forward movement against the Hanas and Sagar tributaries, and that they captured another fort situated a short distance from the fort of Nilt.

The storming force consisted of 100 men of the Cachinare regiment under Lieutenant Taylor and Major Smith. They scaled the precipice opposite Nilt fort and captured the stone redoubt, the defenders of which were kept in check from Nilt fort. One hundred and eighteen prisoners were taken.

Loss in the Boston Fire.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The total loss by last night's fire is probably $400,000, fully covered by insurance.

Forty Years in Business and then a Failure.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 28.—J. H. Wertz, who has been in the clothing business in this city for over forty years, assigned today. He had $100,000 in a clothing manufacturing establishment in New York and $60,000 so nearly for a relative in Chicago. The assets exceed the liabilities.

Panic in an Opera House.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—A Stafford special from Liberty, Ind., says: During a performance in the Grand Opera House this evening, the building caught fire, and a panic followed. The crowd rushed for the windows and, before they were prevented, several had jumped, but it is thought that none are seriously injured.

Want a Restoration of the Empire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The *Herald's* Rio Janeiro special says: It is rumored that the Imperialists are working hard to bring about a restoration of the Empire. The *Diario Nacional*, an Imperialist paper, has suspended publication. The editor in his farewell, says that no longer is liberty of opinion allowed in the country.

Application for Pardon Denied.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The President today denied the application for pardon in the case of Harper, convicted in the charge of misappropriation of the funds of the Fidelity Savings Bank of Cincinnati, and sentenced in 1887 to ten years' imprisonment.

Forced to Commit Suicide.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Louis Benjamin Margregor, who, in company with her husband, J. Bert Margregor, took morphine at the Hotel Ramona Sunday morning with suicidal intent, died at 6 o'clock this evening. It is now believed that Margregor first took the poison and then forced his wife to take the deadly dose. The inquest will be held tomorrow.

Arrested and Lynched.

SHIRRAYA, Miss., Dec. 28.—News continues to come slowly from the seat of war in Choctaw. The latest and best confirmed is that John Sims, brother of Bob, was arrested Saturday evening. It is believed that he was lynched before the outsiders reached jail with him. Jim Mosely, a Sim follower, was also arrested, and will likely be hanged.

Found in a Pool of Blood.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The dead body of a young girl named Ellen Winter was found in a broom factory this morning lying on the floor in a pool of blood with her skull crushed. The police have arrested John D. Haney, on a charge of murdering the girl. Some years ago Haney betrayed the girl. Lately the girl has been making frequent calls upon Haney for money to support their child, and it is said that he made threats to kill her.

A Murderer Killed.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—An old man living in the eastern department killed his son in a quarrel over a legacy. When the gendarmes arrived to arrest him, he barricaded himself in the house. He fired at one of the gendarmes, whereupon a second gendarme fired his pistol at the murderer and killed him.

Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein has an Accident.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Injuries from which Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein Sonderburg is suffering are the result of an accident. The queen and members of the royal family were spending the Christmas holidays at Osborne House, Isle of Wight. The day before Christmas the party were hunting. Some birds rose between the Duke of Connaught and Prince Christian. The former fired, but unfortunately did not aim high enough. Three shots entered Prince Christian's face, destroying one eye.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

City of Mexico, Dec. 28.—The government denies the truth of the report that a battle was fought with Garza on the frontier.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Watt Whitman is improving to day. The doctors say he is stronger than for several days.

Paris, Dec. 28.—An account of wreck and loss of life has been received from the Arcachon fisheries, a port thirty-five miles from Bordeaux. The French steamer "Albatros," engaged in oyster fishery at Arcachon, was wrecked and eleven of her crew, in fact, the whole crew with the exception of one man, were drowned.

Madrid, Dec. 28.—The cabinet finally adopted the new tariff today. The measure includes a provision for the imposition of minimum duties on imports from countries having treaties with Spain, and the passing of maximum rates on imports from other countries. The duty on corn is raised.

Buda Pesth, Dec. 28.—The upper house of the Hungarian diet passed the treaties recently negotiated between Austro-Hungary and Germany, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy expeditiously. These treaties have been passed by the lower house already. The diet then dissolved.

London, Dec. 28.—Alfred Cellier, the composer, is dead. He has been suffering from influenza two weeks and was unable to finish the orchestration of "The Mountebanks," a comic opera, the joint work of himself and W. T. Gilbert, in time for the production at its date first set.

