he Liner and Submarine Boat

rman Mail Steamer Prince Heinrich Has Narrow Escape From Disaster.

eamed Over Mine Beneath Singapore Harbor Which Exploded Shortly After.

The German Imperial mail liner Prinz Heinrich, Capt. Heintze, one of the palial liners running to Europe from the ent, had a narrow escape from meeta similiar fate to the United States amship Maine at Singapore on Nomber 6th, according to advices ached for by the German paper there, eived from Shanghai by the steamer nano Maru.

he Prinz Heinrich was steaming vn the harbor at Singapore with a t on board when, as the pilot was ing her out at full speed, a big im launch was seen making toward steamer. The captain and pilot re at a loss to know what those on launch, whom, it could be seen from uniforms they wore, were British al men, wanted, but were not suffiitly curious to stop the steamer. uddenly they heard the British naval shouting from the launch, "Stop, God's sake!"

s the Prinz Heinrich was slowed n Capt. Heintze and all on board rd the officer in charge of the steam nch shout, "You are in the greatest ger; right before you is a submarine e. For God's sake, go astern, full ed!"

pt. Heintze, however, said to him- "If I reverse my engines the ger will be increased, for the ship too much way to stop before reacthe danger. It was impossible to g the steamer to a sudden stop at speed at which she was going, so the tain decided to run at full speed in hope of getting over the dangerous before the mine was exploded. She been slowed down somewhat while report from the launch was being n, and hardly had she begun to go t speed when a terrible roar was rd. The submarine mine had exded.

ot more than two ship lengths rn the water had been thrown by into the air. The water rose to enormous height and fell back with ud splash, so great was the force the explosion. As can be imagined e was great fright on board the big steamer, for all the passengers had rd the warning shout from the ich, and there was a panic until after roar of the explosion was heard rn, and the passengers and crew of Prinz Heinrich realized that the had exploded and the steamer was injured.

er Ostasiatche Lloyd, the German spaper at Shaughai, says it vouches the truth of the report, and in an orial note the German paper chides British naval men for not using ter precautions to prevent the posity of such an accident as was so ly averted. It is very likely, says Ostasiatche Lloyd, that this mine exploded by electricity from on e. If so, it cannot be understood the British officers should not have able to time the explosion of the and prevent vessels from being ed in such positions of great dan-

CUBAN MINISTER INSANE.

avana, Dec. 29.—Special cablegrams a Madrid report that Senor Rafael Merchan, the Cuban minister to , is confined to the legation, suffing from mental impairment as the it of former illnesses, and that the ister and his family will soon sail Havana.

ALD. AMES TO RUN.

l Known Montrealer Will Accept Conservative Nomination.

ontreal, Dec. 29.—Ald. Ames was presented with a very largely ed reqnition asking him to accept Conservative nomination for St. Andivision, Montreal. He accepted.

TISH EMBASSY RECEPTION.

ashington, Dec. 29.—The British assy was thrown open for the first n many months tonight, when assador Durand gave his formal reon to the diplomatic corps.

OUR BURNED TO DEATH.

llinger, Dec. 29.—J. A. McBeth, his and five-year-old daughter and his er-in-law, Bert West, were burned ath today in a fire which destroyed furniture store of J. A. Ostertag.

HEELS WITHIN WHEELS.

ou've got to be on the ground to rstand the South American temper- nt," said the returned traveler. "Of e, we people up here think their rrections are terrible, and all that; if you are where you can see and rstand you will realize that there wheels within wheels in those mat-

"Wheels within wheels?" asked one e listeners.

es, lots of times a man will get up volution, and before he gets the fairly started some scout of his ends will start a revolution against —Judge.

JUSTICE, WITH MERCY.

gistrate.—You are charged with g sixteen wives. What have you y for yourself, sir?

onner.—I really couldn't help myjudge.

onsense!"

was this way. Five years ago I to a summer resort, and for six s I was the only man there."

scharged."—New York Weekly.

AS TO MRS. DUMPLING.

Newcombe—That little Mrs. bling next door seems to be a little body.

, Newcombe—Huh! Put the "litbefore the "busy" and you'll be r the truth.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A COMING PLUTOCRAT.

shall have to send you up," said olice magistrate. "You are a vabeating your way from town wn, with no business, and no visans of support."

true, your honor, pleaded the d old vagabond, "that I don't do of a cash business, but look at bates I get on railroad fares when vel."—Chicago Tribune.

OPENING OF MURDEN.

in, Dec. 30.—The Chinese governhas promised United States Min- Conger ad forward the Chinese f the treaty to Washington soon s exchange of ratifications. After reaty is ratified the opening of n and Antung to the commerce world can be pressed.

