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M'KINLEY'S CABINET.

Will Have Nothing to Do With Extension of Territory in Cuba.

AMERICAN INTERESTS WILL BE PROTECTED

Watchful Eye Will be Kept on the European Concert Grab Game—Cuban Matters Referred to.

Washington, Dec. 24.—This country's attitude, if it shall appear to be an effort on the powers of Europe to dismember China was the principal topic of discussion at today's meeting of the cabinet.

All the members were present except Secretary Alger, who is ill at his home. While no formal action was taken in the absence of specific information as to the intention of the powers of Europe, it was determined, as a member of the cabinet expressed it, "to keep a watchful eye upon the situation, so it develops in order that full protection may be given to the interests of the United States in China as guaranteed by our treaties with that country."

Expectation was manifested to participate in an extension of territory at the expense of China. Should a dispute of this character arise, and no passenger can board a train without first showing his ticket.

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The defendants in the case enter a general demurrer and claim the pipe line was not organized for the storing and transportation of oil as a common carrier.

CAUGHT IN A TUNNEL.

Charles Tito is Ground to Pieces by a Half ton Train.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Charles Tito, aged 35, engaged in doing some work in the railroad tunnel which runs under the city, was caught in places by a train yesterday afternoon. He had stepped down on the tracks, from his work, just before the train was hurled by. There was no ambulance to a hospital by the mutilated parts picked up by a track walker.

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The idea expressed at the cabinet meeting put an end to any possibility of an Anglo-American or Anglo-Japanese alliance, with as the foreign states have suggested.

Fire in Kingston.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 24.—Fire broke out in the Dorian wing of the general hospital about 10:30 this morning. Patients have been called out to assist in the brigade.

Got the Wrong Man.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—On motion of Deputy Attorney Stringer, Harry Lutterman, charged with stealing timber and in the holding of a Northern Pacific inspector, the case against Lutterman has been released, there not being evidence to warrant his detention.

TERRIFIC STORM EAST.

Snow Four Feet in Pennsylvania Delay Railway Traffic.

Cory, Pa., Dec. 24.—The snow is falling at a terrific rate. At Sherman, 3 miles west, it is reported that it has been two feet, and still drifting. It has two engines to pull three cars on the Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia, which goes through that section. Trains on the Pennsylvania are also stopped.

FRENCH SEND ANOTHER.

Third Cruiser Ordered from France to Chinese Waters.

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RUSSIA'S BIG CANAL.

Waterway Will be One Thousand Miles in Length.

UNITING THE BALTIC AND BLACK SEAS.

To be Completed in Four Years—Will Give Russia a Year Advantage.

New York, Dec. 24.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

The Russian government will begin next spring on a stupendous piece of engineering work which, like the trans-Siberian railroad, will be of great strategic and commercial value to her when completed.

The project contemplates the construction of a canal connecting the Baltic and Black seas, which can be traversed by battleships of the heaviest tonnage at six knots per hour. By means of this canal Russia will be able to make a huge fleet in the Baltic in one hundred and sixty-seven hours by bringing to that sea the Black sea squadron, or can collect in the Black sea in the same time the Baltic and Black sea fleets. In case of a general European war over the division of China at the time of the completion of the canal, it would not be difficult for Russia to send her fleet through the Bosphorus, the sea of Marmora and the Dardanelles into the Mediterranean, down the Suez canal, across the Indian ocean to China, while she could use the trans-Siberian railroad to transport troops. The canal will remove the necessity of sending a fleet across the North sea and down the Atlantic in order to reach the Mediterranean, and through that sea reach the Suez canal and China, and it is pointed out that in case of war Great Britain or Germany would take measures to see that Russian fleets did not pass through their waters without a hard struggle.

It is officially stated here that the canal when completed will connect the city of Riga, on the Baltic, and Cherson, on the Black sea. Advantage will be taken of Dvrina river at the mouth of which Riga is located, and of the Dnieper river, which flows into the Black sea and at the mouth of which Cherson stands. It has been estimated by the engineer that to connect the two rivers, one 125 miles of excavation will be necessary. The length of the canal will be a thousand miles. It will have an average depth of 2-1 feet.

The cost of the work will be $97,000,000 and is must be completed by 1902. It is frankly admitted by the Russian authorities that the canal is being built for military purposes just as the trans-Siberian railroad is being constructed but they say that the waterway will be of benefit commercially. The wheat raised in the southern part of Russia near the Black sea and the coal and petroleum obtained from that section will be transported more cheaply to markets than by steamers.

