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## place forever and the place will how be **GUN NOT BOUGHT** BY MORTENSEN.

Second Hand Dealer Positively Identifies Him as Not Being the Purchaser-Just One More Yellow Story.

Wonderful indeed are the jagged and | nothing of the kind. I went down to irregular flights of fancy indulged in the jail with the officers and four or by the special "murder story staff" of a morning contemporary. This "staff" has made a number of most remarkable "finds." So remarkable that it has been necessary to lose them again as speedily as possible; and the thing bids fair to continue.

Many of its efforts have been of the "yellow" variety. Some of them have had a decided hue. Its lead this morning was a deep saffron. Occupying first place on the front page and in double column display was the startling statement, "Picks Mortensen as the Man Who Bought Pistol," and "Pawnbroker Who Sold the Gun Confronts the Accused in the County Jail."

This had reference to an attempt on the part of the police to prove that Mortensen had gone to the establishment of the pawnbroker and purchased a gun some time prior to the murdera gun that came into the possession of the officers on Saturday night and the ownership of which must be proved to be of value. In the text of the article the statement was also made that "the revolver was identified by the secondhand dealer (Jacob Petrovitzky) as the one he sold, and that when he was taken into the county jail he readily recognized Mortensen as the man who bought the gun and the gun as the one he (the pawnbroker) had sold.

Had this representation been true it would have practically convicted Mortensen. But the fact is, it is not true. On the contrary it is as untrue as falsehood and misrepresentation can well be: and as a consequence the second hand dealer feels that he is the victim of as unwarranted a fake as was ever perpetrated. To the Deseret News he solemnly declares that the whole story is a hoax: that he did not identify Mortensen as the man, but that he positively identifies him as not being the man; and further that he never to his knowledge saw Mortensen in his life. As to the gun he cannot tell whether he sold it or not. It is like a thousand other such weapons and he says he has no means of telling whether it was ever | drained to the very bottom." in his possession.

five of the prisoners came out. One of the officers pointed Mortensen out to me and said, 'That's the man.' Nat-urally 1 kept my eyes on him all the time and did not look at the other

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prisoners. I told the officers when we left, and I also told Sheets and Janney that Mortensen was not the man. I never saw him before and he was never in my house in his life. When I saw the paper this morning I think somebody must be crazy. I never said he was

"Does Mortensen look like the man?" was asked.

"No, he don't." replied Petrovitsky. "He don't look like him in any way at all.

"How about the gun?" "Well, I can't say that the gun the police have is the one I sold. I have lots of old guns here, but how am I to tell it is the same one? The one I sold tooks like this one, but I don't know that it is the same. I would not think of swearing it was, but I will swear that Mortensen did not buy it." Petrovitzky was loud in his denun-ciation of the paper for accrediting him with statements he never made. "It is'nt hight," he said. ") "Do you

think I would swear a man's life away by saying things I know are not true? Detective Sheets and Janney wer een in relation to the pawnbroker's statements, and both declared that he told them after seeing Mortensen, that he did not purchase the weapon. The officers are still of the opinion that the gun they are after is lying at

the bottom of the slough, but they have grave doubts as to its recovery, "I do not believe," said Detective Sheets, "that a man who was so care-ful as the murderer was, would use an

old gun like this one. This may be the one but there is no evidence of it yet. Petrovitzky ought to know if Mortensen bought it and he says he didn't. That'e enough for me; I know him and you can depend on what he tells you." "If Petrovitzky says Mortensen did not purchase the gun, then that settles it," said Chief Hilton, when told of he pownbroker's statements. As an indication of how much stock

the county officers take in the story published this morning, they are going ahead with the work of draining the slough as outlined in the "News" Saturday evening. Sheriff Naylor went to forest Dale this morning and before "We are going ahead leaving he said: with the work just as soon as I can get down there. We will have seven men at work and the slough will be

place forever and the place will how be rented to other tenants or be sold. It is understood that several offers have been made for the place but just what will be done with it has not yet been de-termined. Young Hay had a lease on it for five years, but the owner, Mr. Flank Kruse, has released Mrs. Hay from the lease and all her property has been removed to the homes of relatives. The home faces that of Mortensen's, the man who is accused of the foul muider. From the front windows a clear view can be had of the field where the murdered man's body was con-Arose From Union of Free and the murdered man's body was con-signed to a rude grave. It cannot be wondered at that Mrs. Hay declares she could never live there again as all the surroundings would continually re-mind her of the tragic fate of her young loving husband.

