

powers." Commenting upon the opinions of New York papers sympathizing with the British policy, the Daily News says: "Such expressions of opinion may be taken as the bread of our free trade policy cast upon the waters and returned to influence us after many days."

The question having been raised here as to Herr Detring's right to succeed Sir Robert Hart (associate minister of Chinese maritime affairs), the Daily Chronicle says: "The agreement upon which the last Chinese loan was floated in England contained a clause declaring that the management of the customs should remain as now, which was interpreted to mean should be in the hands of the Englishman." The paper believes that England would not accept Herr Detring as Sir Robert Hart's successor.

The Daily Mail commenting upon the "fact that the United States and Japan are openly on our side in the Chinese affair says: "For once we are getting some recognition for our generous commercial policy."

Saginaw, Mich., Jan. 6.—Eight million feet of lumber was burned on the docks of the Saginaw Lumber and Salt company, at Crow Island, eight miles below the city early this morning, causing a loss of about \$120,000. The docks held about 16,000,000 feet and a large quantity of lumber was piled in the mill yard which the flames did not reach. The mill and salt locks were saved with difficulty. The docks and drill house were destroyed. About three-fourths of the loss is covered by insurance. The origin is unknown. There was very little fire fighting force available.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 6.—Charles Dayton, who is supposed to have lived at 15 Fourth avenue, was found dead under a railroad trestle across Canokla creek in east St. Louis, Ills., today. He is supposed to be a robber who was thrown from an Illinois Central train last night after attempting to rob a passenger in the smoking car.

The two men got in the train at East St. Louis just as it was pulling out from the relay depot, and took a seat at the back of the smoking car. After the train had passed the Viaduct and was going at considerable speed, the men arose and approached a prosperous looking man who sat about the middle of the car. They asked him to change a bill, and when he drew a roll of money from his pocket for that purpose, one of the robbers grabbed it. In the fight that followed between robbers and passengers, one of the former jumped from the train and the other was hurled to the ground.

The conductor was informed of the robbery, but did not stop the train. Only \$12 was secured by the robbers. Dayton, who was identified by memoranda found in his pocket, is supposed to have formerly been a property-man for some theatrical company.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 7.—The representatives of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations have returned here from inspecting the three million acres of land in Mexico, which they expect to buy, and which lies on the Rio Grande, fifty miles below this city. Morgan Cole, one of the representatives from the Indian Territory, said that the members of his committee were highly pleased with the Mexican land.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Arthur L. Thomas as postmaster at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 8.—Four colored men have been lynched in the vicinity of Bearden, Ark., within the last few days. Two were rapists and two were murderers. The ravishers, Devoe and Huntley, were swung up near Harlow Mill ranch, about three miles north of Bearden, while the

murderers met their fate near the town of Little Bay, a few miles south of Bearden. The work was done by separate mobs.

Devoe and Huntley were lynched for a crime committed a year ago. At that time, they attempted to outrage a Mrs. Paine, a respectable white woman at Bearden. Both escaped after their crime, and remained out of the vicinity for twelve months.

A few days ago, Devoe again put in an appearance, and was promptly arrested. A mob was quickly gathered and Devoe barely escaped lynching at that time. He was questioned regarding the whereabouts of Huntley, but at first refused to give any information. He finally stated that Huntley was working at Anderson's mill on twenty-five miles north of Fordyce.

Devoe was left in charge of a heavy guard while the remainder of the mob went to Anderson's mill to get Huntley. They found their man and started away with him, but they never reached Bearden with the negro. He was lynched after leaving Anderson's mill.

When the mob returned to Bearden, they gave out the report that Huntley could not be found. Devoe was then placed in a mob started with him to Harlow Mill ranch, three miles north of Bearden, where the crime was committed. In order that his victim might identify him. Late that night the mob returned with an empty wagon and reported that Devoe had escaped. There seems to be no doubt of the fate of both rapists.

