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the United States as to China.

## PEKIN MEETING TOMORROW.

Further Trouble for the Allies is  
Likely to Come from the Chinese  
Dictator Tung Puh Slang.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hay had a conference for a short time this morning with Lord Pauncefoot, the British ambassador, devoted solely to the Chinese situation. The result was to clear up, so far as that can be accomplished in Washington, some obscurity as to the British agreement and, unless unexpected opposition comes from some other source, neither the state department nor the British embassy has any reason to apprehend further delay in the consummation of the agreement.

A misunderstanding appears to exist as to the British attitude, according to officials here. So far from holding out for more severe terms and harsher measures generally, it is stated that the British government is in thorough accord with our own policy, as developed in the latest Pekin negotiations and the exchanges that have taken place between Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefoot. The U. S. government itself has taken every precaution in making its contribution to the agreement, to insure its binding force, and at no time has the British government sought to go beyond the state department in the terminology proposed for the agreement.

## MEET IN PEKIN TOMORROW.

Rome, Dec. 18.—A Pekin dispatch, dated today, says the ministers at Pekin will meet tomorrow when, probably, a final agreement will be reached as to the text of the joint Chinese note.

## TROUBLE IN SIGHT.

London, Dec. 18.—A Pekin dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette, dated Dec. 17, says:

The situation has not improved by the representatives of the powers having reached an agreement, as the scope of the negotiations is limited and the effect is neutralized. The allies have neglected to close the arsenals and factories at Hankow and Shanghai, and have failed to check the transmission of supplies of ammunition to the Chinese. Tung Puh Slang thus has every opportunity of rallying and equipping his army. He has secured the position of dictator, terrorizes the empress and controls the whole movements of troops. It will be necessary to give the military operations of the allies a wider area.

## TILLMAN RESOLVES.

But His Document Has to Go Into  
Executive Session.

Washington, Dec. 18.—This was the subject of Columbia day in the House.

No business of general importance was transacted by the Senate today in open session.

At the conclusion of the routine business Mr. Tillman sent to the desk and hand read the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, requested, if not in his judgment incompatible with public interest, to furnish the Senate all information and copies of all correspondence between this government and the government of Colombia, showing what steps, if any, have been taken by this government to secure a treaty between the two governments or a modification by Colombia of existing treaties or concessions with the view of securing to the United States the right to construct a canal over the territory of Colombia, between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans."

At the conclusion of the reading of the resolution Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts remarked: "That is executive business. I move that the Senate now

proceed to the consideration of executive business—Are you not going to allow this resolution to go through?

Mr. Lodge—Certainly, in executive session.

The Senate then, at 12:30 p. m., went into executive session to resume consideration of the Hay-Pauncefoot treaty.

## A Republican Father Dead.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Dr. Ephraim Ingalls, one of the founders of the Republican party, and during the early days of that political organization, a leader in its councils, died at his home in this city today, aged 78.

## Married a Senator.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Wm. V. Sullivan of Mississippi, and Mrs. Marie Atkins of this city, were married at St. Stephen's this afternoon. The couple will leave immediately for the senator's home in Mississippi.

## Admitted to Bail.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 18.—An El Dorado, Kan., dispatch announces that Miss Jessie Morrison has been admitted to \$5,000 bail.

## Goes After Wales.

London, Dec. 18.—Rev. Dr. Jos. Parker, pastor of the City Temple, who has assumed for a week the editorship of the London Sun in today's issue of the paper, under the heading "Betting and Gambling Forecasts," tilts at the prince of Wales and Lord Rosebery as follows: "We to any country in which the bells to the throne and prime ministers favor the race course, as it exists among us today. If princes are guilty, it is a poor consolation for us to rebuke peasants. If the premier can blaspheme he has no right to rebuke anybody upon the street. I would rather have as premier a man of solid character than one of brilliant mind, addicted to habits that may have the effect of a pestilence upon the rising generation."