#### "CRIME AND CRIMINALS." Rev. Philip S. Thacher Preaches a Sermon on the Subject.

Rev. Philip S. Thacher of the First Unitarian Society yesterday delivered an interesting sermon on "Crime and Criminals," which was possibly sug-

gested by the recent events that have so stirred society in this state. During the course of his remarks the preacher decried capital punishment as being inadequate as a deterrent; he then pro-ceeded to advocate reform methods. Mr. Thacher said in part: "This community has been profoundly shocked by a foul and atrocious murder. Some have leaped at the conclu-sion that the suspected is the guilty man. Circumstances are against him,

but, as every man is presumed to be in-nocent until proved guilty, fair play de-mands that we suspend judgment. Innocent men have not only been execut-ed on circumstantial evidence, but there have been cases in which the evidence seemed so irrefutable that innocent men have believed themselves guilty, and have confessed to crimes committed by others "It is hinted that some of our citi-

zens in their righteous indignation, have advocated lynching. This design, if carried out, would make each par-ticipant a murderer. Taking the law into one's own hand is so great an evil, and excites such destructive pas-sions, that it should be frowned upon by all who love good order. Mob law deranges the community, and brings good government into disgrace. A deto punish criminals has turned saints into demons, and is fraught with possibilities of ruin to society.

What, or who, is responsible for criminals ? Parents who allow their children to drift into almiess living, the brutalizing effects of war, the in sane desire for money, the low estimate theology puts on human nature, the dogma of the forgiveness of sin, drunkenness, overcrowding registeries where every feeling of decency in ex-tinguished, want of labor, the mistakes of honest men, strikes, and the evil ounsels of half-instructed agitators. the wear and tear of a struggle in which employer and employed are trying the solution of problems not yet solved. These and a hundred other causes thrust people, tottering on the

rge, over into the abyss of crime. "What are the remedies? Begin with hildren. Only 4 per cent of those who have been decently educated ever be-come criminals. To expect from those who are reared in ignorance anything else but crime is as absurd as to expect to reap wheat from our streets where

SCENE, ISLAND OF LEWES.

United Churches of Scotland.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1901. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

**RELICIOUS RIOTS** 

**VERY SERIOUS** 

Islanders Refused to Countenance Alliance-Locked Minister Out-Police Called in.

London, Dec. 30 .- The island of Lewes has been the scene of serious religious riots, arising from the union of the Free and the United churches of Scotland. The islanders refused to countenance the alliance, and when the minister at Ness joined the United church they locked him out of his church.

A strong force of police was sent from the mainland to open the doors, whereupon the islanders congregated and throwing volicys of stones at the constables drove them inside the building and bombarded them with rocks until they caplitulated and agreed to leave the island. Every member of the police detachment was more or less ser-tonsty, wounded. It is probable that a detachment of

troops whit he sent to subdue the riot-

#### Frank H. Peavy Dead.

Chicago, Dec. 30 .- Frank H. Peavey, one of the best known grain men in the country, died here today of pneumonia, aged 51 years and 11 months.

#### Made No Offer to Miss Knight.

London, Dec. 30 .- Messrs. Boxall and Boxall, counsel for the Duke of Manchester, declare there is absolutely no truth in the report published in the United States yesterday that the duke, with the assistance of his father-in-law, Eugene Zimmerman of Cincinnati, had offered Miss Portia Knight, the actress, \$20,000, in full settlement of her claim for damages resulting from alleged breach of promise of marriage. The lawyers say no negotiations for a settlement have occurred, are occurring, or will occur on the subject. The trial, they add, will take its course in the ordinary way.



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ezuela will follow directly after. In addition to the Vineta, the Falke, two

training ships and the cruiser Geier have been ordered to La Guyara. 'In the meanwhile, I am officially as-

sured that the German charge d'affaires has not left Caracas, and that diplo-

matic relations have not yet been brok-

en off. The pour parleurs continue. "An agreement has been reached be-

Russia's Reply to United States.

aguchi, who commanded the Japanese troops in China, has resigned the com-

mand of the Fifth division of the Japa

nese army. The general's action was due to the fact that public charges of

looting had been brought against him.