Sixteen cities are situated along the route of the proposed canal and they will be benefited by its construction.

"Russia maintains a formidable fleet of battleships and cruisers in the Black sea," said a well known naval commander, "each action being in readiness for the Bosphorus. The construction of the canal will mean that this fleet can be re-enforced within seven days at the utmost by an equally formidable fleet from the Baltic and in case of the dismemberment of Turkey, or a necessity for a large force of naval vessels in Asiatic waters, Russia would be able to send re-inforcements to that section ahead of any other European government, which would be obliged to send its fleet by the Atlantic ocean and the Mediterranean. So far as Turkey and China are concerned, the completion of the Russian canal will place the czar in a position which will be envied by all the European governments."

TO BECOME A CEMETERY.

Tom Paine's Farm, Where the Hayonis First Settled, Purchased for a Graveyard.

New York, Dec. 24.—Tom Paine's old farm is to be turned into a cemetery which will rival in beauty and importance Rose Hill, the celebrated necropolis, Greenwood.

The property is near New Rochelle and has been purchased by a syndicate of New York millionaires, who propose to so enhance its beauty as to make it one of the most romantic graveyards in the world. It was sold to the syndicate by John H. Pell, of New Rochelle. Its 200 acres brought the sum of $200,000. In the heaven of this land rests the mortal remains of the author of "The Age of Reason" and of "The Rights of Man." Above his first grave a Revolutionary hero, who humble than many that have been erected to men of far less renown.

This land was the spot on which the Huguenots settled when they landed in America.

MESSENGER FOR CUBA.

Goes With Instructions Regarding a Colonial Cabinet for the Island.

New York, Dec. 24.—Senor Arturo Amblard, the young man who is a member of the reformist party in Cuba and formerly deputy to the Spanish cortes, has left Havana for Paris, from Europe and will leave today for Washington. There he will go to Atlanta and thence to Havana. It is said that he is the bearer of instructions from the Spanish cabinet to Governor Blanco in regard to the formation of the colonial cabinet. There is a report that Senor Rodrigo Fabian, the new cabinet, probably receiving the portfolio of secretary of the interior and state.

"I expect the best results from Senor Rodrigo's office of authority," said Senor Amblard, "It will be his duty to discuss the cause of Cubans without hesitation. The provincial government will be formed by the governor-general. Also will consist of a cabinet of five members, partners including the secretaries. I expect that it will be established and in working order before the end of this month.

"This provisional government will prepare for the election and superintending the elections vote. The governor-general will choose a new cabinet from the representatives elected and the members of the provisional cabinet will retire. The election will be held within at least two months."

Senor Amblard said that it was another that autonomy, before becoming a law, must be approved by the cortes. "In the approaching elections in Spain," he said, "the liberals will win without a doubt. The conservatives will be defeated, however, the conservatives will not dare oppose autonomy. This is stated by the public declaration of Senor Silvela, who will be the future chief of the conservative party. Any citizen of Cuba is eligible to be one of the most radical ideas, and the rebels. The Cuban patriots will have power to make its own tariff and a good understanding may result between Cuba and the country. Spain is favored only by a slight tariff on certain goods."

Three Prisoners Escape.

New York, Dec. 24.—Three convicts in irons escaped from the reformatory, Elmira, now lying off Tompkinsville, S. I. They spent several hours on a sand schooner, and by that means made their way to freedom. The convicts, which is used in training apprentices. The boat left Tuesday day from her cruise in southern waters. She anchored off Tompkinsville. The convicts are Charles Brian, Charles Schmitz, Larson and Williams, a colored man. Williams was serving a sentence of five years for assaulting an officer, and was to be sent to Boston to testify. The men escaped from a training court martial for an infraction of discipline. Those are the men who got away.

Tentative Tariff Bill.

New York, Dec. 24.—A special to the Herald from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, via Galveston, Texas, says:

The chamber of deputies has adopted a bill for a tariff on imports which will increase duties on imports from any country when necessary, as a measure of retaliation to the interests of this country. This bill embodies the principle of the Wilson-Gorman tariff against the United States which was defeated a few days ago, and, as it is said, has the support of the president to increase duties at will.

The maximum increase provided for in this new tariff is 25 per cent on the ordinary tariff and 15 per cent on goods now on the free list. The duty on machinery and agricultural implements was not altered by the chamber.

ENGLISH OFFICIALS TICKLED.

Rejoicing Over the Heavy Seal Award Against the United States.