Madras, Dec. 28.—General Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, is holding very successful meetings in this city. Large sums of money have been subscribed.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The Duchess Isabelle of Genoa, sister-in-law of the queen of Italy, is suffering from influenza. The disease is widely prevalent in Florence and Bergamo.

Milan, Dec. 28.—Lagrippe in this city and surrounding country is causing many deaths.

Plated with American Armor.

Only one of the competition armor belts by the United States had been made at Indian Head, Md., when it was discovered that American made armor for protecting ships of the navy was beyond a doubt the best in the world. Six competing plates were set up to be shot at in the trials. The three plates at the second competing trial were each 10½ inches thick, 8 feet high and 4 feet wide. Behind them was a "backing" of the kind that would be in use when the plates were employed to cover the sides of war vessels.

The difference in the plates used for the trials was one of composition. The result of the shots proves that an armor made of an alloy of nickel and steel, higher carbonized and chilled by the Harvey cold water jet process of surface hardening, is the best in the world, and it is made here at home in the Bethlehem iron works, in Pennsylvania.

In the best foreign ship armor heretofore known the projectile has left a bulge of five to six inches at the back of the plate, where it has not actually penetrated the backing. In the American armor the same kind of bulge is only one-fourth of an inch. The facts demonstrated at the Indian Head trials are eminently gratifying. The new navy will now be pushed more rapidly than ever. In a very short time the United States will rule all the seas on this side of the globe, and can dictate her own policy to European powers on such points as, for instance, a ship canal across the isthmus between North and South America.

First Fraud, Then Failure.

An epidemic of failures has raged throughout the business world during the past year. There was the Baring embarrassment in London, owing largely, it is said, to the bankruptcy of the Argentine Republic. Then came a series of brokers' and bankers' failures in America. New York was struck heavily, as were Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and New Jersey did not escape. Failures large and small have followed one another in quick succession in Boston, Philadelphia and New York. Smaller failures have occurred in many of the states of the Union. Then, as the year neared its close, came the great Berlin crash. The ripples from the great Berlin wave of financial disaster have not yet ceased, but continue to topple over smaller concerns than those which first went to the wall and startled the business world of Europe.

If the causes of these failures are traced, they will be found almost without exception to have originated in fraud. Those interested with the financial affairs of others or the affairs of business houses want more money than they have, in order to make greater display of luxury in the manner of living. It is this that tempts ninety-nine men out of a hundred to ruin. They appropriate to their own use other people's money, expecting to replace it. They cannot replace it and must steal more to cover up the first theft. Then at last comes detection, sometimes followed by flight, sometimes by suicide and always by disgrace to the thief and his family.

It is really a very highly developed man morally who has the backbone to remain honest in the face of all temptation. Yet honesty is after all the only way. Sixteen ounces to the pound, thirty-six inches to the yard, a dollar in pocket for every dollar of debt, the power to look every man bright and square in the face—this is what it means to be a business man fit to be trusted with great interests.

Peary's Christmas.

What will it be, in Pendlee Land, west coast of Greenland, 77 deg. 43 min. north latitude, with the night of arctic darkness enveloping the daring explorers? Mrs. Peary is the first woman who ever spent a winter in a latitude so far north. Very few men have ever done so. Magnificent opportunity for studying astronomy the party will have, with the stars shining above them night and day. What splendid midnight landscapes will show up when the aurora borealis plays upon the snow and ice with its rainbow colors.

The chances are that their fellow countrymen will never see Lieutenant Peary and his brave wife and friends again. Still there is hope. At any rate they have abundant supplies to last them till spring. If they are in good health, they can have some pale reflection perhaps of a home Christmas, with the means of good cheer at hand, and with a strong effort to keep their spirits up in the awful darkness and loneliness. Next spring, when the sunlight comes back, Peary will attempt to reach the northern coast of Greenland overland. A ship must be sent to bring him home, however, starting as soon as the ice breaks up—if it finds anything in Pendlee Land to bring home. Meantime may Christmas to the Peary party be as merry as Christmas can possibly be to anybody under such circumstances.

Those who start out to reform the world in any way ought to remind themselves that there are many things which, like charity, begin at home.

Europe cannot well go to war for a year, at any rate. A famous saying of the great Napoleon was that an army travels on its stomach. There is not enough spare food in Europe this year to stuffing up the stomachs of the millions of armed men in the heavy marching order.

The place of another one of the four remaining Union generals will be vacant when the G. A. R. meets next year in Washington. It could scarcely have been believed by those who saw him during his last term in congress that General Henry was so near seventy years old. He scarcely looked beyond fifty, yet the dispatches announcing his death announced also that he was in the seventy-first year of his age. His constant activity and energetic spirit signified vigor.

