

CHRISTMAS EVE—GERMANY.

Little mother, why must you go!
The children play by the white bed-side,
The world is merry for Christmas tide,
And what would you do in the falling snow?

They sleep by now in the amber glow
Hushed to dream in a child's delight,
For wonders happen on Christmas night;
Little mother, why must you go!

The still flakes fall and the night grows late,
Oh slender figure and small wet feet,
Where do you haste through the lamp-lit
street,
And out and away by the fortress gate?

It is drear and chill where the dear lie
dead.
Yet light enough with the snow to see,
But what would you do with that Christ-
mas tree

At the tiny mound that is baby's bed?
A Christmas tree, with its tinsel gold!—
Oh, how should I not have a thought for
you
When the children sleep in their dream of
glace,
Poor little grave but a twelvemonth old!

Little mother, your heart is brave,
You kiss the cross in the drifted snow,
Kneel for a moment, rise and go
And leave your tree by the tiny grave.

While the living slept by the warm fire-side
And the flakes fell white on your Christ-
mas toy,
I think that its angel wept for joy
Because you remembered the one that died.

RENNELL RODD.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from Constantinople to the *Daily News* says: The government is alarmed at its neighbor's war preparations, and the Sultan is inquiring as to the advisability of calling out 50,000 men for Erzeroum and Bulgaria. It is stated that Neliouff, Russian ambassador to Turkey, has informed the Porte that unless the indemnity arrears amounting to \$750,000 be paid, Russia will be obliged to take pledges in Asia Minor for the protection of her interests. The government

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for money. A body of marines whose time had expired, recently tried to force their way into the Imperial Palace to demand of the Sultan their arrears of pay. They were all arrested and imprisoned, and afterwards were paid a sum each and sent away from the capital to prevent their complaints from reaching the ears of the Sultan. Twelve thousand conscripts of the autumn draft are assembling here for transportation to the Caucasus. This is regarded as a pacific sign, as if there was any probability of an outbreak of war they would be sent to the interior to replace the regulars drafted for the frontier.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The *Times* correspondent at St. Petersburg says: General Von Schweinitz, German ambassador, brought the most peaceful and conciliatory assurances from

PRINCE BISMARCK.

Austria, it is declared, will stop sending reinforcements to Galicia. It is hoped Russia will follow Austria's example.

VIENNA, Dec. 25.—Classes for the study of the Russian language will be opened in several divisions of the Austrian army in January. Several contractors conferred with military officials today regarding the building of barracks for the provision of the troops in Galicia.

The editor of *Parlamentare Wien* has been arrested for publishing articles in praise of Russia.

DUBLIN, Dec. 25.—The Mitchelstown land court has made a reduction of 22 per cent. in rents on the Countess of Kingston's estate. A year ago the tenants on that estate demanded a 20 per cent. reduction. This was refused, and since that time the tenants have carried on the plan of campaign.

Thousands assembled at Mitchelstown on Saturday to meet Mr. Mandaville on the occasion of his release from prison. Upon his arrival, he received a most enthusiastic welcome.

Mr. Spragut, magistrate, and his wife, were fired at while driving at Killuloe, County Limerick, today. Their horse was killed.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Michael Davitt, speaking at Steenbridge today, repeated his advice to the farmers not to purchase land at the present time. By waiting, he said, they would be able to secure land on a basis of nominal rent, 70 to 80 per cent under the present figures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Morey Hale Bartow was found dead in his room at No. 47 La Fayette Place today. He was 60 years old, a bachelor and lived alone there. The greater part of his time was spent in solitude with his books. He was a member of the American Geographical Society, New York Historical Society, Genealogical Society, Huguenot Society and was at one time secretary of a society for the advancement of sciences and arts. He was a descendant of the family of which Nathan Hale was a member, and had given much research to incidents connected with the execution of the young American patriot by the British. Last evening Mr. Bartow told the wife of the janitor of the building in which he lived that he had at last succeeded in

making provision for the comfort of his mother, who was 83 years old, and his three sisters who lived with her. Though known to many, this is the first reference any one can remember him to have ever made to his immediate family. On his wristband was found a letter signed "Mother," postmarked "Logansport, Ind." A telegram had been sent to that place announcing his death.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 26.—At Boulder, Col., this evening, Isadore Pierce, a storekeeper, shot his wife twice in the presence of their four children and then killed himself. The wife is not fatally wounded.