ST. LOUIS EXHIBITION.

ouis, Dec. 30.—Immediately after lidays a bill will be introduced ress giving permission to foreign ments and other exhibitors at the ana Purchase exposition to donate ious, philosophical, educational, or literary institutions without duty, the exhibits brought by n bond.

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War Imminent In Far East

German Firm Refuses to Accept Insurance on Cargo to Japan.

Japan Desirous of Completing Armament of Purchased Battleships.

Scotch Engineers Engaged for Work in Mikado's Navy.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The Figaro this morning says that the big guns for the Japanese battleships Kasaga and Niasnin which were bought from Argentina, have not been supplied to the vessels and that the Italian government is said to desire that they receive their armament, etc., here in order to avoid an impression that Italy is unfriendly to Russia.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—An indication of the imminence of war in the Orient is shown by the refusal of German underwriters to insure vessels bound to the Far East. "I cabled to Hamburg," said a leading insurance broker today, "asking for quotations on a cargo for the Orient by the Ams Maru sailing January 25th and have just received an answer, stating that no insurance will be placed."

A London cable quoted insurance on the Nipon Maru, which is to sail January 20th at 2½ per cent for a cargo to Japan. On English or American vessels, which means the Occidental and Oriental and the Pacific Mail lines for immediate sailing to Japan alone, neutral cargoes half of 1 per cent is quoted.

Liverpool, Jan. 2.—A large number of Clyde marine engineers received cable orders from the Japanese government today to proceed immediately to Japan. These engineers were engaged by the Japanese government six months ago on the understanding that they would be called on if active service was probable. Full instructions were sent them in cipher. They will go to the Far East by the way of Canada. The engineers will sail from Liverpool January 5th.

New York, Jan. 2.—The war scare took possession of the speculative mind today for the first time since the situation has become threatening between Russia and Japan, and general and heavy liquidation developed.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Acting United States Secretary of State Loomis has received in an official way communications from representatives of the United States in various foreign capitals bearing on the Russo-Japanese situation. It is not deemed proper to publish these messages, but the statement is made that they generally are indicative of a belief that some arrangement will be reached between Russia and Japan which will avert war.

Pekin, Jan. 2.—Information in the possession of the best-informed diplomats in Pekin convinces them that war between Russia and Japan is inevitable; possibly within a few days.

Bizerta, Tunis, Jan. 2.—The Russian squadron destined for the Far East, will sail tomorrow for Alexandria. A brilliant reception and banquet was given today aboard the battleship Oslaivya. Admiral Wirenus, in command of the squadron, toasted France, and the alliance between France and Russia. General Pinchen, the French resident-general in Tunis, responded, expressing, on behalf of the French people of Tunis, an unalterable affection for Russia and the Russians.

Vienna, Jan. 2.—A statement from a Japanese source published in the Politische Correspondenz, says that Russia has proposed the creation of a neutral zone in northern Korea, running south from the Manchurian frontier as far east as Yyen San, and west to Ping Yang, which is clearly unacceptable to Japan. The paper adds that the statement says the reoccupation of Mukden and the continued occupation of Antung, will be carried out, if for no other purpose than to prevent China's fulfilment of the treaty with the United States.

Rome, Jan. 2.—Notwithstanding the pessimistic news from the Far East, official circles here do not believe war is near, as Japan before the opening of hostilities will certainly desire to have in the Far East the two warships she purchased at Genoa from the Argentine Republic. The crews of these vessels have arrived at Genoa.

The Japanese Admiral Isuratare Matza, who discussed the advisability of taking the ships through the Straits of Gibraltar, instead of by the Suez canal in order to avoid a possible attack from the Russian naval forces, says he believes the two Chilean warships Libertad and Constittucion, said to have been sold to England, have been bought by Japan.

BANK CLOSED.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The First National Bank at Storm Lake, Ia., has been closed by the comptroller of the currency on evidence of insolvency.

CLIFFORD SIFTON TO TAKE A HAND

Politics in Prairie Province Grow Warmer--Winnipeg's New Magistrate.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—Now that the nomination conventions for the province are called by the old parties, there is increasing interest in politics. Hon. Clifford Sifton is expected here in a day or two, when it is believed the signal for active hostilities will be given. R. L. Richardson is booming himself as an independent candidate for Lisgar or Souris constituencies.

T. M. Daley took his place on the bench in the Police court this morning for the first time, and received a very warm welcome.