## Lord Strathcona Installed.

London, Dec. 18.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Canadian high commissioner, was today installed as lord rector of Aberdeen. Everywhere he met with a demonstration from the students. In his rectorial address Lord Strathcona dealt on the unity of empire. He referred to the gratifying growth of the Dominion of Canada, the federation of Australia and the similar federation of South Africa to follow the war. The speaker did not altogether favor an imperial parliament. He thought a consultative imperial council would meet all the needs.

At the close of his address Lord Strathcona announced that he would give \$25,000, provided \$50,000 more was raised within a year, to wipe out the debt of the university.

## New Minister to Turkey.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The President today nominated John C. A. Leshman of Pennsylvania, now minister to Switzerland, to be United States minister to Turkey.

## Captain's Body Recovered.

Malaga, Dec. 18.—The body, in uniform, of Captain K. K. Schuman, commander of the wrecked German training ship, Gneisenau, has been washed ashore and was buried this afternoon in the cemetery. This is the first body recovered on the beach.

## Postmaster Resigns.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—J. R. Pulkis, postmaster of New Orleans, has presented his resignation to the postmaster general. It is understood that the resignation is being submitted upon certain conditions. As the postmaster general has been in Philadelphia for the past few days, no action has yet been taken.

## New Revenue Collector.

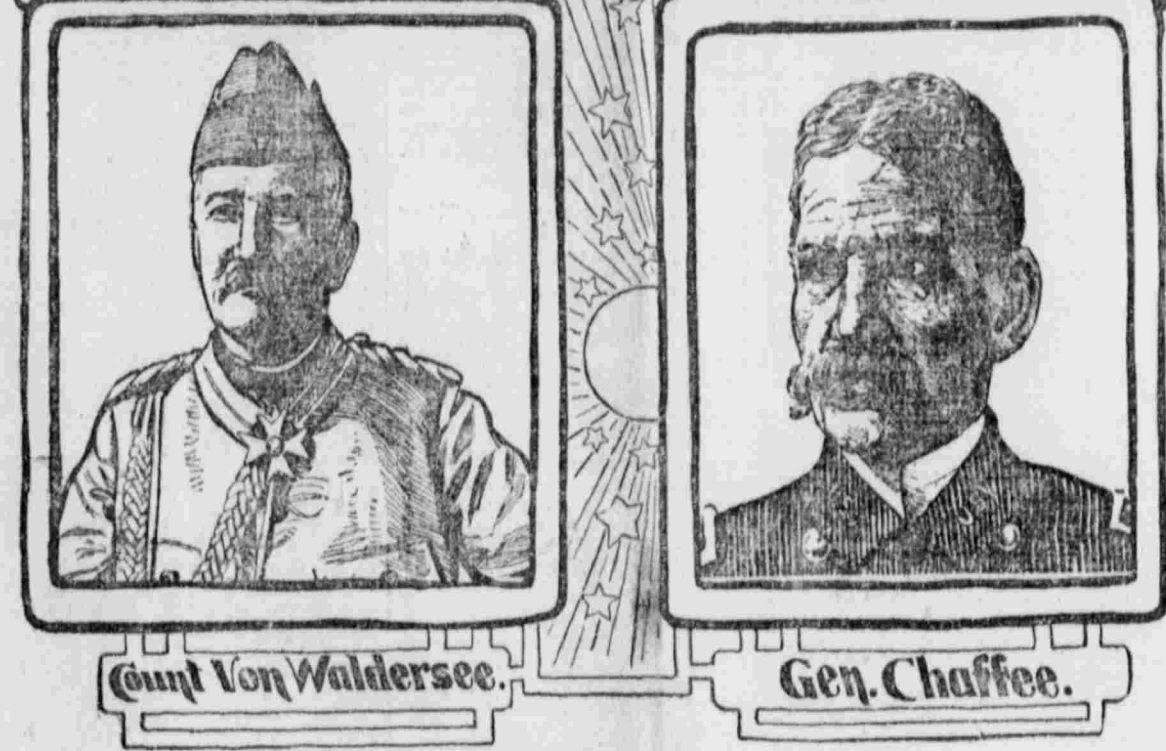