New York, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Officials at the foreign office do not conceal their gratification over the result of the arbitration award since the amount of the indemnity awarded exceeds that which Congress refused to pay. The English press has constantly been representing the United States as the party to bear the loss of damage after the general adoption of the Paris rules, had gone against them. Inevitably the payment of bad faith will be revived if Congress should strongly refuse to sanction the agreement reached by the sealing commissioners. Neglect on the part of Congress to appropriate the money required for settling the compensation for the seizure of the Canadian sealers will not hasten the settlement of adjusting the Bering Sea question and this is already serious enough. The foreign office, which is not exposed to merciless criticism at home and abroad for its position of submission and helplessness in dealing with the new and mysterious Chinese question, would be glad to have this chief cause of contention with America revived but it cannot act without the support of Canada, which is not willing to agree to the suspension of pelagic sealing and the preservation of the fur seal herds, unless a solid of other concessions and questions are taken up by the United States and disposed of.

What is to be intended is a diplomatic impasse with increased bitterness between the two nations as a result. The proposal for the suspension of the sealing conference has been held in abeyance, but the Canadian representatives have been compelled to recognize the justice of the American contention, that the preservation of the fur seal herd, can hardly fail to be helpful to Americans in the negotiations that year in the Bering sea. Mutual civendt under the Paris award. The prompt settlement of the bill of damages agreed upon by Judges Putnam and King will promote the chance of a reasonable adjustment of the chief question at issue. Otherwise the present negotiations will remain in force indefinitely under the Paris award, after the expiration of the time, that is inadequate for the protection of the seals.

Suit Against a Coal Company.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—The Junction Mining Company has filed a suit in the Sangamon county circuit court against the Springfield Junction Coal company for $60,000. The defendants were issued to the property for ten days. During their lease had it is charged the defendants changed the mining plans and made changes which entries and approaches were improperly supported and caved in, unless the plaintiff, tenement houses were burn down, machinery and fixtures were totally damaged, shaft, converted into a holding shaft, head-gear was removed from convenience to railway tracks, and a serious loss was to the total plaintiffs out of thousands of dollars and putting plaintiff to the expense of repairs. It is charged that defendants have a large sum by inability to get coal marketed.

Call for a Cyclists' Convention.

New York, Dec. 24.—A formal call issued by more than twenty thousand prominent cyclists in all parts of the country has been issued in the interest of the formation of a National patriotic organization of wheelmen to send a team of American riders to Europe to compete in the world's championship which will be decided during August in Vienna.

The two great cycling organizations of the world are affiliated in one coalition known as the International Cyclists' Association, and the Bicycle Racing Association of America. The American Wheelmen which organized this International association and the 20,000 wheelmen in the United States will engage in the 1898 tour and at intervening intervals American riders carried off the lion share of the championship prizes, but for the last two years the American cycling country in the world has not been represented.

It is to give the riders of the United States the chance to be represented and to uphold American interests in cycling abroad that this organization, which is not for profit or pecuniary gain, is organized, will try to do what the league of American Wheelmen and the national bicycle trade have failed to do. It is intended that only the best amateurs and professionals will represent the United States and the funds derived from preliminary meets will be sufficient to pay the expenses of the team.

Marriage Certificate a Fraud.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 4.—In the Mintzer estate controversy a sensation was caused by finding to the effect that Jacob Waters, who is alleged by Jos. Waters to have married him on March 24, 1892, to Miss Anna Mintzer, is a fraud. Waters is now an inmate of Rochester insane asylum and counsel for Waters strenuously objected to the introduction of the evidence but was overruled by Probate Judge Willich. Burgess denied having ever performed a marriage ceremony between the couple and declared that the marriage certificate produced yesterday by Mr. Waters and upon which he based his claim to the estate of Mrs. Mintzer was a counterfeit and not with an imitation of his handwriting.

NICARAGUA'S BIG DITCH.

Chicago Drainage Canal Contractors May Undertake It.

DELEGATION OF ENGINEERS TO INQUIRE.

Will Leave Soon to Make an Examination of the Route—United States Must Act Soon.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A special to the Herald from Washington, D. C., says: The steamer Finance, which sails from New York next Thursday, carries an important delegation of engineers and contractors who propose to look over the route of the Nicaragua canal on their own hook, without waiting for the report of the commission which the government recently sent to review the surveys and estimates heretofore submitted to Congress. As far as can be learned this party has no connection with and has asked no assistance from the government, although Senator Morgan, who has always taken the leading part in legislation relating to the canal, has encouraged the journey, and thinks that the interest which has inspired the enterprise is likely to result in a practical examination of the several routes that have been recommended and in arriving at estimates of the cost of construction. It is understood that Mr. Lyman E. Cooley, the well-known engineer, who was offered a place upon the Nicaragua commission and is a member of the International Deep Waterways commission, has been invited to accompany the party, and that Mr. E. E. Cragin of Chicago, who has been associated with the Nicaragua Maritime company for several months, will go as the representative of that corporation. Senator Morgan has not been furnished with the name of any other gentleman.