NORWICH, Conn., Dec. 26.—Thomas H. Hood, the defaulting cashier of the board of water commissioners, was arrested today. He was present in the city court, waived examination, and was held for trial. The amount of the embezzlement is \$8,500. He could not procure bail.

BERNAL.

NOGALES, Arizona, Dec. 26.—It is learned that Gen. Moraz with a party of troops went to Otaez soon after receiving the news of the sacking of the town by Bernal, found the houses barricaded and the streets deserted. Moraz found that bail had not been told regarding the outrages committed by Bernal's band. Women, both old and young, were obliged to submit to a number of indignities, often in the presence of their husbands and brothers and all the mob. The inhabitants have joined the federal troops in an effort to exterminate the band. After leaving Otaez, the band went into a spur of the Sierra Madre Mountains, covering their tracks well, remained there a few days and then went to Lesstra, a mining camp in the foot hills of the Sierra Madre. They rode into the place with the intention of destroying the town, but met with a

WARM RECEPTION

from the troops and were compelled to retreat, after exchanging a number of shots. The band was pursued by citizens and soldiers, but easily made its escape, owing to the superiority of its horses. Miss Barraza, the young lady captured at Otaez is evidently with the band, as a small shoe track was seen in the sand near where the flight took place. It is stated that the Mexican government fear international trouble with the United States on account of the murder of Leon Baldwin's band, and it is consequently prosecuting the campaign against the gang with renewed vigor. General Tolero has been instructed to get more men in the field. It is thought Bernal will attempt to cross into the State of Durango.

RIOTERS SENTENCED.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—The trial of 35 persons implicated in the revolt of October, 1888, has just closed. Two of the accused were sentenced to death and four to imprisonment for various terms and the rest were acquitted. The trial excited intense excitement.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The *Daily News*, Chicago, Ill.: M. V. Dixon was arrested at Dallas City in this county yesterday, and placed in jail here on the charge of recently murdering a man in Colusa County, Cal. The name of the murdered man could not be ascertained. Dixon formerly resided at Dallas City and made his way back to his old home immediately after the commission of the crime.

A SACRIFICE.

MOUNT VERNON, Ky., Dec. 25.—Ballin Chunley, yesterday, in Laurel County, arrested Hugh McHargue, who was charged with the seduction of a young girl. He started on a train with him for this place today. When he arrived at Livingston, Walter Mullins, one of McHargue's friends, boarded the train. The train had not run more than two miles when nearing a tunnel which opens out on the bridge over Round Stone Creek, Mullins entered the car, and slapping Chunley on the shoulder told him he wanted to see him on the platform quick. Chunley went out carrying his Winchester with him. After reaching the platform a discussion ensued and the report of arms aroused all the passengers. Mullins was shot through the hand and Chunley through the foot. Both fell from the moving train.

OFF THE BRIDGE.

A distance of about 30 feet. The train was at once stopped and backed up to the scene. Both men were found dead, Mullins with his neck broken and Chunley with his head all torn to pieces, making it difficult to tell whether he was shot in the head or not but it is supposed he was as his brains were found upon the car steps. In the confusion McHargue escaped and his whereabouts are still a mystery.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Christmas in Chicago was marred by an unusual number of affrays, fatal and otherwise. In the 24 hours preceding six o'clock this evening four persons had been reported stabbed, one shot dead and a policeman and an alderman were pummeled out of existence.

FATAL SHOOTING

of Jimmy Owens and his son Oliver ten days ago in the southern part of the strip. Owens and his son went to a store to do some trading and while there got into an altercation with a lot of drunken cowboys. Owens was killed and his son was so badly hurt

that no hopes were entertained of his recovery.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25.—A special to the *Times* from Atokas, Indian Territory, says: A bold attempt at train robbery occurred near this place at a late hour last night. As the south-bound Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger was about to leave, two men boarded the train and compelled the engineer to run to a bridge a short distance from the station. On arriving there, the train was stopped. At this point five more men joined the robbers who had first got on the train. All were armed with Winchesters and revolvers. Express Messenger