CHOPPING UP CORN FODDER.

Do Not Let the "Next Cow" Share the Fodder.

I may not be called orthodox in my relief, but if fed in small quantities at a time so that it will be eaten up clean I think if cutting dry corn fodder pays, I have not much fodder and find it handy by way of comparison, and when the hired man fed it in small amounts at a time I could not see the gain in a way that showed any return for my labor. I found however that I could induce a cow to eat more stalks up clean at a feeling by cutting them in a block begins, but on shelling the meat under that would represent the cut fodder into two feeds the amount rejected was very small. I think it a better way to cut up what was left of the rejected stalks, put it in the meal upon them and feed them next and then as a luncheon, and as I can cutting nice bottle of the fodder.

One of the oldest farmers who so much fodder is wasted in feeding stalks out of doors, and also where the mangers are crowded with fodder when feeding in the barn, is the shunning of it for the "next cow." It is nearly impossible to induce a cow to eat anything of any that has, even momentarily, been in an other cow's mouth; and I have noticed that the same was nearly the case when stalks are fed in the mangers so as when I fed stalks before the cribs were built—I put partitions in the mangers so that two cows could not be gotten, and if about "no meal," was fed, the stalks were eaten up clean.

One winter I tried cutting stalks for two days after feeding, and then all the whole stalks they would eat up clean; I fed them all the cut stalks they could consume in the same way without changing the grain ration, and after a week's trial they had not increased yet a trifle of milk as some, and after this I let them eat their own stalks. In cooking or soaking the stalks I have had no experience, nor do I recall any experiment that shows that after the natural juices have been dried out of a plant any good of steaming, cooking or soaking has showed better feeding results than does the slower mastication of the feed in a dry state, adding the water as drink a few hours later.

That cutting feed adds to its feeding value is doubtful, beyond this, the cutting induces an animal to eat more and reject less. Where dry stalks are really commended, and very little is fed, my vote would be against cutting. If the stalks will be rejected upon from 5 per cent of the food, if bright and good, I would then say that possibly it might pay to rig up a power cutter.—John Gould in Rural New Yorker.

Fats and Butter.

We need the facts about lots of comparative and competitive butt between different kinds of separators, and the extractor, all running at different speeds, and feeding, temperature, etc., that we may have a sale limit placed upon each, and then if operators do not heed the rules and the admonition, hold them responsible for the results.

In this connection we will note that we have read of one large factory that had hit upon a plan to at least relieve an honest butter maker from unjust suspicion of incompetency or dishonesty. It was to have a competent person, of their own choosing, weigh the butt, pay for it, take it to the weigh can and take the samples and make the tests. The butter maker has in such case nothing to do with the individual patrons, either as to weight of milk or the per cent of fat in it. He takes the milk in bulk, and is under obligation only to make a good showing to produce according to the weight and average test given him by another person.—Dorch's Dairyman.

Notes.

Side hill creameries are cooler and more airy than others in hot weather.

The double cream cheese known as fromage de Brie is good for dyspepsia.

In building a creamery divide the space at into a butter room, cream room and milk room.

One thing is certain: in reality the introduction of pasteurizer, dairy and calorifier are one, and the time will come when this will be understood.

It is true as gospel that if the people of the United States were always supplied with the finest quality of cheese we would eat three times as much as they do now.

For blast in cows drench with water over the animal's back repeatedly. This lowers the cow's temperature and sometimes the gases in her stomach, giving them room to escape.

Baked milk is the latest fad. Milk put into a jar or crock and baked in a moderately hot oven for eight hours becomes more like custard. It is said to be very nutritious.

Dealers in dairy products and eggs in England have been endeavoring to get similar to Swift's refrigerator car, which special cars containing these goods to passenger trains, in order that they may quickly reach their destination. Some of the roads have done this.

The Holstein-Friesian cow Pauline Paul made 1,133 pounds 12½ ounces of butter in one year. This is the largest yield on record. A Jersey cow, Blanche Bells, finished recently one year with 1,108 pounds 12½ ounces to her credit. This is the largest yield ever made by a Jersey. Bells is an imported cow.

The dairy commissioner of New Jersey says that upon investigation he has found that oleomargarine is almost universally used at the seaside resorts, such as Ocean Grove, Atlantic City and Long Branch. It was served up on the tables of the hotels and in the cottages as pure butter, and was brought in in trunks, but boxes made hampers and the lies to escape the eye of the law.

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