Winnipeg is to have a Dominion exposition in 1904, towards which the government will make a grant of $50,000. The announcement has been received by Manager Heubach, of the Winnipeg industrial exhibition, and is a gratifying sequel to his recent representations to the government.

Nephew (somewhat given to dissipation)—I am sorry to hear you are sick, uncle. What is the trouble? Are you threatened with appendicitis?

Rich Old Uncle—I think not, my boy. It's only a case of lumbago. You mustn't be too optimistic.—Chicago Tribune.

Czar's Plan To Avert a War

Consultation With High State Officials May Lead to Good Results.

Russia Guarantee's China's Integrity and Japan to Arrange Korea.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says that as the result of a consultation between the Emperor and high officials a plan has been worked out which may yet avert war. The plan, the correspondent says, contemplates a guarantee by Russia of the integrity of China with the understanding that her protectorate over Manchuria be recognized and in return Japan will be allowed to fulfill her wishes with respect to Korea.

TO PACIFY MACEDONIA.

Rome, Jan. 2.—The council of ministers met tonight to discuss the appointment of a commander for the international gendarmerie in Macedonia, and selected General Negiogis, commander of the Italian military forces in Sardinia, for the position.

NOVA SCOTIA CODFISH.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 2.—Nova Scotia codfish fleet has suffered a decline of 105,000 quintals for the year just ended.

CANDIDATE NOMINATED.

Wingham, Ont., Jan. 2.—East Huron Conservatives nominated Dr. T. Chisholm as candidate for the House of Commons.

READY FOR PANAMA.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2.—The Constitution says the Sixteenth Regiment, United States army, stationed at Fort McPherson, has received orders to hold itself in readiness to go to Panama and preparations to this end are in progress.

CLERGUE'S CREDITORS FIGHT.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—A number of creditors of the insolvent Soo companies have organized to fight the claim of the Speyer Company, the Philadelphia bankers, and have filed a petition with the courts to have liquidators appointed for each of the subsidiary companies.

CLASH BETWEEN BUTE MINERS

Amalgamated Copper Litigation Leads to Desterdy Outr... in Workings.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 2.—Samuel Olsen has been killed instantly, Fred Dryvel fatally injured and the foreman, John Stutsman, overcome by gas in what appears to have been a clash between the Amalgamated Copper company's miners from the Pennsylvania mines operating by the Anaconda Copper property and the miners from the Rarus, a Heinze property adjoining. The Pennsylvania miners were engaged in work under the orders of the United States court to determine to what extent the ore bodies of the Michael Davitt had been unlawfully worked as alleged by the Amalgamated people. The miners were engaged in stoping passages between a door leading into the Rarus to prevent blasting smoke creeping in and driving them from their work, when, without warning there was a deafening crash which blew the door from its place and crushed the timbers. Sheriff Quinn is now making an investigation. The contending forces of miners are wrought up to a high degree.

BOYS' FRIGHTFUL CONFESSION.

Riverside, Cal., Jan. 2.—The mystery surrounding the death of Ansel Lewis whose body was found near Banning on Thanksgiving day, has been cleared up. He was killed by three boys, according to a story told by one of them. John Scofield, Cornelius Crowley and Frank Ritchie escaped from the Whittier Reform school the day before Thanksgiving. Scofilield has returned to the school and because he was conscience stricken, told of the killing of Lewis. Scofilield says that after beating the man to death with stones, he and the two other boys robbed the dead man's clothes, dividing the booty and separated. Crowley is said to be under arrest at Merced, but Ritchie is still at large.

THE SITUATION IS MOST CRITICAL

Official In Close Touch With Alexieff Speaks to the Nations.

Paris, Jan. 1.—The Chefoo correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, says that Colonel Artemief, who is in close touch with Admiral Alexieff, the Russian viceroy in the Far East, declares the situation is most critcal. The Japanese he says, apparently want war, and the Chinese, especially Yuan Shai Kai, the commander-in-chief of the Chinese army any navy, are assuming a hostile attitude. Disturbances in Manchuria necessitating numerous Russian expeditions, are due, he says, to the almost open support that the Chinese government is giving the bandits.

POPE LEO'S MONUMENT.

Rome, Jan. 2.—The design of the sculptor Lucchetti for a monumental tomb for the late Pope Leo XIII., inside the Church of St. John Latterai, has been approved. It represents Pope Leo wearing the triple crown, sitting on a throne, supported by the world, each hand extended in the act of blessing, the whole symbolizing one fold and one church. The cost of the monument is estimated at $32,000.

COLOMBIA AWAITS REPLY.