It is understood here that the contractors on the drainage canal are taking this step with a view to utilizing their machinery and force of employes when their present contracts are completed, and if they find things to their satisfaction they may decide to increase the concession of the Maritime company or to enter into a contract to complete the work, which is, on a basis of their examinations the survey made under the direction of Engineer Menocal in 1895, which has been indorsed by a committee of the most competent experts in this country, selected by the American Society of Engineers. The original estimate of cost of the work was approximately $52,000,000, including interest and contingencies of every sort, although Mr. Menocal always maintained that he could be done on that route, according to his plans, for $45,000,000 and after examining the surveys, estimates and economical methods which the construction of the drainage canal in Illinois has developed, he claims that the work can be done now for $30,000,000.

Not long ago Senator Morgan invited the contractors on the drainage canal to visit Washington and urge their views to the committee on foreign affairs. While none of them had yet made an examination of the route, they all agreed that Mr. Menocal's estimates and computations were reasonable and that the cost of such excavation as is described in his report, if the selected by him in Nicaragua can be reduced at least 30 per cent by the use of the machinery and appliances they have used upon the drainage canal.

The present situation in Nicaragua requires that some action shall be taken by the United States Congress and by preserve our rights under the existing treaty and concessions. The Menocal concession, under which the present company is working, and upon which the legislation now pending in Congress is based, expires in 1899.

Senator Morgan does not think Great Britain will ever attempt to maintain a petty concession in Nicaragua, but with the right of the canal company although such an interference would be the cause of trouble and delay.

"I rejoice to see such men taking an interest in the enterprise," said Mr. Morgan. "It is the best thing in the world to assist us in our prosecution. They are practical men of affairs. They have experience and knowledge and reputation, that will make their testimony of great value and I am glad they are going."

CANADIAN OFFICER REBUKED.

Jos. Chamberlain Will Not Let the Dominion Foot Other Bills This Time.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 24.—Right Hon. Jos. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, had administered a crushing rebuke to the Canadian minister of marine, Carried away by the imperial preferential. Mr. Mulock, an old Liberal, had sent out a circular to his year letters could be forwarded from the Dominion to England and all parts of the empire, at the rate of 2 cents instead of 5 cents per ounce.

Upon the announcement reaching London, Mr. Chamberlain communicated with the governor general here, intimated his displeasure that the Queen's government could not allow Canada to pursue such a course without the consent of the imperial parliament. Mr. Mulock, it is said, has been ordered to withdraw the circular and the postal authorities might be held, but in the meantime the scheme would have to be dropped. Mr. Mulock, it is said, now has been suspended and the government here has been obliged to give public notice that the phenomenal reduction in postal rates would not take effect.

Pension Frauds Denied.

New York, Dec. 24.—It is denied at the United States pension office in this city that wholesale frauds were discovered in the records of the agents by a special examiner sent to from Washington.

In the early part of last week an examiner appeared in the United States circuit court to proceed against a woman and ten men for swindling the government. The woman had been married and continued to draw pensions. The matter was reported to Col. Tanner, the agent in charge of the pension bureau. He informed the Washington officers and the woman and ten men who indorsed her application certifying that she was still a widow were arrested.

A. B. Roome, a special examiner, caused the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Lawrence and Jos. Leslie in Lincoln last Friday. The woman was the widow of Hayes, a Burgess. She married and continued to draw her pension. Her husband and Leslie indorsed her application. They were arraigned before United States Commissioner Dickey and held in $1,000 bail for trial. These, it is claimed at the pension office, are the only cases of fraud that have been discovered recently.

Street Car House Destroyed.

Everett, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Everett division of the Metropolitan Street Car company was destroyed today with 16 electric cars. The loss on the building is estimated at $18,000 and on the cars, $118,000.

Saved the Crew.

Cape Henry, Va., Dec. 24.—The Greenwich schooner Samuel Hall, Captain Mulford, from Wilmington, N. C., with a cargo of lumber, passed this station between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning. The crew of seven were saved. The vessel is in good condition, but probably will be a total loss.

