of a great organization of

ROME HAS MANY SINGING BEAUTIES

One of Them So Fascinated
King Victor When He
Was Prince.

Rome, Dec. 25.—Italy is famed as the land of beauty and a generous share of her beautiful women may be seen on the concert and opera stage here.

Among the more youthful of these handsome singers is Signorina Isala, who appeared in concert when only sixteen years old. A Neapolitan by birth, she attracted the attention of the Constanzi Theatre. Her patron is also her protector. He sees her home after every right performance and keeps the gilded youth of Rome at a distance. Rumor has it that she will soon marry a Hungarian nobleman.

Signorina di Lorenzo, the wife of Armando Falconi, a famous comedian, never could count her admirers, but cold and impassive, she treated with little indifference all but the one who married. A story is told that the present King of Italy when he was Prince of Naples, and single, was smitten with the famous actress' charms. One evening, while she was dressing for the stage, a messenger from the palace brought a basket, a present from the prince, the narrative runs, containing a superb diamond ornament in the shape of a large question mark ("?). The girl—she was then 22—ordered the messenger to "wait." Snatching up a piece of white paper, she made a large period ("."), in the centre, wrapped it around the jewel, put it in the case, and handed it to the messenger.

Livia Berolandi came as a singer to the theatre, and she is well known in America and in England, and has sung with great success in concerts in Carnegie Hall and elsewhere in New York, being as much admired for her loveliness as for her singing. But she shuns the operatic stage, although she is credited with much histrionic ability.

Signorina Lombardi, one of the most charming interpreters of light opera on the Italian stage, is the idol of the patrons of the Teatro Stabile. Five offers of marriage she has rejected—two from Russian princes, one from an English sculptor and two from her own countrymen. She has vowed to remain single.

Livia Berolandi's fame as a singer immensely lifted. One of the greatest ornaments of the Italian stage, in heart free and passionately devoted to her art. When only six years old her performance at some private theatricals at a fashionable festival in Rome drew from the hostess the exclamation, "The stage must not lose her!" Thereafter the child's career was determined.

Among concert singers, Madame Alani occupies a leading place, and her exquisite soprano voice is not more fascinating than her beauty and charm of manner.

A Christmas Tragedy
Family Party Hit by Train on Way Home From Celebration.

Nashville, Mich., Dec. 25.—Reuben Lawrence, 14 years of age, was killed, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Lawrence, were probably fatally injured, and two sisters and a brother were less seriously hurt, when their carriage was struck by a Michigan Central passenger train as the Lawrence family was driving home from a Christmas celebration near Vermontville yesterday.

A GIRL-MANAGER
Only Twenty. She Leases a Theatre in Old London.

London, Dec. 25.—It is doubtful if the United States can show an actress-manager who has not yet reached the age of 21. Enghland can. She is Phyllis Beaton, who although of an aristocratic family, has been on the stage since she was eight years old. She has played comedy, pantomime, and musical comedy.

Miss Beaton's grandfather was Sir Cecil Beaton, son of the late Bishop of Bath and Wells, who was married a sister of the first Baron Heytesbury. One of her aunts is Lady Plowden.

This go-ahead young woman has taken a lease of the Royal Court Theatre, and through the holiday season will produce what she calls a "Poster Pantomime." It is especially for children.

No less than half a dozen sketches depicting life in the wild and woolly west" of the United States are gracing the boards of the English music halls at the present moment. Most of them are sort of dramatized half-dime novels and acted in a way that no self-respecting cowboy would approve.

FIRE AT CAMPBELL'S BAY.
Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Fire at Campbell's Bay, on the Waltham branch of the C. P. R., caused a loss of \$20,000 this morning. The fire started at 3:30 a.m. in the Ottawa Hotel, and spread to Hodgkin's tin shop and to Lawn's general store. In two hours the three places were gutted. Telephone and telegraph communication is cut off.

BIG BUFFALO FIRE.
Buffalo, Dec. 25.—Fire today destroyed the drygoods and shoe store of J. M. Brecker & Co. Joseph Wolf's clothing store and Joseph Wolf's millinery shop in High street. The loss is \$200,000. The firemen working in front of the buildings had a narrow escape when the walls of the Brecker building fell. Only one, Edward Snyder, was slightly hurt.

TOM WHEELERS HEART IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Well-Known Local Man Strikes
Up Unique Friendship
in Hospital.

Strange friendships are not unusual in all walks of life, and in the wards of a big hospital, where people are brought together from all parts of the country and united by the mere fact of being fellow sufferers lifelong friendships have often been formed.

Few cases of this kind, however, have attracted more attention of late among visitors to Victoria Hospital than the bond that has grown up between William Richards, a little blind pedlar, who nearly two years ago was stricken with paralysis, and "Tom" Wheeler. Both men are known to hundreds of Londoners. Wheeler is a man of gigantic physical proportions, while his friend, who will be remembered by many as the little, effeminate man who used to call on them at regular intervals and offer needles, writing paper and other things for sale. One day Richards was found in an unconscious condition in his bedroom. He had apparently fallen in a fit while dressing, and for many weeks it was not expected that he would live.

He remained unconscious for so long that physicians were greatly puzzled over his case. Months dragged by, and he improved gradually, but he has never recovered the use of any of his limbs and even his organs of articulation are so impaired that he can only talk in an indistinct manner.

One day, when Wheeler went to the hospital, he met Richards and was apparently struck by the terribly helpless condition of the little blind man. Ever since he has cared for him with a tenderness that has excited the admiration of many who have seen the two together. Wheeler is indefatigable for his friend, and waits on him on every possible occasion, and often anticipates his wants.

"No nurse could be more gentle with a patient or do more for him than Wheeler does for Richards," said one of the surgeons at the hospital to The Advertiser. "It is really one of the most remarkable friendships I have ever known."

HACKENSCHMIDT HAS HARD NIGHT AHEAD OF HIM

World's Champion Wrestler Agrees to
Throw Four Men at Toronto.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]
Toronto, Dec. 25.—George Hackenschmidt, the world's champion wrestler, has one big night ahead of him next Thursday, when he will try to throw four of the best men in America one hour and a quarter. This special match is the outcome of a challenge thrown to the world by the Russian lion's manager, when he agreed to throw any three men in an hour for \$1,000. The challenge was taken up by Tom Flanagan, and Hack, to make the match strong, allowed Flanagan to choose another man, making four in all.