Washington, Jan. 2.—General Reyes has not yet received the reply of the Washington government to his protest in behalf of Colombia. If the note be final in its refusal to consider any of the proposals of General Reyes, it will, in the eyes of Colombia, assume the form of an ultimatum, and General Reyes and Dr. Herran will lose no time in leaving the country. Their departure will cause the suspension of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

DAUGHTER'S RESTITUTION.

Boston, Jan. 2.—Mary A. Allen, daughter of W. A. Allen, who disappeared about a year ago, the self-confessed embezzler of the Methodist Preachers' Aid Societies' fund, has given the society stock to the value of $4,500. This is in connection with the general desire of the Allen family to return moneys taken by the treasurer.

PARLIAMENT OPENED.

Lisbon, Jan. 2.—King Carlos, in his message opening parliament today, said that the relations of Portugal with foreign countries were cordial. Referring to the United States, he said: "A fleet of vessels of the United States navy recently visited our port as a demonstration of respect. To the President of that federal republic, who represents a great nation, I offer my gratitude."

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Jealousy Leads Farmer to Kill His Wife and Then Himself.

Huntsville, N. J., Jan. 2.—Oscar Dormidy, a young farmer, shot his wife dead in their home near this village yesterday and fired a bullet into his own heart. The motive of the crime is said to have been jealousy.

FOUND FROZEN.

Ex-Alderman of Hamilton Succumbs to Heart Disease and Body Freezes.

Hamilton, Jan 2.—Ex-Alderman Thos. Patterson, retired blacksmith, who disappeared from home yesterday has been found frozen stiff near his barn. He had gone to feed the cattle and was stricken down with heart failure.

Ladysmith Notes.—At a well attended meeting held last evening in Ryder's old store, (Mr. B. Forchmer in the chair, Mr. G. H. Rumming as secretary), Mr. W. Inglis said he had seen Mr. Leiser in Victoria, who had promised to rent the store to be used as an Athletic room for the Ladysmith Athletic Club. After some discussion it was decided that the movement could be carried out with success and a committee, consisting of Messrs. F. D. Pelkey, J. Iate, White, O. Sinclair and T. Swanson, was appointed to secure the names of those willing to join. The list of names is to be handed in at a meeting which is to be held on Tuesday next, when the matter will be further discussed.

WILL ARREST VAGRANTS.

Colonel Verdeckberg Issues Proclamation.

Cripple Creek, Dec. 31.—Colonel Verdeckberg, commander of the troops in this district, today issued a proclamation giving notice that on and after January 1 all vagrants found in Teller county will be arrested by the military authorities. The proclamation says: "Any person able to work and support himself in some honest and respectable manner who shall be found loitering or standing about, frequenting public places of where liquor is sold, begging or leading an idle, immoral or promiscuous course of life, or not having any visible means of support, shall be deemed a vagrant."

SNOW DELAYS SHIPPING.

New York, Jan. 2.—Owing to the severe snow storms which have prevailed all day shipping has been much delayed in New York harbor. The American line Philadelphia for Plymouth and Southampton, which should have sailed this morning was forced to drop anchor in Gravesend bay to await clearer weather, and the Cunard liner Lucania was towed down and Liverpool, was to an anchorage off Clifton, L. I. No casualties to shipping in this vicinity have been reported.

Resigned Position.—Wm. McNeill, who for over three years has acted as assistant to the chief commissioner of lands and works, has resigned his position and withdrew from that post on the 31st of December. Mr. McNeill joined the civil service during the Turner regime, and resigned shortly after the defeat of that government. He rejoined the service on the advent of the Dunsmuir government to power, and since that time has occupied a responsible and confidential relationship to the chief commissioner.

NOT MUCH DAMAGED.

Injuries to the Steamer Amur Are Scant—Northern Steamers Due.

The steamer Amur of the C. P. R. was hauled out on the Esquimalt marine ways yesterday morning for examination. It was found that fifteen of her plates had been dented, but not a plate had been broken or even a rivet started, the damage to the vessel as a result of her recent stranding being slight. None of the plates will need to be taken out and some minor repairs will be done and the steamer will be launched and ready to resume her service to the north on Tuesday next.

The steamer Danube, which is replacing the Amur on the northern run is due from Skagway via Port Simpson. The steamer Cottage City is also fully due from the Lynn canal port and way ports of the Alaskan coast.

GOLD STANDARD FOR MEXICO.

Monetary Commission Prepares Plan to Obtain Fixity of Value Standard.