The other men lynched were accused of the murder of Bart Frederick, a water pumper of the Cotton Belt, at King's Land, a few days ago. Frederick was thrown from his velocipede and murdered. His pockets were rifled and his watch taken. It was through the watch that a clue to the identity of the murderers was secured. The negroes left the time piece at a store in Rison. A mob at once started in pursuit and captured the murderers at a point near Little Bay. The details of this lynching are not obtainable. It is reported that three negroes were captured and that two were hanged. The third was wanted at Kings Land on another charge, and he was turned over to the sheriff of Cleveland county.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 8.—The tow boat Perry Kelsey, owned by W. H. Brown & Sons of this city, blew up while going down the Ohio river, near Glenfield, Pa., about 11 o'clock this morning, and six or eight of the crew were killed and at least four of the others injured.

The boat was commanded by Captain Leslie Jones, of Shousetown, Pa., and the crew was made up of two pilots, two engineers; two mates; two firemen, a chambermaid, cook and the dock hands—in all twelve persons.

The Kelsey left Pittsburg about 8 o'clock this morning with a tow consisting of seven barges and two flats of coal, and everything was apparently all right until the explosion took place, when the boat was literally blown to pieces and the tow scattered and lost. The hull sunk almost immediately, and the shattered portion of the upper works floated down the river and covered the water in the vicinity of the wreck. The explosion was most terrific and was heard for miles. Hundreds of persons ran to the river upon hearing the noise, and an awful sight met their gaze. Bodies were floating down the river and the debris was scattered far and wide, but no live person was seen. A few minutes later, Captain Jones and three others were picked up alive, but badly injured, and one body floated ashore near Neville island, where everything possible was done to alleviate their sufferings. It is believed that the rest of the crew

were killed, and parties are now searching for their bodies.

It is not known at present what caused the explosion. The boat's boilers were recently tested, and found to be in good condition. The boat was considered one of the best and staunchest on the river. It was valued at \$25,000.

A dispatch from Glenfield says: "When the boat blew up, Pilot Woods was asleep in the pilot house only a few feet from Captain Jones. Others of the crew were also asleep. The pilot was thrown high in the air and fell right where a few minutes before the pilot house was. He was dead when found, and a pitiful sight was his son, only a few feet away, injured very badly. He was pleading to help his father. Captain, Leslie Jones was injured by a bad cut in the head, and his back was badly sprained. The body of the fireman was blown ashore near where the accident occurred. Only three of the crew escaped uninjured."

Marseilles, Jan. 8.—The steamer reported to have foundered with all hands on Thursday last off Bauduck, about twenty-five miles west of this port, turns out to be the French steamer Louis, from Cardiff for Marseilles with coal. She was wrecked January 1, however, and her crew, consisting of fifteen men, were all lost. Four bodies have already been recovered from the wreck.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Postmasters—Utah—James P. Madison, Mantl. California—Henry Jacoby San Pedro; T. A. Nelson, Stockton. Washington—George W. Temple, Spokane; Albert S. Dickinson, Waukegan. Oregon—George Engel, Ashland. Nevada—Leopold Steiner, Austin.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 10.—Francis D. Newton, a prosperous farmer of Brookfield, his wife, Sarah, and their 10-year-old adopted daughter, Ethel, were found murdered in their beds today. The crime was discovered by neighbors, whose curiosity was aroused by the bellowing of the unfed cattle. The three had been killed with an ax. A hired man named Paul is missing. Newton was 45 years of age and his wife was three years younger.

Hermosillo, Mexico, Jan. 11.—By an accident at the Creston mine at Minas Prietas, eight men were hurled from a height of 500 feet to the bottom of the shaft. Five were killed outright, and of the remaining three it is not expected that any will survive.

In the main shaft twin double-decked cages lift the ore and lower and bring back the miners to and from work. At the time of the accident, one cage was being lowered and the other was being hoisted, carrying eight Mexicans.

At the 500-foot level, the downward cage stuck, and the engineer, having no knowledge of the trouble, continued to lower the four-inch wire cable. It coiled on top of the cage, and just as the ascending cage arrived at a point below the other, the great wire coil toppled and fell upon it.

Each one of the eight men tried to give alarm to the engineer, 500 feet above, but the machinery out-voiced them, and for a moment longer the terrible tangle between cable and cage went on. Finally, the enormous weight of the cable threw the cage from its bearings, when it upset and spilled the men out and they fell to the bottom.

The orange crop of southern California now being harvested is in prime condition. Although there was an unexpected fall of snow Monday, the fruit was not damaged. The snow was light and soon melted. It was followed by rain, which will do much good to growing crops.