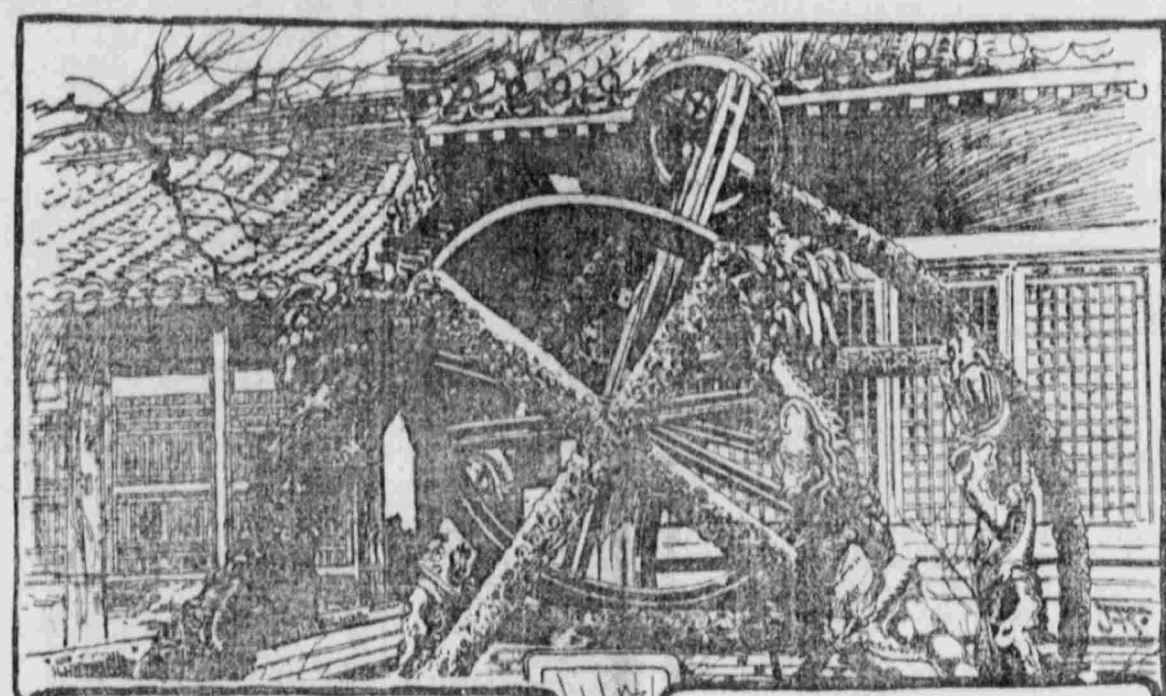
Washington, Dec. 18.—At the cabinet meeting today it was announced that Captain Asa A. Rodgers, of Petersburg, Va., would be appointed collector of internal revenue to succeed the late Col. James Brady. Nothing of importance transpired at the meeting.

## Favor the Strikers.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 18.—Supt. Tice, of the Oklahoma division of the Santa Fe, says petitions are coming in signed by residents of the smaller towns, urging reinstatement of striking operators.

## Supposed Robber Found Dead.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 18.—The dead body of a man, supposed to have been one of the robbers who held up the Union Central train at the Hopkins road this city Tuesday night, was found today in the vicinity of where the crime occurred.



GENERAL CHAFFEE'S FIGHT AGAINST LOOTING.

In trying to prevent looting and preserve order in the section of Peking under his orders General Chaffee has incurred the displeasure of some of the foreign officials, particularly the Germans. He charges the latter with allowing the removal of the antique astronomical instruments from the wall. It is understood that General Chaffee is to be supported by the war department if a clash comes.

## GROSS CRUELTY ALLEGED.

Mrs. Halvor Hope Files a Suit for Divorce  
Against Her Husband.

Defendant Accused by Wife of Striking Her in the Face and Throwing Her Around a Room.

Halvor Hope, a carpenter by trade, who resides on Eighth South street, near the Jordan river, where he is said to own a house and lot, was made defendant to a divorce suit today, brought by his wife, Hilda Hope, through her attorney, Daniel Harrington, Esq.