B. & O. Freight Train Wrecked.

up as a result of a collision with

Parkersburg, Va., Dec. 30 .- Two men

Berlin says:

chused by the finding of a file on one of the prisoners and the story of an-

Dover, N. H., Weavers Strike. Dover, N. H., Dec. 30 .- Claiming that they have been paid less than other workmen employed on the same class of goods elsewhere, 200 weavers at the 'ocheco cotton mills here struck today. As the strikers have the sanction of their national organization, it is feared that the entire mill force of the city, numbering from 3,500 to 3,800, will become involved.

#### THE SCHLEY CASE.

#### Capt. Parker Says that the Admiral Regards it as Closed.

New York, Dec. 30 .- Capt. James Parker, of Perth Amboy, N. J., one of Admiral Schley's counsel, said today that Admiral Schley regards the case as closed, but that his friends will ask Congress to vindicate him by retiring him on full pay and reimbursing him for the expenses of his trial.

#### Two Skaters Drowned.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 30 .- Special to Gazette from Lakeview says: Walter Brown, aged 17, and Fred Snelling, aged 16, were drowned at noon today, while skating on Goose lake, ten miles from here. The bodies were recovered after being in the water four hours and were brought to Lakeview. Brown is the son of a prominent sheep man of this place, and Sneiling is an rphan and with a sister lived with a maiden aunt. They were both bright and popular boys and were employed

#### Official Version of C. & O. Wreck.

Washington, Dec. 30 .- The official version of the wreck on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad yesterday was telegraph-ad today to the office of the company in this city by President Stevens at Richmono, Va. The dispatch from Mr. evens says:

"No, 9, composed of engine, one baggage car and ore coach, struck a slide two miles west of Reusens, on the James River branch of the C. & O. rollway about 7 o'clock last night, deralling the engine, but doing no fur-ther damage. Conductor Whitaker, Engineman Fisher, Baggageman Thompson and Express Messenger Shannon, with others, pushed the coach back out of the way of possible danger and were engaged in pushing the baggage car back when another silde came, striking the baggage car and 'browing it into the river with the four men first mentioned, all of whom were killed. No other persons injured except slightly."

#### Presidential Appointments.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The President today made the following appointments —Porto Rico provisional regiment of infantry, captains, John Field, Frank J. Graham, Edwin J. Griffith. —First Lieutenants—Stewart McCue, Partick D. Generation McCue, Partic

Ralph E. Campbell, Miles K. Taulbo. Second Lieutenants-Frank C. Wood, G. A. Derbyshire, Elbert M. Robinson, A. Moreno, William S. Woodruff, Rich-ard H. Poillon, Jr., J. D. Pritchard, William J. Derterson

William L. Patterson, Philippine Scouts-First Lieuts. Am-brose C. G. Williams-Foote, John Holt-

Second Lieutenants-Lorengo Alexis de Clairmont, Jesse Hazelltine, Jose creeks above the city as the heavy

PENNSYLVANIA'S **RIVERS RAGING.** 

Dangerous Freshets in the Schuylkill-Susquehanna Rising-Waters of Tennessee On the Rampage-Heavy Rains.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30 .- The rain which continue to rise during the next thirtyhas fallen almost incessantly since Satsix hours and it is feared much damage will result. Three people were drowned at West Point, Ga., while attempting urday evening, has resulted in a dangerous freshet in the Schuylkill river cross the turbulent Chattahoochee and throughout the stream is fifteen. and Thomas Russell, an engineer on the Atlanta & West Point railroad, was feet above normal. All of the big industrial plants along the Schuylkill at Manayunk and Morristown are flooded and work has been suspended.

The county bridge at Port Kennedy Pa., has been wecked and the tracks of the Philadelphia Reading railway at Spring Mill, about 5 miles from here, are submerged. Traffic, however, has in the Lake County Examiner office. not been seriously handlenpped.

In this city the river is out of its banks near the B, & O, railway station, the water having backed out to Twenty. fourth street, the first thoroughfares east of the station. Cellars of dwellings are flooded and many residents along the river earlier today sought safer quarters.

