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A Great Steamboat Disaster Terrific Explosions at the

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New ORLEANS, Dec. 25 .- The steamboat

BURNED TO THE WATER'S EDGE. GEO. SEXSMITH'S SUDDEN DEATH

- Ammonia Works.

a Mystery. DROWNED BY JUMPING OVERBOARD. THE FACTORY AND WACHINERY IN RUINS

\$10,000-What Hight Have Occurred pany Say About the Matter-Only Small Insurance—The Victims. The works of the Toronto Ammonia Com

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—The steamboat John H. Hanna, from Onahita River with a large number of passengers and a cargo of 2500 bales of cotton on board, was burned last night at Plaque Mine, It is stated that of the 300 persons on board at the time of the disaster only fourteen are known to have been saved.

A special from Plaque Mine to The States says: The burning of the steamer John H. Hanna last night near here was one of the most terrible river disasters that has ever happened in Southern waters. The loss of life was very heavy. About 30 persons

much larger. The wall dividing the ammonia much larget. The wall dividing the ammonia works from the Gas Company's blacksmith shop was blown away, and had the men been at work in it instead of enjoying their holiday, it is hardly possible that any of them could have escaped with their lives. Some idea of the force of the explosion may be gathered from the fact that the hid of one of the agitators, weighing 900 pounds, was hurled through the roof a height of 100 feet in the sit, falling in the middle of Front-street. Barrels were thrown as far east as Trinity street, and the trees and houses in the vicinity were gainsted white with showers of ammonia which followed the explosions.

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The scene at the wrecked factory beggars description. The roof is complexely gone and on the floor lie scattered caldrons, shafting, bricks, and all kinds of debris in the utmost confusion. A part of the mner wall is clown out, and the wall of the blacksmath shor facing Parliament street has been up hally shaken as to sag out towards the street line. It will take many weeks to put matters into shape again and fix things up, last, girth when The World visited the scene, the air was impregnated with the affine smell peculiar to ammonts. All along Front-street the residents on both sides felt the shock of the explosion, which shock the houses and made the windows rattle. The accident resembled to a great degree the explosion on King-street east when several business places were shattered and Mr. Patrick Finnegan lifted into the middle of the street.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 26, 1888. THE LAURELS OF PRACE

A CROWN PRESENTED TO THE KAIS-ER BY THE VULCAN WORKMEN ntement of water

Christmas Comment in the German Capital

BEELIN, Dec. 25.-The burden of the Christmas comment of press and pulpit re-verts to the anxieties prevalent at the same period for the last three years and to the existing prospects of peace. Germany holds the festival breathing peace

THE GALT " HERESY."

the Minister of Know Church Soy Rev. Alexander Jackson, paster of Knox Presbyterian Church, Galt, writes: I have not the slightest interest in the case except what is necessitated by the work of Christ and he upholding of the truth. The case was djudicated before I came to Galt. But, beiuse the session had not asked the advice o Presbytery before passing the extreme sen-ince, the case was sent back to it. I then advised the session to begin the case de novo. During the whole progress of the case since the church has attempted to influence me.

A MURKY CHRISTMANTIDE,

MUDDY STREETS AND A CLOUDY SKY

WAS TORONTO'S LOZ.

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A BIG FIRE IN CINCINNA

around fireplaces, but—and that is best of all—they all kept merry Christmas.

Peace and goodwill prevailed; strife and animosity were unknown in our borders; there happy. Young and old, rich and poor, the entered into the spirit of the day. Hearts overflowed with the milk of human kindness, all of time "hatchets" were buried so deeply that there will be no resurrection, love shed its beams around all hearts, and the brother-hood of man—emobled by union with the Divine 1800 years aro—for the nonce had supremacy over money-retting, the sordid ways of trade, and the carking cares of business.

astically lest night will be followed:

My Jesus, I fove thee, I know thou art mine,
For thee all the pleasures of an I resign.

An Hour and a Half With Fabran.

The members of the Western Congregational
Church, who have just completed their beau
The total loss is over \$300,000.

door knocked a lamp out of her hands. The carpet ignited and the girl tried to stamp the fiames out with her feet. The fire caught her skirts and she rushed madly downstairs and into the street, screaming loudly. Several business men, hearing the shricks, ran outside and were appalled to shricks, ran outside and were appalled to see a woman running towards them, her clothing a mass of flames. They tried to pull the burning garments from her, but she broke away androussued her mad career across the road. She fell unconscious in the ditch and was carried into Mr. Baker's house, where she lingered in intense agony for several days and died:

A Petrolen Refluery Harnt.

PETROLIA, Dec. 25.—A fire occurred last night about 9.30 at M. J. Woodward & Co.'s refinery. Loss \$4000, covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown. Two Grand Trunk Railway, box cars were

has had some exciting adventures with a bear and a monkey which he won in a raffle. were "packed to the doors" at the afternoon and evening performances. Standing soon was the order of the day, and many were unable to gain admittance to these play houses.

A CHECKERED CAREER.

Some Incidents in the Life of Captain Lean

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