The ground of the suit is cruel treatment. Plaintiff married the defendant in this city July 1st, 1899. Ever since then the defendant has treated his wife cruelly. Special acts of cruel treatment are set out in the complaint, one of them occurring on Friday last. Upon that occasion defendant is said to have amused himself by striking his wife in the face and throwing her around the bedroom. On March 15th last, shortly before the birth of plaintiff's baby, defendant is said to have accused his wife of unchastity and at the same time told her to take her child and go home to her mother. In addition to a decree plaintiff prays for a restraining order to prevent the defendant from disposing of the house and lot, alimony and the custody of the nine-month-old baby.

Defendant was a widower with one child when he married the plaintiff.

## BOND CASE DECIDED.

Supreme Court Affirms Case of E. M. Camp vs. Fred Simon et al.

The Supreme court this afternoon affirmed the judgment of the Third district court, A. N. Cherry, judge, in the case of E. M. Camp vs. Fred Simon et al., appellants.

This was a suit upon a bond for \$15,000 in which the essential facts of the case were legally stated in the condition. The main feature of the case dealt upon the construction and terms of the bond sued upon. There were other points relied upon by appellants for a reversal, but the Supreme court finds no reversible error in the record, and hence orders an affirmation of the lower court's judgment.

The opinion is written by Justice Baskin, the other members of the court concurring.

## BIG FIGHT LIKELY.

States That Do Not Wish to Lose Congressional Representation.

Washington, Dec. 18.—There promises to be a big fight over the Hopkins reapportionment bill when it is taken up in the House after the holiday recess. The representatives of the States which will lose representatives in the bill are organizing for the struggle. The members of the minority of the census committee are seeking to marshal all the available strength among the dissatisfied members in making a minority report which will recommend a basis for reapportionment that will not reduce the representation in any State. This can be accomplished by making 194,000 inhabitants the basis of representation. Upon this basis the House would consist of 387 members.

No State would lose, and the following would gain:

Arkansas, 1; California, 1; Colorado, 1; Connecticut, 1; Florida, 1; Illinois, 3; Iowa, 1; Louisiana, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Minnesota, 2; Mississippi, 1; Missouri, 1; New Jersey, 2; New York, 2; North Carolina, 1; North Dakota, 1; Pennsylvania, 2; Texas, 3; Washington, 1; West Virginia, 1; and Wisconsin, 1.

## Action of the Santa Fe.

Kansas City, Dec. 18.—Santa Fe railway officials here today began hiring men to work as switchmen and trainmen in a few days. This action is considered by railroad men to indicate that the road intends to refuse to compromise with the striking telegraphers, and is preparing for a sympathetic strike. The men are being hired, it is said, on condition that they agree to work whenever needed.

Resolutions were adopted urging Congress to take prompt action in favor of an amendment prohibiting polygamy and making its practice punishable by disfranchisement.

Dr. Elliott, in the course of her remarks, said:

"Polygamy is spreading with Mormonism. It is not confined to Utah, but exists in Idaho, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, Nevada and Colorado. In four more States are added to the nine in which the Mormons already have political power. It will be impossible to legislate against them."

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## BOERS HOLD A PRAYER MEETING.

Retreating British Could Hear Their Hymns—Gen. Clements' Entire Force Had a Narrow Escape—Boer Plans Well Laid—Col. Legge's Bravery.

Johannesburg, Monday, Dec. 18.—Details of the defeat of the British at Nottedgedach indicate that Gen. Clements' entire force had a narrow escape from capture. The Boers' plans were splendidly laid. If the main British column had tarried a little longer there would have been a complete success for the Boers, who exposed themselves undauntedly, yelling and waving their arms. Their rushes were only stemmed by artillery.

After the British retreat the Boers held a prayer meeting. Their hymns could be heard by the retreating British. All accounts indicate a heavy Boer loss.

Col. Legge exhibited splendid bravery. He shot five Boers with his revolver before he fell with three bullets in his body.