The Wissahickon drive, through Fairmont park, which runs along the Schuylkill river for miles, is under water. Two new brick dwellings in Ken-sington, in the northeastern section of the city, collapsed early today, having been undermined by the heavy rain. The houses were not occupied. Many farms in Tacony, Wissinomiag, Colleg-ville, Holmesburg and Torresdale, suburbs of this city, have been seriously damaged by the storm and the cellars of residences are flooded. Small creeks emptying into the Delaware river are out of their banks and the flatland btween Frankford and Bridesburg is under several feet of water.

FLOOD AT READING.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 30.-A thirteen foot flood was raging in the Schulykill river early this morning as a result of the heavy railfall of the past two days. No serious damage was done, however, and the water is receding.

THE SUSQUEHANNA RISING. Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 30,-The Susquehanna river is again rising and there are indications of another flood if the rain continues to fall as heavily as it has during the last two days. Pax-ton and Yellow Beeches creek are bankfull and rising. The indications are that similar conditions exist in the

FLOOD AT PITTSBURG AVERTED. Pittsburg, Dec. 30 .- The threatened

killed in a freight wreck caused by a washout near Notasulga, Ala. Thousands of dollars' worth of property has been destroyed at West Point, and there is much suffering. Today the water in the streets of West Point was from one to five feet deep. Many of the people spent the night in Fort Tyler. No trains have been sent through from Atlanta to Montgomery over the Atlanta & West Point road ince Saturday and the Southern railway's New York and New Orleans lim-ited last night was sent around by Birmingham and Meridan. A washout is reported on the Southern between Asheville and Knoxville. At Columbus,

Ga., the Chattahoochee registered 38 feet. The property damage is already henvy. Nearly five inches of rain has fallen in the city of Rome, Ga. Two washouts are reported on the main line f the Louisville & Nashville road south of Montgomery.

## THE TENNESSEE 29 FEET ABOVE LOW WATER.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 30 .- The Tennessee river was 23.5 feet above low water mark at 10 o'clock today with the prospect that 30 feet will be reached this afternoon. Reports indicate that Figh water is prevailing throughout Upper East Tennessee. The river has risen 14.7 feet since Saturday. Two inches of snow fell here last night and it began melting this morning,

HEAVY RAIN AT CHATTANOOGA.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 30 .-- An average of three inches of rain fell all over the Tennessee river basin since Saturday, sent the water over the 33 foot danger line here at 10 o'clock to-day. Water is now rising at the rate of four inches an hour. The Tennessee flood warning service announces that the river will reach 28 feet here by 10 o'clock tonight and will go over forty feet by tomorrow afternoon. Merchants are removing goods from their basements in expectation that they will be gooded.

Saturday and Sunday has been

## HOW THE GUN WAS FOUND.

#### Secured by Police Who Also Find Man Who Sold It.

The police are in possession of a 38 caliber revilver of the Hopkins & Allen make, and they have reason to believe that the ownership of the weapon will eventually be traced to Peter Morten-The gun was secured by Officer Ed. Davles from a young man reslaing near Thirteenth South and State street. The youth found the weapon about a week ago-stamped into the mud near the corner. He cleaned the pistol and has had many target prac tices with it since but never thought to report his find to the officers. Late Saturday night Officers Sperry and Davies heard of the young man and his find and lost no time in looking him up. It was a difficult search as they had little to go by, but finally they found him and secured the revolver.

The police say, of course, that there is only a chance that the gun is Mortensen's and that the gun from which the fatal shot was fired may be found at the bottom of the slough which is being drained by the county authorities. They have a theory, however, that the gun found does belong to the accused man, and that it was secreted on his place for a day or two after the finding of the body and then taken by a friend and thrown away at the point where it was found.

If this theory proves correct it will seriously involve a close relative of Mortensen, Officer Davies and Sperry have had a ciue to work on along this line, and they have done nothing else in the case but follow it up. With the discovery of the gun they believe they have accomplished a most important piece of work.