Mexico City, Jan. 2.—A plan for reforming the currency has been prepared by the fifth sub-committee of the national monetary commission. The commission advises that in order to obtain stability or fixity of the international exchange the government should be advised to adopt a monetary system based on the gold standard, thereby creating a system very similar to that which the United States government has put in operation in the Philippines.

ENCOUNTERED FOG.

Capt. Cutler Takes Big German Ship Alsternixe to Tacoma Safely.

Capt. Cutler, of the tug Lorne, which has returned from Tacoma after towing the big German ship Alsternixe to the Sound port, was much praised by the Tacoma papers for having brought the big ship into her moorings at Tacoma in safety with such a dense fog as prevailed. The tug and her tow encountered a thick bank of fog off Brown's Point. It was impossible to see the foremast from the poop deck of the vessel. The Brown's Point light was completely enveloped in fog, and could not be seen, only the fog bell giving an idea of the location of the point, coupled with what shore echo the tug could get from her whistle.

Captain Aughagen stated that it was about as thick a fog as could well be imagined. The Lorne rounded the point and made her way in search of an anchorage. The tug's whistle was blowing at quick intervals. Soundings gave first 40 fathoms, then 80 fathoms. The watchman on the British ship Lamorna, which is lying across the bay, began ringing the ship's bell as he heard the tug's whistle, and this aided if guiding Captain Cutler to an anchorage.

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All Theatres Are Closed

Auditorium Only Chicago House Deemed to Have a Fire Proof Curtain.

Inspector Discovers Criminal Carelessness Responsible for Horror

Five Hundred and Eighty Seven Deaths Total In Theatre Fire.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Every theatre in Chicago was dark tonight and not one of them will be opened until their managers have complied in the fullest manner with every section of the ordinance regulating playhouses.

The order compelling the theatres to close was issued thus afternoon by Mayor Harrison after a conference with Corporation Counsel Tollman, who assured the mayor that ample legal grounds existed for his action. Seventeen theatres and museums closed last night and this sweeping order of the mayor today shut the doors of several more. These last were the leading theatres in the business section of the city. The Studebaker, Grand Opera House, McVicker's, Lasalle, Garrick, Illinois and Powers. The last two are owned and controlled by Messrs. Powers and Davis, the managers of the ill-fated Iroquois. The Garrick threatre closed today is not to be confounded with the Garrick theatre closed yesterday. The former is one of the largest play houses in the city, while the one concerning which action was taken yesterday is a much smaller affair in the northwestern part of the city. The seventeen places of amusement shut last night were closed because they were not provided with asbestos curtains. The action today was in consequence of violations of other sections of the ordinance regarding theatres.

There was a hasty rush of theatrical managers to the office of Mayor Harrison to day in the effort to secure the withdrawal or at least a postponement of the order, but their reception was of an exceedingly cool nature. They were informed by the mayor that the inspectors had reported violations of the law and he was determined that it should not be said hereafter that the city had neglected anything which would prevent a repetition of the horror of last Wednesday.

The fact that the asbestos curtain in Iroquois theatre was so badly wrecked by the fire that charred portions of it have been carried away by various investigating committees caused the mayor to decide that asbestos curtains could not be relied upon. It was announced that every theatre in the city must hereafter comply with the following requirements before being allowed to reopen: Steel roll curtains, wide exits, no combustibles of any sort in the house, fireproof scenery, no calcium or "spot" lights to be used on the stage, skylights above the stage provided with automatic lids to permit the smoke, fire and gas to escape, separate stairways, each exit having its own stairs to the street.

After issuing this sweeping order, Mayor Harrison said: "I do not wish to assume responsibility for these theatres. The order will be issued to make it certain that no precaution to insure the safety of audiences had been neglected. It is quite possible that the owners of the theatres may sustain serious financial loss, but in view of the condition of the playhouses we cannot take any risk, and if the law has been fully complied with in the first place there would have been no question of closing them now. The Auditorium, which is the only theatre left open in Chicago, has a steel roll curtain and this seems to be the only curtain that affords absolute protection against fire. In view of the fact that the Iroquois curtain was destroyed I have determined, so far as possibe to see that the other playhouses are similarly provided."

Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, proprietors of the Iroquois theatre, and Building Commissioner Williams, are under arrest, charged with manslaughter. They have been released on $10,000 bonds, and their hearing is set for January 12.

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to open and close all doors to exits. Such apparatus to operate in conjunction with levers, one of said levers shall open all doors leading to fire escapes; one of said levers shall open all doors leading to streets, and all of said levers operate in conjunction with electric lights to said exits, so that when said doors are opened all passages leading therefrom shall simultaneously be lighted.