London, Dec. 18.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria, dated Dec. 17, reports that all the British wounded in the engagement at Nottedgedach have arrived there and are doing well.

## HELEN GOULD IS IN BAD COMPANY

Presides Over a Meeting Where the "Mormons" are Misrepresented—Episcopal Deaconess Tries to Scare Philadelphians by Bogie Stories About "Mormons."

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## STATE ENGINEER

ON USE OF WATER

Outlines an Important Project Now Under Way.

THE OBJECTS IN VIEW.

## Hopes to Make the Solution of Water

Disputes Easy and Without Court Cost and Trouble.

State Engineer R. C. Gemmill has returned from a trip to the vicinity of Big Cottonwood canyon, where he has been gathering data for his annual report. In addition to his State report Mr. Gemmill will make one to the general government in which he will include an extensive article on the "rise of water."

This report is based on the results of experiments at Big Cottonwood which have been carried on for the past two years. In that time an effort has been made to determine how much water is required to supply a given area of land. At the present time Mr. Gemmill says nothing has been done towards determining the quantity of water needed, and consequently no one knows just the size of the canals required to irrigate a certain area of land, any more than the size of the reservoir for a certain acreage is known. Thus far nothing has been completed which will form a basis for computation in questions like the above and the efforts of Mr. Gemmill have been directed towards securing data that will be of use in such matters. It may be two years longer before the work is completed owing to the fact that last year was a very wet one and this year has been so very dry. But a great deal of data has been gathered during the past two years, which will be embodied in the report at the close of the year.

The most interesting thing, perhaps, in the report are the suggestions to the Legislature regarding the irrigation laws. Mr. Gemmill does not believe that it is right for the disputes on this question to be carried into the courts to be decided by men who have little knowledge on the matter. The story is told of one judge who decreed away six times more water than a certain stream contained. Such embarrassment will be avoided by Mr. Gemmill's suggestions which provide for the establishment of a State board of control to consist of five members. It is proposed that the president of the board shall be the state engineer, the other members being the superintendents of the irrigation divisions into which the State will be divided. If this is carried out the divisions will be divided into districts and district superintendents will be given charge of each district. When a dispute over water arises it is proposed to have the board visit the ground where measurements will be made and a decision reached.

GROSS VIOLATION.

Apparent Utter Disregard of Quarantine Regulations.

Mr. Robert Anderson, of 624 west Third North street, called at the "News" this afternoon and with emphatic indignation made the following statement, which will be brought to the attention of the health board and dealt with in a manner that would make a repetition impossible:

"Next door to my house, about ten feet west, is a family named Lessour, under quarantine for scarlet fever. Today a pair of peddlers, man and wife, from Bountiful, named Tuffield, drove up to the house. The woman got out of the wagon and took a number of live chickens into the house and came out

## DEATH OF AN AGED LADY.

Mrs. Mary Ann James of This City Passes Away.

At 1 o'clock a. m. today, Dec. 18, Mrs. Mary Ann James, wife of the late George James, passed from this life, at the ripe age of 74 years. She was the stepmother of John James, the "News" court reporter, and aunt to Constable-elect Sheriff Allen of the Second precinct, and has resided in this city since 1890. She was an invalid since before she came here, but was cared for by her relatives. Her maiden name was Lang, and she was a native of Devonshire, England. She was married to a widower, George James, who was one of the famous Light Brigade that made the charge of Balaklava in early life she became a Latter-day Saint, and in 1890 joined her husband's family in this city, he having died in Swansea, Wales, in 1883. Her home was always open for the Elders, and those who have traveled in Wales will remember well the hospitality of Brother and Sister James. Paralysis was the immediate cause of death. The deceased was a most estimable and faithful woman.

The remains are in charge of Undertaker Joseph William Taylor. While no definite arrangements have yet been made for the funeral, it is believed that the services will be held in the Twentieth ward meeting house Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial preliminary will appear in tomorrow evening's "News."

## LIVE STOCK DELEGATES.

Gov. Wells Names Messrs. Linfield, Beckstead and Cunningham.