#### MAN WHO BOUGHT THE GUN.

#### Second Hand Dealer Positively Declares it Was Not Mortensen.

The officers who expected to connect Mortensen with the gun found on south State street on Saturday night, are entitled to at least one more guess. The man on whom they depended to identify the prisoner as the purchaser de-clares that to the best of his knowledge he had never in his life seen the accused before. The truth seems have been thoroughly established that Mortensen did not buy it, statements contrary notwithstanding. the Neither has it been shown that it is the same revolver purchased from Jacob Petrovitzky, the pawn broker and sec-ond hand dealer. While Petrovitzky is not absolutely sure about the gun, he is sure about the man, as today's developments in the case disclose. He can-not say positively that the gun is the one he sold. He says it is one like it, but no more. There is nothing about the weapon by which he can identify it, but he positively declares that Peter Mortensen did not purchase it from him. Further more he says he never saw Mortensen until taken into his presence in the county jall yesterday, and he is sure Mortensen never entered his place of business at least not while he was in the store.

When questioned about the gun Petrovitzky said: legal profession have been mentioned in I remember selling a gun for \$1.50

and I remember the man who bought it. relation to it. The fellow who came into the store was a very large man, much larger than Mortensen. He was not so tall but considerably heavler.

'No; Mortensen is not the man. I am sure of that. If Mortensen ever came into my place I never knew it, in fact don't remember ever seeing the man

perore in my life. "When I picked up this morning's Herald I thought what the — is the matter with them?' It says I picked Mortensen out from other prisoners as the man, but that is not true, I did

## STILL DIGGING DITCHES.

#### Sheriff Naylor is Still Waiting for Pond to be Drained.

The sheriff's office had nothing new today to report regarding the Mortensen case. In fact it expects nothing further until after the pond has been drained and work in that direction is progressing as rapidly as possible. The sheriff states that he hopes to find the missing revolver there. If it shall be taken from the mud he is of the opinion that the chain of evidence will be complete and conclusive. It is not thought the work of draining the bog will be finished before Wednesday.

### ANOTHER COINCIDENCE.

#### Gun Found on State Street Near Where Stranger Bought Horse.

Another of the many strange coinidences connected with the Hay under case is the discovery of the gun found by the police on Saturday night at a point on south State street near where an unknown man appeared the day after the tragedy to purchase a horse from Mr. Gabbott.

Of course, there may be no signifi-cance to the matter whatever. But the fact that a stranger came into the neighborhood at the time of the murder, with his pockets filled with twenty dollar gold pieces, the kind of money Mortensen was known to have; that he bought a horse and rode off-nobody knows where, and that a gun of the ex-act caliber with which young Hay was killed has been picked up in the vicinity where the stranger was last seen, is to say the least, a little singular. The question may well be asked. Is

Moriensen innocent or are the fates contributing to free the most depraved murderer the state has ever had?

#### READY FOR TRIAL.

## Attorney Loofbourow Says That Pros-

The preliminary hearing of Peter Mortensen on the charge of murdering James R. Hay has not been set as yet but the prosecution is ready to go ahead with the case whenever the defense is It is known that for several ready. days the county attorney has had the vidence in the case in such a shape that he could proceed with the examin-ation. While the authorities are still ceking for new evidence they feel sure of their case now and confidently assert they will convict Mortensen of the atrous erime

When asked if he was ready to pro- . ceed with the case Assistant County Attorney Loofbourow replied; "Yes: we are ready whenever the de-

fense is. We could go to trial temorrow if necessary. But the defendant's counsel do not

seem to be in any hurry about the matter and it is likely the hearing will not take place for several days. Attorneys Stewart & Stewart have nothing to say as to the line of defense they will introduce but they appear confi dent of securing their elient's liberty It has been hinted in official circles that other attorneys will be brought in to the case and as a result the nati many prominent members of the

HOUSE VACATED.

#### Mrs. Hay is Absolved From the Lease On Residence.

A little home at Forest Dale which was once filled with hope and happiness is now a scene of desolation and dark-ness. The home of the late James R. ness. Hay will never again be occupied by his

Keep the children dillgent and planted. you will keep them honest. Prevent criminals from propagating their kind. They have no right to rear wild men and women. No four-footed animal is so dangeraus as that animal which unites the uncultivated intellect of a nan to the uncontrollable passions of a

beast. Protect the boys from the men fiends who prowl about the streets setting traps to catch the unwary, and who lure them into those little offices of hell scattered along Commercial street. These resorts are more deadly than smallpox. Each one is a center of contagion, ever in activity-of a contagion which stays with certainty, recovery from which is almost hopeless. "Reform criminals. Here we have

wild and ferocious animals caged, because too dangerous to be at large, and then, when their appetite for crime has been whetted, instead of keeping them caged until tamed, we turn them loose, rather worse than before. "Let prisoners have some form of la-

bor, by which they can support those they have injured. To make them good will cost something, but not so much as to keep them bad, or make them worse. Crime is a most expensive lux-"Capital punishment is not a deter-