Chestnut Street Bank Assigns.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The Chestnut Street Trust and Safe Deposit Company, which closed its doors yesterday, made an assignment today for the benefit of creditors to George H. Earle Jr., president of the Commercial National bank, and Richard Y. Cook, president of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co. The Chestnut Street Trust Co. is closely affiliated with the Chestnut National bank, which was yesterday placed in charge of a national bank examiner. William H. Sinnerly is president of both companies and the board of directors of the two companies are the same with the exception that in each board there is one member who is not director in the other.

THREE INFORMATIONS FILED.

Case of Am Mayer and Jack Richardson, Alleged Burglars, Reaches District Court.

Suit on a Promissory Note—Injunction Proceedings Against Board of Education—Right of Appeal—Notes.

Three informations were filed in the Third district court today against Am Mayer and Jack Richardson, burglary, and W. W. Neuvinhizen, burglary, two cases. Mayer and Richardson are charged with having entered the house of Mrs. J. H. Paris, known as "The Victoria," on east First South street, and getting away with two overcoats, valued at $20 and $30, belonging to H. L. J. Warren and H. Atkinson. Both defendants were bound over by City Justice Wenger.

Neuvinhizen is accused of entering the ice house of George Crismon in Sugar House, on the 17th of November and stealing a set of harness valued at $25. The second information charges him with having, two days prior to the committing of the second offense, burglarized the barn of Lorenzo Clark on Second South street and getting away with thirty chickens, valued at $30, one single harness of the value of $2, and one set of double harnesses valued at $25, all the property of Clark. He was held to the district court by Judge Wenger.

CONTRARY TO LAW.

City Board of Education Restrained from Purchasing Frye's Geography.

A petition asking for a writ of injunction against the city board of education has been filed by S. H. Miner in the District court. Mr. Miner asks that the board be restrained from entering into a contract with Ginn & company of Chicago for 1,500 copies of Frye's complete geography. Judge Hiles issued the restraining order returnable Tuesday, January 4th. The complaint alleges that on the first of last March the board announced, among other things, its intention to accept bids for furnishing a complete geography. When the bids were filed, it is alleged, the board did not consider the Frye geography proposition, decided to continue the use of the Barnes geography. It is then set out that on the 22nd of December the board, contrary to law, adopted a resolution providing for the purchase of 1,500 copies Frye's geography from Ginn & company.

Suit on a Promissory Note.

Albinus Nancy filed a suit in the Third district court today against A. S. Geddes, Heber M. Geddes, Peter Geddes and Mary Ann Geddes to recover $1,000 with interest at 8 per cent from date, foreclosure of a mortgage, Mr. Reid and his wife are the defendants in an account of a claim they make in the complaint that the Geddes deed executed to them by Geddes and his wife subsequent to the mortgage of plaintiffs.

Right of Appeal.

The question has been raised as to the right of Mrs. C. P. Christensen, defendant in a suit in Judge Morse's office court of a misdemeanor, to appeal. The Constitution, which says, "In criminal cases the defendant shall have the right to appeal to all courts, and to pray for all doubts as to the prisoner's rights in the premises.

District Court Orders.

Frank Knox vs Great Lake Reservoir and Canal company et al; continued for the term.

J. L. Atkinson vs H. P. Monough et al; demurrer to answer overruled.

Court Calings.

In the case of M. Moss vs John Beck, judgment for plaintiff was rendered by Judge Cherry today in the sum of $1,000.

Remember Their Employes.

F. Auerbach & Bros. the well known dry goods merchants remembered their employes handsomely this afternoon. In accordance with a long established custom each clerk was presented with a gift. The gifts were in money and were given to all but one of their army of employes was forgotten. Their extra help was then made happy with such gifts.

Lecture on the Birth of Christ.

At the High Priests' meeting to be held in the Assembly Hall tomorrow (Christmas day) Elder James E. Talmage will deliver a lecture on the Birth and life of the Lord Jesus Christ. Services commence at 11 a.m. Good singing will be furnished for the occasion. The public is cordially invited to attend, including ladies and children.

ELIAS MORRIS, President.

DANGEROUS ACETYLENE

Boiler Containing the Gas Explodes in New York.

TWO MEN BLOWN INTO ETERNITY.

Three Others are Hurt—Damage to the Property—Fire Follows the Explosion.

New York, Dec. 24.—A succession of explosions in the United States Acetylene Liquefying Co., in Jersey City, today, caused the loss of two lives and 20,000 damages to the works. The dead are, Thomas Fowler, the assistant engineer, and Max Otto.