For violation of the foregoing a fine is provided, together with the closing of the offending theatre. One or more competent men to be approved by the fire marshal to be on duty at the theatres, and said theatre and place of amusement during the whole time it is open to the public, and who shall be subject to the order of the fire marshal and shall be in full uniform and operate said apparatus before and after each performance so as to familiarize the public where said exits are located and to ascertain whether the apparatus is efficient and are in working order.

Her brain weakened from pondering over the Iroquois fire horror Mrs. Marie Hopkins seized her two children today, throw them violently under a bed and securing an axe, commenced breaking up a stove which stood in the room. The crazed woman's frantic shrieks of "Fire; they're burning, save my child," attracted the attention of a policeman, who arrested her and rescued the children. Mrs. Hopkins had suffered no personal loss by the theatre.

Among the hundreds of funerals today perhaps none had so many distressing features as those wherein were buried three out of four generations of the family of Benjamin Moore, a grocer. There had been a family reunion in the Moore household and Benjamin Moore was surrounded by his children, his grand children and his great-grandchildren. Nine members of the family went to the Iroquois to see "Mr. Bluebeard." Seats were purchased in the last row of the second balcony near the aisle further away from the main entrance. When the fire and smoke came all but one of the party sat still and were suffocated. The eight dead bodies were among those interred today.

The total number of dead in the theatre fire has been definitely established at 587, of which twelve remain unidentified.

Church bells tolling at noon, business activity checked, many celebrations postponed and long lines of funerals making their way to the outlying districts where the cemeteries are situated, these circumstances evidenced Chicago's outward grief for the victims of the Iroquois theatre disaster today. Priests and ministers went from funeral to funeral today as they will tomorrow and Monday. Unidentified dead will be kept as long as possible at the morgues, if no one claims them then they will be buried at the city's expense. By common consent of the clergy "Lead Kindly Light," the hymn written by Cardinal Newman, is being sung at all the funerals. The city hall, except absolutely necessary departments was closed today.

The unidentified body of a woman that had been overlooked was found at Jorden's morgue. A ticket was found on the body "Detroit to Chicago."

Washington, Jan. 2.—The following cablegram came to the President from the Emperor of Germany: "Neues Palais, Dec. 31.—To the President of the United States, Washington, D. C. Aghast at the news of the terrible catastophe which befell the citizens of Chicago. The Empress and myself wish to convey to you how deeply we feel for the people who have been so cruelly visited in this week of joy. Please convey expressions of our sympathy to Chicago. Providence shield you and America from harm and such accidents. (Signed) William, A. R."

By direction of the President replies to messages of condolence received from foreign governments because of the Chicago disaster, have been despatched by the American state department.

The reply to Canada's message of sympathy reads: "To the Right Honorable the Earl of Minto, Governor-General, Ottawa, Ont.—I greatly appreciate your message of regret and sympathy by reason of disaster at Chicago. It has been communicated to the mayor of the city. (Signed) Theodore Roosevelt."

Similar letters were sent to London, Paris, Rome, St. Petersburg and Brussels.

St. John, Jan. 2.—W. T. Carleton, stage manager of the "The Bluebeard" company performing at the Iroquois theatre, Chicago, where the fire occurred, is a native of this city, being the son of W. B. Carleton, of the customs office here. Mr. Carleton's daughter, who was making her debut on the stage at the same theatre, was saved.

Milwaukee, Jan. 2.—Chief Meminger of the Milwaukee fire department, has issued an order closing four of the Milwaukee theatres until they have been provided with asbestos or steel curtains.

CAR FOUNDERS' STRIKE.

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 2.—One thousand workmen of the American Car Foundry are on a strike today because of the company making a reduction of 10 per cent in wages.

INDIANS THREATEN ANOTHER REVOLT

Red Men In Nevada Murder Two Prospectors and More Trouble Expected.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—A despatch to the Tribune from Calientes, Nev., says: Word has just reached here of the killing of two prospectors, William Jones and Henry Alexander, by Piute Indians, who are threatening a revolt against the whites. The prospectors were working in Arrow Canyon range. Henry Stowe and James Dunlay, two other prospectors, passed their tent and found the bodies of the men lying near the ashes of a campfire. They had been shot and their bodies afterward frightfully outraged.

Piute Indians are roving about committing depredations on ranches and camps of surveyors and prospectors. A general uprising is feared. The trouble started over the passing of sentence of death of a Piute boy, who killed Wm. Williams near Las Vegas, in August last year. The Indians threaten wholesale killing of whites if the sentence of death is carried out.