Governor Wells today issued a proclamation appointing F. B. Linfield, of the Utah Agricultural College Experiment Station at Logan, George P. Beckstead of Riverton, and J. M. Cunningham of La Sal, delegates from Utah to the fourth annual convention of the National Live Stock association, which meets in this city on January 15th next.

Jesse M. Smith this morning, in accordance with a letter received from Frank P. Bennett, Boston, made arrangements with Don H. Porter of the Kenyon hotel to establish the headquarters of the National Wool Growers' association in that hotel during the convention week.

The finance committee this morning reported that in addition to several handsome donations from outside firms that the Maltory Commission company of Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago, had forwarded a check for \$200 towards swelling the fund for the entertainment of the visiting stockmen.

## FREE VACCINATION.

There Have Been 211 School Children Attended to in Five Days.

Twenty-six school children were vaccinated this forenoon by Drs. King and Fleher, making the total number attended to since last Thursday, 211. The total number of cases of smallpox in existence in the city and isolation hospital is 128. Three new cases were reported this forenoon, the victims being Frank Hughes, aged 27, 217 south Tenth East; Martha A. Wade, wife of Alex. Wade, aged 34, east Eighth South; and Anthony, aged 20, rear 32 south Fifth West. Six smallpox patients were released today by the removal of three quarantine flags.

## GOES INTO BANKRUPTCY.

William T. Hopkins Seeks Relief from His Debts.

William T. Hopkins, formerly a clothing merchant in this city, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States court today. His liabilities are scheduled at \$13,325.81, and \$125,000 is secured. His assets are listed at \$1,265, all of which is claimed to be exempt. The latter consists of real estate amounting to \$1,000, and household goods valued at \$265.

Some of his chief creditors are:

F. E. McGurran	.....	\$1,000.00
Carson City Glove Co.	.....	173.00
Butler Bros., Denver	.....	168.70
Trist & Co., San Francisco	.....	85.50
Draper Maynard, Ashland, New Hampshire	.....	144.25

There are numerous other minor accounts.

## LATE LOCALS.

Miss Bertha H. Hampton, who for the past four years has filled the duties of clerk in the court division of the county clerk's office, was today promoted by Clerk D. C. Dunbar to the office of deputy clerk of the Third judicial district court. The promotion is a meritorious one, and meets with the unanimous endorsement of those having business with the office. It is a fitting recognition of the young lady's capabilities.

The Latter-day Saints of the Third ward, under the direction of the Bishopric, contemplate gathering a collection of good things for the poor of their district, which will be presented prior to Christmas to all worthy persons in the ward, irrespective of creed or color. The committees making the canvass anticipate meeting warm welcomes on the part of the people.

## PERSONAL.

E. M. Wolf and wife of Mountain Home, Idaho, are numbered among the guests at the Cullen.

A. G. Campbell of Logan is a guest at the White House today.

A. B. Lewis, manager of the Imperial and Royal Copper companies at Frisco, is stopping at the Cullen today.

Manager George T. Odell of the Co-op Wagon and Machine company of this city and Manager Wright of the Idaho Falls branch have gone East on a business trip.

James Fulton left for Kansas City today where he intends to spend the holidays.

Henry Best, late of Salt Lake, now a prosperous settler in Idaho, is visiting with friends here.

A. Montgomery, who signs the Knutsford register as "the Farmer Artist," is spending a few days in this city and exhibiting a collection of paintings at the hotel.

## THIRTY CARS

PASS OVER HIM.

Frightful Fate of J. T. Woods, a Union Pacific Brakeman.

Body Ground to Pieces

Accident Occurred at Baskin, Near Echo, at an Early Hour this Morning—Case Being Investigated.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS"]

Echo, Utah, Dec. 18.—J. T. Woods, a brakeman, on freight train No. 19 of the Union Pacific, was killed at Baskin, a siding four miles east of Echo, at 4:30 this morning.