There were only three other employes in the building at the time of the accident and they had greater or less injuries. Their names are: Fred Burr, Fritz Egeel, Charles White; James Lenk who was working half a block away, was badly injured by a piece of the boiler.

A fragment of the boiler tore the roof from a trolley car some distance away. It is said that the force of the explosion was due to the boiler bursting, and as the fire spread to the various tanks, there was a succession of deafening reports. Near by buildings as well as the Central railroad on the trestle caught fire, but the losses were not serious in these instances.

The machinery of the local electric lighting company was affected by the fire, causing the electric lights in various buildings to go out. Max Otto's body was blown through a window and torn to pieces. The body of Assistant Engineer Fowler was found in the ruins of the wrecked buildings.

Cut the Wages.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 24.—The treasurers of the Lowell cotton mills, at a meeting held here today, voted to reduce the wages of their employes from January 15. The causes of the reduction are the same as those which led manufacturers in Fall River, Manchester, Berwick, Me., and other places to lower the wages scale. About 15,000 operatives in this city will be affected.

THE BIG CLEVELAND FIRE.

Details Being Received of the Losses in Life and Property.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 24.—A detailed review of the big fire shows that the loss, if anything, will exceed $1,000,000. The list of accidents was unusually heavy, and as a result one man, Lieutenant William B. Foeters, who fell down the elevator shaft, is dead. The other accidents were: Fireman John Hubener, leg broken; Fireman Kane, internal injuries; Bossman John Hilgers, badly burned; William A. Valkoski, hurt by a falling star; Captain Henry Hanks, ankle sprained; Fireman Frank Sarg, eyes, overcome by smoke; John Ewan, badly injured internally.

A drifting incident of the fire was a runaway team attached to a closed carriage containing Mrs. W. H. White of this city, and Mrs. Ed. Dickey, of Denver. The frightened horses literally mowed down the people. Mrs. Shoemaker and a child were driving on a pavement of human bodies. When the carriage was stopped both ladies were unconscious though not injured.

Dervishes Advance.

Cairo, Dec. 24.—The dervishes have left Shendia and Metammeh and are marching against the Anglo-Egyptian forces, with further as their objective point.

Killed at a Railway Crossing.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McBride of Stanton were killed and their daughter, Carrie, aged 6 years, fatally injured this morning at the Stanton crossing of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore railroad, five miles below this city. They started to cross the railroad tracks just ahead of the Washington and New York express, due here at 2:30 o'clock, reached the station, and the locomotive plunged into the wreck.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 24.—A Rushville, Ind., special to the Times-Star says: Miss Ella Hanks was killed by Mr. William Pearey fatally injured by being struck by a fast express train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road at Griffin station. They were returning in a buggy from a Christmas entertainment.

Christmas Gift Pardon.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—A Gallison of Sunbury, Pa., convicted last March of fraudulent use of the mails and sentenced to serve 18 months in the Western penitentiary, was today pardoned by President McKinley as a Christmas gift. It is feared that the pardon came too late to save his life, as he is in the hospital of the penitentiary critically ill from consumption.

Dervishes Defeated.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The native levees of the Kassala garrison, surprised a dervish post at Ali Fashoe on the return, on Monday, and drove over the dervishes with great loss, capturing the post, a number of camels, a quantity of arms and many prisoners. The dervish chiefs were killed. The dervish post at Asaiet has also been captured.

Secretary Herbert at Home.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 24.—Hon. H. A. Herbert and Mrs. Mison, Mr. Benjamin Mison and Mrs. Mison, reached here this morning at 10 o'clock on a special car from Birmingham, Southern express. They brought the remains of Miss Herbert for interment today. Large crowds of relatives and friends were waiting at the station for the arrival of the train.

The casket was in a private car and was covered with large numbers of the most beautiful floral emblems. The casket was taken to the residence of Mr. R. G. Banks, on Multon street, and were interred in the family burying ground at Ft. Deposit.

Miss Herbert spent the early part of her life in this city and was generally loved and admired. The secretary has the sympathy of all Alabama in his sad bereavement.

Big Verdict Against Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Joseph Duffy, who was hurt while on the new Northwest land tunnel was given a verdict of $19,000 against the city of Chicago today. The injured man was called to do a large amount of rock excavation, for which he claimed $10,000 extra. The claim was refused by the city and the case was taken into court. The verdict today gives Duffy practically all he claimed.