When there were over 200 ofrent. fenses for which people were hung, the penalty did not dcter others. Death does not reform the criminal. You simply kill him, which is like curing a man's toothache by cutting his head The potent element in a deterrent off.

tweeen Germany and the United States punishment is its certainty. Hanging in regard to the German course of acis the most uncertain of penalties. tion in Venezuela "Treat criminais not upon the lowest, but upon the highest platform of human feeling. Then you will help them toward grander conquests of them-selves. In the worst heart some lovely

grace is found like a flower in the desert.' PREVENTED JAIL DELIVERY

#### Sol Kimball Gets a Tip from a Trusty And Reads Off Escape.

Through the vigilance of Jailer S. F.

Kimball of the city jail, a jail delivery contion Has Its Evidence.

has been averted. It came to light yes that a scheme was being terday that a scheme was bein hatched among some of the desperat characters now confined in the old rookery to saw their way out of juil and it is said the plan was to be carried into execution about the first of the year. The plot came to light through a prisoner who gave the jaile a tip, and it implicates half a dozen or

more prisone It is said Mike Aaron was the leading spirit and he successded in smugglin a number of fine steel saws into the fa As a result of the discovery the prisoners have been separated and some c them placed in solitary confinement. I

is a coincidence that just one year ago next Wednesday, several prisoners locked in the drunk house tried to batter down the end of the cell, but were discovered by the jailer and locked up in a more secure place.

## AGED LADY PASSES AWAY.

Wife of Peter C. Madsen Succumbs to Old Age.

Mrs. Fredericka Madsen, wife of Peter C. Madsen, of the Second ward, in this city, died at her home this morn-ing at the age of 89 years. Mrs. Mad-sen came to Salt Lake from Denmark with her husband in 1859. She settled in her late home in the Second ward and remained there until her death. She was a woman of noble qualities. Gen-erous, kind and loving, ever ready to assist the poor to wait upon the sick were some of the characteristics that endeared her to a host of friends.

The funeral will be held from the Second ward meeting house Thursday af-ternoon at 10 o'clock. The remains may be viewed at the late home, 754 Fifth East street, on Thursday from 11

Maria London, Dec. 30,-Commenting on the Frank C. Barendt.

#### London Times' statement from Wash-Father Crowley to Do Penance. ington that persons of considerable im-

Chicago, Dec. 30 .- The Daily News portance in official circles there profess today says that Father Jeremiah Crowto believe that war between the United ley, the ex-communicated priest of the States and Germany is inevitable, the Catholic church at Oregon, Ills., has left Chicago to do penance in a west-St. James Gazette, though it does not believe that such a disaster will be .... ern monastery in order that he may be lowed to occur over a dispute in regard restored to his standing in the church. The location of the monastery to the debts of Venezuela to Germany, stated, but the service stipulated by says that if it does, there can be no Cardinal Martinelli is being done under doubt that English sympathies will be the supervision of the Right Rev Bishop Richard Scannell, of the diocese with Acherica. At the same time the of Omaha, and within the province of St. James Gazetts expresses the hope Dubuque, which includes the states of that the United States will not allow Nebraska, Iowa, and Wyoming. severest condition laid down for the priest is that he must leave permanentsuch states as Venezuela to gain the impression that they can reckon on the protection of the Monroe doctrine if ly the arch diocese of Chicago. It is said in Chicago Catholic circles that they choose to repudiate their obliga-Father Crowley will probably be given some small church in the West at the A dispatch to the Central News from conclusion of his penance. "It is believed to be certain here that an ultimatum will \*2 issued within three days and that an attack on Ven-

#### Fire at Aurora, Ind.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30 .- The Cincinnati fire department was called on today in extinguishing a fire at Roger Whee works at Aurora, Ind. The fire originated from the drying department and it was hoped it could be limited to that pertion of the plant. No statement a to the amount of loss has been receiv ed. The factory is a large one with of fices in this city. It employes over 200 men.