FORTUNATE DISCOVERY.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—A fire caused by a short-circuited electric wire started last night in the cloak room of the new Royal theatre during a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." A fireman stationed in the theatre discovered the flames and put them out without alarming the audience.

A TIMELY PRECAUTION.

New York, Jan. 2.—Under instructions from Fire Commissioner Hays, Assistant Foreman Lenihan began today to test the fire-proof qualities of the asbestos drop curtains of the New York theatres. Lenihan had instructions to apply gasoline to all suspected curtains and attempt to ignite them.

Chicago's Mayor Asks For Quiet

In View of Calamity Requested a Solemn Welcome to the New Year.

Lady Relates Her Experience in Escape From Second Balcony.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The following is the text of a proclamation issued by Mayor Harrison today: "On each recurring New Year's eve annoyance has been caused to the sick and infirm by the indulgence of thoughtless persons in noisy celebrations of the passage of the old year. The city authorities have at all times discouraged this practice, but now when Chicago lies in the shadow of the greatest disaster in her history for a generation, noise making, whether by bells, whistles, cannon, horns or any other means, is particularly objectionable.

"As Mayor of Chicago I would therefore request all people to refrain from this indulgence and I would ask all railway officials and all persons controlling factories, boats and mills to direct their employees not to blow whistles between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock tonight."

There was a discussion today among firemen, employees of the theatre and architects as to the cause of the fire. Accounts differ today as widely as they did last night. The theatrical people are practically a unit in declaring that the fire started with an explosion, and in this they are contradicted by scores of people in the audience, who declare that they saw the fire creeping along the edge of the curtain for several minutes before the explosion took place.

Miss Anna Woodward, who occupied a seat in the second balcony, said today: "I was in the second balcony and plainly saw the fire. I left my seat in the balcony and went down the staire to the first balcony and from there started to pass out through the very door in which so many people were killed. The door was closed and a man standing on the outside refused to open it so that I could pass out. I do not know whether he was an employee of the theatre, but he was evidently determined that no one should leave the theatre and in so doing started a panic. I was leaving quietly up to that time, but the man refused to allow me to pass out peacefully I determined to get out if I had to make a noise. I went along the balcony to a glass panel in it and pushed it in with my umbrella. When I was about half way down the stairs I heard the roar of the crowd. They overtook me, but I managed to escape. I think I must have walked the last ten feet of my passage to the exit on the bodies of those who had fallen."

The best evidence obtainable is to the effect that the fire was caused by the sparks from an arc light striking the edge of the deep curtain, but the actual cause will not be known until after the coroner's inquest.

Although the Iroquois theatre was undoubtedly the safest in Chicago it became evident today that the building department had not strictly enforced one or two sections of the building ordinance.

William Curran, a building inspector, visited the theatre before the fire and says everything was in good condition.

Deputy Building Commissioner Stanhope in company with several building inspectors went to the theatre today and afterwards said: "The theatre and its management were strictly within the law. I will not go into details until I have completed my report."

A section of the building ordinance provides that in buildings of the class of the Iroquois theatre, there shall be a system of automatic sprinklers. No sprinklers were in the theatre, but Mr. Stanhope said the provision about the iron doors made it necessary for the theatre to have them.

From early in the morning until late tonight crowds have besieged the undertaking rooms and hospitals looking for the dead and wounded.

In all the undertaking rooms the bodies were placed, as far as possible, on cots, and where these were not found stretched in long lines upon the floors, and a constant succession of pale-faced men and tearful women passed slowly between the bodies, lifting the coverings from scorched and bruised faces. Scenes that were enacted around the bodies of little children were pathetic in the extreme. There has been no sadder feature connected with this disaster than the killing of so many children. It is the one thing that seems to overpower people to the morgues.

While the crowds of anxious seekers for news besieged the different morgues, the telegraph and long-distance telephone offices were almost swamped with the flood of enquiry messages. Coroner Traeger and his assistants did all in their power to supply information concerning the dead and wounded, but five times the number of available men in the office could not have accomplished the task. Crowds of people were supplied with permits to visit the morgue.

Six bushel baskets of valuables were gathered by the police. Among these were fully a dozen watches, and in every case the watch had stopped at 2.50 o'clock, the time when the fire broke out. Coroner Traeger tonight conducted an informal enquiry into the cause of the fire. Wm. C. Sellers, the fireman at the theatre, did not know just how the fire began, but said he saw it shortly after it broke out. He threw extinguishers on the blaze, but without effect. He tried to pull down the drop curtain or tear loose that portion of it which was blazing, but without success.