When the train which was westward bound reached Echo, Woods was missing and the train crew on an engine went back and discovered the body at Baskin. The body of the unfortunate man was literally cut to pieces and presented a horrible spectacle. The remains were gathered up in a box and taken to Echo. Mr. Woods was a wife in Gunnison, Colo., and she has been notified of his death. A committee representing the order of Railway brakemen has assumed charge of the remains and will convey them to Evanston pending instructions from the wife as to their disposition.

It is supposed that Woods was walking over the train and in jumping from one car the other slipped on the frosty iron and fell to death. Thirty cars passed over him. It is not likely that an inquest will be held. Sheriff Lindsay and County Attorney Callis are here investigating the terrible affair.

## MANDATE IS FILED.

Decision of the Local Court in an Old Suit is Reversed.

The mandate of the circuit court of appeals at St. Louis, reversing the decision of the local court, in the case of Joseph H. Smith, et al., of Denver, against Salt Lake City, was filed in the United States court today. The suit involved \$21,496.66, and related to the construction of the Park's canyon aqueduct. The order of the local court was a decision in favor of the plaintiff's. Some time ago the court of appeals reversed that decision and enjoined the payment of the costs upon the defendants. The total costs will amount to about \$1,523.35.

## COLLEGE FESTIVITIES.

All Hallow Students to Entertain Locally and then Visit Butte.

On Wednesday, Dec. 18th, at 8 p. m., a literary and musical entertainment of exceptionally high merit will be given at All Hallow's. The brass band and orchestra, under the direction of Professor Pedersen, will discuss sweet music. Little Arthur Pedersen, Salt Lake's musical prodigy, will give one of his choice violin solos. The literary selection will be in harmony with the music.

On Thursday, at 5 p. m., the faculty will give their annual banquet to the students. Flights of oratory will give an extra relish to the feast. Father Guyard will act as toastmaster.

On Friday afternoon the Christmas holidays begin. At 10:30 p. m. a merry crowd of Montana students will leave for Butte in special Pullman, flying Old Glory and the Colorado blue and vibrating with the joyous strains of "Home, Sweet Home." The Rev. President Father Larkin will accompany the boys and will not doubt join in "the jest, the frolic and the fun" usually current in a crowd of happy students homeward bound. Father Larkin has been invited to deliver, during the holidays, a few of his masterly discourses in St. Patrick's church, Butte.

The Ogden and Wyoming students will leave Friday evening by the 6:14 train and the Colorado students by the 8:05 train. Studies will be resumed January 1th.

## THE CHRISTMAS "NEWS."

What the Press and the People Think of It.

James Dwyer, the pioneer book and news man, sends this kind tribute to the Christmas "News": "I regard it as equal to any of the great Christmas newspapers published. Every part and section of the great paper is full of sound information on the immense resources of the State, and her enterprising people. Much credit is due the management, editors, artists, and students connected with the very successful enterprise. And here wish to say: May the 'News' still achieve greater success in the new and coming century."

Ogden Standard: "The Deseret News has issued a Christmas edition of great excellence. Sixty-eight pages of well written matter, handsomely illustrated, make one of the finest papers ever published in the country. The manager, editor and members of the force contributing to the success of the Christmas number are to be congratulated, for in united effort they have achieved an admirable result of which they can be proud. They seem to have followed the motto, 'Endeavor to excel in whatever you attempt.'"

Concerning the Christmas "News" Tuttle Bros., of this city, wrote today: "Gentlemen—Permit us to compliment you as the publishers of the finest edition as well as the most comprehensive paper we have ever seen published west of the Missouri river. Your Christmas edition is worth preserving. We would esteem it a favor if you would lay aside for us thirty copies."

BUILDING AND REALTY.

A warranty deed has been filed for record conveying from Ester E. Dumas, formerly Openshaw, of Kayville, to Thomas Kearns, for \$2,500, 5x135 feet of ground on the south side of First street between G and H, adjoining the rear of the Kearns mansion site.

George Morrow and wife have transferred to Eva M. Washburn for a consideration of \$2,500 and subject to a mortgage of \$1,500, a house and lot 27x32 feet on the south side of Third street, five rods east of O street.