Jesse Coombs Suicides.

## Reno, Nev., Dec. 30 .- Special to the

Jesse Coombs, son of Pierce Coombs, a stock man of Lakeview, shot himself through the head this morning and died instantly. He was with a younger brother on his father's ranch, fifteen miles from here. His brother had prepared breakfast and had called him when he heard the shot. He was twenyears old and had frequently said

#### Alleged Murderer Arrested.

Seale, Ala., Dec. 20.—Sheriff Hodges has arrested Uriah Porter, the alleged

#### Queen Alexandra Looking Better.

London, Dec. 30 .- King Edward and Queen Alexandra went to Sandringham this afternoon. Owing to the recent Illness of her majesty unusually large crowds lined the route to the railroad station.

The queen looked alert and bright and showed little trace of sickness,

### MURDERED THE ENGINEER.

Men then Took Possession of Train and Ran Matters.

St. Louis, Dec. 30 .- A special to the Post-Dispatch from Memphis, Tenn.,

are missing, one badly injured, one en-gine and four cars are at the foot of an embankment, two other cars are Four men, headed by Ashley Cooke wrecked and a hundre feet of track torn of Mississippl, deliberately killed J. M. Rhea, a railroad engineer of Vicksburg, who was a pasenger on the northheavy rock by a westbound freight train on the Baltimore & Ohio at a bound Yazoo & Mississippi Valley train just south of Leland, Miss., this morntunnel near Long Run this morning The engine struck the rock, which had rolled a wn from the hill, just as the train came out of the tunnel. The two ing and then took possesion of the train, compelled the engineer to un-couple the engine and to carry them on nissing men are Fireman A. P. Hines up the road where they tried to escape. and Biakeman A. Putman, both of

Grafton. They are probably dead be-neath the wreck. Engineer Hope Goudy chant of Cleveland, Miss. He was acof Grafton was so seriously injured he probably will not recover. Heavy rains companied by A. M. Phipps, new was ac-companied by A. M. Phipps, postmaster at Shelby, Miss., Tom Lauderdale, a relative of Phipps' and another man named Blackman, Cooke had a 45-cal-Federal Prisoners Did Not Mutiny. lber revolver. Blackman and Lauder-dale each had a Winchester rifle. Phipps was unarmed. Throughout all Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 30 .- Warden McCloughwey denies that there was an Phipps of attempted mutiny at the federal prison parts of Saturday. He says the report was intense. parts of Mississippi the indignation i

rainfall has been general throughout del Rosario, Howard White, the state.

over,

RECEDING AT NORRISTOWN. Norristown, Pa., Dec. 30.-The Schuyl-kill river, which has been steadily ris-

Much damage has been done to

the mills and factories between here and Conchocken. The new bridge be-

ing constructed over the river at Port

Kennedy, has been washed away, Along

the Polkomen creek much damage re-

sulted as the water rose fourteen feet.

TORRENTIAL RAINS IN THE SOUTH.

averted by the cold snap and the rivers at this point will not reach over a 20 foot stage. Dispatches from the headwaters report the waters falling at all points. ing for the past twenty-four hours is receding and the danger is said to be

During the night a big ice jam formed in the Allegheny river between the Fort Wayne railroad bridge and the bridge at Sixteenth street and for a time threatened to sweep the new railroad away. The gorge caused the rivers to overflow and at 4 o'clock this morning Pine street and River avenue, Allegheny, were flooded. The Allegheny de-partment of public safety at once sent out men to warn people living in the lower part of the city to vacate their homes, but a half hour later the jam Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30 .- The torrential ains of the past two days in Georgia, suddenly broke with an awful crash. Some of the flase work under the new Alabama and east Tennessee and por-tions of North Carolina caused the bridge was torn away but otherwise the leath of four persons as far as known structure was not damaged. About 25 and inflicted serious damage to all leaded coal barges, lying along the bridge on the Allegheny side, were followed by clearing and much colder torn from its moorings and forced upon weather, accompanied by high winds. River avenue. They were badly dam-The weather bureau announced today aged as were about twenty freight cars The weather bureau announced today that the Chattahoochee river would along the Pittsburg & Western tracks.

