

newed measures for the relief of the roads being proposed as those bonds approach maturity.

"In my judgment it is much better for the government to accept a lump sum in cash for its claim against these roads if by doing so the claim can be settled and the connection between the government and the only roads it has ever aided by direct subsidy be effectually severed. Such a solution of this vexed question would meet the hearty approval of the people generally and relieve the legislators and all branches of the government of a troublesome problem and a trying responsibility."

DEATH OF SISTER HANSEN.

At 5:30 a. m. today, December 5, 1896, the sweet spirit of Sister Mary Ellen Hansen took its flight from the mortal tabernacle. The deceased had been ill for about six weeks, but has been in delicate health for nearly two years. The immediate cause of death was septic peritonitis. All available medical and surgical skill was used in the endeavor to avert the hand of death, but without effect, and she passed away nineteen hours after a final operation performed as the last hope of saving her life.

Sister Mary E. Hansen was the daughter of John and Ann Tate, and was born in Tooele, Tooele county, September 19, 1855. In 1884 she became the wife of Brother John Hansen, now city editor of the NEWS. In 1889 she moved with her husband to Salt Lake City, and resided here to the time of her death. She leaves a husband, three children aged 11, 9 and 5 years respectively—two boys and a girl—her parents, brothers and sisters, and a host of relatives and friends who deeply mourn her loss.

Sister Hansen was greatly esteemed and beloved by all her associates. She was of a most cheerful disposition, the brightness and sunshine of her presence making her specially notable. In her illness she bore up patiently, bravely and hopefully to the last, having words of encouragement and comfort to all around her. She was devotedly attached to her children, giving them the best care of a wise, faithful and loving mother. She was also a most dutiful daughter, and to her husband was a cheerful, loving and faithful companion; and she was a consistent, earnest Latter-day Saint. She had no fears of death, having a perfect faith in the resurrection wrought out by the Savior; though she had a great desire to live and rear her children. Her demise comes as a very severe blow to her loving husband, children, parents, relatives and friends. May the influence of the Holy Spirit bring them that consolation that comes only from the Holy One.

Time and place of the funeral will be announced later.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Dr. Leander Jameson was released at 9 o'clock tonight at Holloway jail in compliance with the order of the home secretary, Sir Matthew White Ridley. Dr. Jameson underwent a serious operation in the jail on November 19th, and the

release was ordered on medical grounds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Failing after readvertisement, in his effort to secure bids for supplying steel gun forgings at what he regarded as reasonable rates, the secretary of war has finally awarded the contracts under the last advertisement, the bids being a duplication of those submitted by the steel companies in answer to the first call for proposals three months ago.

Accordingly the Bethlehem Steel company receives the contract for supplying ten sets of five-inch siege gun forgings at 25½ cents per pound and ten sets of seven-inch howitzer forgings at the same figure. The Midvale Steel company is awarded the contract for supplying twenty sets of forgings for seven-inch mortars at 31 cents per pound and thirty set of forgings for the three three-inch field guns at 28 cents per pound.

No award was made in the case of the forgings for three two-inch field mortars, where the lowest bid was 60 cents per pound.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 3.—All of the ten flour mills at the head of the lake are preparing for a shutdown and within a week probably not a grinding wheel will be turning in Superior or Duluth. The suspension of operations is contemplated chiefly because of the high railroad rates and the threatened early close of navigation, but the falling off of the flour market is responsible to some extent for the decision.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., Dec. 3.—With the water again climbing the outlook for this threatened valley is still rather uncomfortable. For 15 miles between Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire and nearly the same distance at Durand, the river is a mass of packed ice and timbers, and hourly becoming worse. The water has been backed up, flooding parts of Durand and the lower levels of this city. The lumber mills are surrounded and partially engulfed by water which has frozen. Near by business places and dwellings are in the same predicament although, being a little farther away from the river channel, their situation is not so serious. The railroads are not suffering as much as might be expected. The Omaha runs along high bluffs and has not been in the least hampered. The Wisconsin Central tracks are covered with water and its trains use the Omaha tracks. The river branch of the Milwaukee and St. Paul has stopped business for the present.

W. A. Jones, U. S. A., of the St. Paul, in charge of the government works in this section, will confer with the authorities in regard to another attempt to break the ice dam here. It is feared the break of the Little Falls dam, thirty miles above here, would carry nearly everything away here.

People of Eau Claire fear the result, if the ice gorge here breaks too suddenly, while those below Durand are entertaining fear for the outcome there.

Yesterday the water touched 24 feet 8 inches, the highest yet. Later it dropped a foot, but at half-past eight o'clock this morning again had risen to the highest figure and was still rising slowly at 9 o'clock.

Mayor Irvine drove down the river

to the gravel, six miles from here, where an attempt will be made to break the gorge. People are still moving from their houses today. Many offers of relief have been received from various quarters, and relief will be necessary before the end of the trouble comes.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Dec. 3.—A mare owned by John Robinson, a farmer of Grover township, yesterday dropped five colts.

None of them lived. Two years ago the same mare gave birth to three colts at one time, all of which are still living.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The Daily Times has a Berlin dispatch which says:

Count Finckenstein, an intimate friend of Emperor William, has been mortally wounded in the woods on his estate at Mallitz. The Vorwarts says that the count is supposed to have been killed by poachers. He was one of the wealthiest land owners in Germany.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 2.—A snow-storm of almost unprecedented severity for this season of the year broke upon this section this morning. Snow began falling at 6 o'clock and fell without cessation until 11, when it lay four inches deep. The streetcar service is badly impeded.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Constantinople says that a new massacre occurred at Evcek in which a hundred Armenians are reported to have been killed.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 3.—A terribly destructive fire broke out in Mrs. Turner's confectionary establishment on Sparks street today and extended to the furnishing store and to the store of G. M. Holbrook, clothier, whose building, as well as Turner's and McDonald's, were gutted, everything being consumed. On the top floor of this building was the Scottish rite hall. All paraphernalia is lost. From Holbrook's the fire continued to the large dry goods establishment of Cross & Co. Only part of the front wall is standing. The loss is about \$400,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The President has issued a proclamation suspending after January next the operations of the act which relieves German vessels entering United States ports from the payment of tonnage dues and other shipping charges. This action was taken upon proof that American vessels are denied corresponding privileges in German ports. The shipping charges under our laws are based on a sliding scale. The President's action doubtless will arouse widespread interest in shipping circles.

The President's proclamation will go into effect on the morning of January 3rd, after which vessels from Germany entering our ports must pay shipping charges, ranged on a sliding scale of from six to thirty cents a ton per annum.

St. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—A special from Lexington, Kentucky, to the Post-Dispatch, says:

A fight between old man Harrison and two sons, and Morgan and two sons, Tom and Caleb, occurred today in one of the mountains of the county. The elder Morgan is dead and his sons are dying. Both Harrison boys are also dead.