Seven employees of the Iroquois theatre were arrested tonight on orders issued by Chief of Poilce O'Neil. The charge against them is, at present, that of being accessories to manslaughter. They will be held pending the verdict of the coroner's jury. The men arrested are: Wm. Carlton, stage manager; Edward Cummings, stage carpenter; Frank Landrow, R. M. Cummings, Engle, Thomas McQueen and S. J. Mason.

The last five are stage hands and scene shifters. After being in custody four of the men told Chief O'Neil they had been requested by people connected with the theatre to leave the city. When asked who advised them to do this they at first refused to say, but later admitted that the advice was given by Assistant Manager Pinkett. J. E. Pridmore, whose sister Edith Pridmore and nephew were killed in the fire, today asked President George Beaumont, of the Illinois Chapter of the

FATAL FAMILY QUARREL.

New York, Jan. 2.—Henry McKeown and his four-year-old grandson, Mathew Dempsey, are dead, and Mrs. Eila Brennan is in a serious condition in Bellevue hospital, suffering from asphyxiation as the result of a little quarrel, the police say, in the latter's apartments. Mrs. Brennan admitted to the police that after she had quarreled with hers husband, John Brennan, the latter left the apartment, she turned on the gas in the kitchen where McKeown, a visitor, with his grandson, was. She is a prisoner at the hospital charged with homicide and attempted suicide. When her husband returned to the room he found the three occupants unconscious.

British Trade Decreasing

Treasury Department Returns Disclose Great Falling Off In Receipts.

Net Shrinkage for the Fiscal Year to Date Is Eighteen Millions.

Property and Income Tax Falls off Over Eight Million Dollars.

London, Jan. 2.—The treasury department issued last night an account of the revenue of the United Kingdom for the first nine months of the fiscal year of 1903-04. Of an estimated total of $721,350,000, the return shows $455,287,490 was paid into the exchequer. As compared with last year the following showing is made:

Customs, decrease, $2,175,000; excise, decrease, $4,050,000; estate, etc., duties decrease, $3,500,000; property and income tax, decrease, $8,250,000; post office increase, $1,600,000. Total net decrease is $18,497,040. In making this comparison, however, it should be remembered that the estimates for the current year are below the estimated receipts of the fiscal year 1902-03, and consequently the various heads must be expected to show decreases.

PRINCE LUITPOLD IMPROVING.

Munich, Dec. 31.—The report published in the United States by a news agency today that Prince Luitpold, regent of Bavaria, is dangerously ill, is incorrect. The regent is suffering from the effects of a slight accident sustained recently in the hunting field, but his condition occasions no anxiety.

BUBONIC PLAGUE ON STEAMER.

Hamburg, Dec. 31.—The inquiry into the mortality among the rats on the German steamer Cordoba, from Santos, Brazil, November 26th, via Bahia, December 2nd, confirms the fact that they died of bubonic plague. The vessel has been towed to Strandhafen and disinfected. There is no sickness among the crew and it is officially announced that the precautions taken preclude the possibility of public danger.

APPEAL TO THE ONTARIO MACHINE

Capture of Municipal Offices Sought to Strengthen Grit Candidates.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—The Ontario municipal elections will be held on Monday, and word has gone forth from Ottawa to Queenstown to rally them for the Grit party in order to strengthen the position of the government in the coming Dominion campaign.

A recent regulation converted the ordnance store-keepers, who are formerly civilians, into a military organization, the members of which have to wear uniforms on all occasions. Frederick Thompson, of Ottawa, belongs to the corps, and on Thursday night appeared at the hockey match in playing clothes, and in consequence he has been placed under arrest.

The New Year's levee of His Excellency the Governor-General, was attended by an unusually large number of citizens, and probably because this will be the last of Lord Minto will hold. The function was varied somewhat from the usual routine. A goodly number of ministers were present to pay their respects to His Excellency, and in the ordinary course of events, were presented first, Sir Wilfrid leading his colleagues. After the cabinet had been presented, there was a pause for a moment, and Major Maude handed the Governor-General a Fenian raid medal, issued under the warrant of her late Majesty Queen Victoria. His Excellency pinned the medal to the breast of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at the same time expressing the hope that he might long be spared to wear it. Following this pleasant break in the proceedings, Colonel Pinault and Mr. Hebert, the well-known sculptor, who were in attendance, were summoned before His Excellency and received the insignia of C. M. G. Over 200 leading citizens were presented to the King's representative.

The Winnipeg Rowing Club downed the Ottawas tonight by six to two in the Stanley cup hockey series. The match was fought absolutely on its merits. The Winnipeg team has been remodelled since Wednesday, and gained a splendid victory. The final match will be played Monday.

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