# THE NORTHWESTERN STATES GOVERNORS.

Meet in Helena This Afternoon to Discuss Proposed Northern Pacific-Great Northern-Burlington Merger- Minnesota, South Dakota, Idaho, Montana and Washington Represented.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 30 -Governors | over tomorrow. Gov. Van Sant, it is believed, has a well defined plan of and attorneys-general of four northfighting the merger drawn on state western states and the attorney-general constitutional lines and is expected to of another, will meet in the state suadvocate the adoption of this plan other northwestern states, in several of which, notably Montana, the conpreme court room in Helena this afternoon to discuss and if possible agree stitutional provisions against railway on a plan for the prevention of the onsolidations, are similar to those of gigantic Northern Pacific-Great North-Minnesota. ern-Burlington railway merger,

Gov. Van Sant and Atty. Gen. Douglass, of Minnesota, and Gov, Herried and Atty, Gen. Pyle, of South Dakota, arrived during the morning and heid The governors present will be Van an informal conference with Gov. Toole. Gov. Van Sant confirmed the report that North Dakota would not be represented at the meeting. Both Gov. Van Sant and Atty. Gen. Douglass refused will represent that state. It has been to make any statement as to their probunderstood that Gov. White of North able plans. Dakota and the attorney-general of

'My position on the matter is too that state would be present, but it was stated today that neither could attend the meeting, Gov. White stating that it is imposible for him to leave the meeting, but of course I cannot say whether or not these other gentlemen will agree with me."

Gov. Pyle, of South Dakota, said he

had nothing to suggest. "We came here at Gov. Van Sant's invitation," said he, "and have no idea what action is contemplated." Gov. Pyle intimated that he was rath-

in Holena about hood, and at 2 o thek the first meetings is scheduled. Whether or not these meetings will be open will depend entirely on Gov. Van Sant. The conference is not expected to last

## PHYSICIAN HURT.

#### Falls in Front of Street Car and is Sent to the Hospital.

the meeting, Gov. White stating that it is imposible for him to leave the

state at present. The mileage of both the Northern Pacific and Great North-ernin North Dakota is very heavy.

What effect, if any, the absence of Gov. White will have on any possible

action to be taken, is problematical.

All of the visiting governors and at-

torneys-general are expected to arrive

in Holena about noon, and at 2 o'clock the first meeting is scheduled. Whether

Dr. LeFebre met with a severe accident at 8:30 this morning. He was advanced age had begun to start answ crossing Second South street near First | in life. West, and when on the car track, he slipped and fell. A car was close upon the doctor at the time, and before the motorman could stop his car, it had struck him considerable of a blow. He

to by Dr. Richards, and sent to the Sisters' hospital, where he is being cared for. Dr. LeFebre returned from Alaska some time ago, having been financially ruined by the great storm which destroyed part of Cape Nome, and at an

### No More News Agents on Trains.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 30 .- All news agents on the trains of the Northern Pacific are to be discontinued after the was picked up and helped into Hover's | first of January. Daily papers will be drug store, where it was found he was kept on the dining cars and supplied by injured internally, and later attended one of the waiters.

Says:

All were captured. Cooke is a wealthy planter and mer-

The Hague, Dec. 30,-M. Komaroff, the Russian chamberlain, has handed murderer, of William Ficher, Porter defied the community and Gov. Jenks ordered out a company of militia Saturday to aid in his capture. Porter is now in jail at Opelika.

about six years ago, Russia's reply to the last note of the United States on the subject of the Bering Sca scaling Gen. Baron Yamaguchi Resigns. Yokohama, Dec. 30 .- Gen. Baron Yam-

to Prof. Asser, one of the Dutch members of the permanent arbitration court and arbitrator of the claims of Ameri can scalers, on the seizure of their vessels by the Russian government

ssued a further list of British casual ties at Zeefontein, showing that fifty men were wounded and that 246 were made prisoners. The latter have all that he intended taking his life.

Zeefontein Prisoners Released. London, Dec. 30 .- The war office today

lished this afternoon says the negotiations between Germany and Venezuela continue and that the German minis-

Berlin, Dec. 30 .- An official note, pub-Gazette from Lakeview says:

Sant, of Minnesota, who suggested the meeting; Herried, of South Dakota; Hunt, of Idaho, and Toolo, of Montana Atty.-Gen. Stratton, of Washington,