JOHN GRIMSHAW

saw them coming and he locked the door and with the assistance of the baggage-master, who happened to be in the car at the time, barricaded the doors and awaited developments. The robbers, thus baffled at the outset, forced the engineer to get chisels and other tools and attempted to break open the doors. All the assaults on it were vain, however, and the robbers fired several shots through the car and then went to the mail car which was also bolted. They contented themselves with firing through it several times and then went back to the Pullman car and gave it a similar salute, without attempting to get in. They finally returned to the express car, where Grimshaw and the baggage-master still held the fort, and threatened to fire. This failed to frighten the sturdy messenger and after having detained the train thirty minutes, without getting a cent, the robbers rather sheepishly rode away. No one was hurt. Great credit is given Grimshaw

FOR HIS BRAVERY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—*Daily News*, Omaha, Neb.: Mrs. Parker, late Mrs. Laclede, of Chicago, and the members of the Castellar Methodist Episcopal Church, are mourning the departure of a man named F. H. Parker, who was recently prominently identified with them, but has since disappeared. He came here about ten weeks ago, secured employment as a traveling salesman for a wholesale house and united with the Castellar church. To members, including Mrs. Laclede, he represented that he was the senior member of the firm for which he traveled. Thanksgiving he and Mrs. Laclede were married and he made her a deed to a palatial residence on the corner of Appleton and Spruce streets, which he had told her he owned. The church gave him some pledges, amounting to \$1,000 to collect. Something less than two weeks ago

HE DISAPPEARED.

taking with him the money, all of which he had collected, and jewelry and money belonging to his wife.

McNeally, the Saco bank embezzler, was released from custody to-night, upon the presentation of letters from officers of the bank.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A *Daily News* special from Crawford, Nebraska, says: William Stance, color sergeant in the Ninth United States cavalry, was shot dead from an ambush last night while on his way here from Ft. Robinson. As he was a strict disciplinarian it is believed he was killed by one of his men. He stood high in the esteem of his superiors, and wore a medal awarded by Congress for bravery in rescuing children from Indians.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Ellen O'Neill, a widow lady, in company with two of her children, a boy and a girl, while walking on the track of the Hudson River Railroad, a short distance above Rhinebeck station last night, were struck by the locomotive and all three were instantly killed. Both she and her children were laden with Christmas presents which had been given her.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Dec. 26.—Capt. Torrey, of the schooner *M. C. Moseley*, of Boston, from Gonaves, Hayti, came into Stonington, Connecticut, Sunday night, and landed seaman Barden Manchester, of Fall River, Massachusetts, the

SOLE SURVIVOR

of the crew of the schooner *Mary P. Collins*, of Philadelphia. Captain Torrey reports that while in latitude 30 deg. 10 min., longitude 71 deg. 40 min., while hove to in a severe gale the schooner above mentioned dove to, showing signals of distress. Although the sea was running mountains high, Captain Torrey launched a boat and went to the relief of the vessel. It required a great effort to keep the trail yawl afloat, but it was making a most desperate effort to succor human life, and with his gallant crew nerved themselves for the task before them, only thinking of their imperiled brethren. Inch by inch, they gained on the sinking vessel, and would soon have been alongside, but when almost within reach, the *Mary G. Collins* lurched to starboard

AND SANK,

taking down the captain and five of the crew. Manchester was found afloat on a plank, and was taken aboard the *Moseley*. Manchester says the *Mary G. Collins* left the Norfolk with a cargo of 550 tons of coal, bound for Somerset.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Charles House, foreman of the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company's printing office in this city, lives in Alexandria. Yesterday he was walking on the railroad near Alexandria with his daughter. While standing between the north and south tracks absorbed in amusing the child, the south-bound

limited express struck him, knocked him on the track and crushed him so that his remains were hardly recognizable as those of a human being. The child was unhurt.

TOWN BURNED.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 26.—A special dispatch says the largest portion of Rice-wood, Michigan, has been destroyed by fire. Loss \$100,000.

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—A year ago Gen. Alger gave suits of clothes to 500 newsboys, and sent coal or wood to hundreds of homes. This year he will repeat his gift only on a larger scale. From lists furnished to his secretary by persons who have means of knowing who are the legitimate and deserving newsboys of Detroit, the needy newsboys will be selected and sent, 100 at a time, to certain designated clothing stores, where they will be carefully fitted out with coats and trousers of stout cloth, made to wear, and with good shirts and stockings.

The second part of General Alger's benefit will be to supply 1,000 families in Detroit a cord of wood or a ton of coal, together with a barrel of flour. In the list of families to be aided by the thoughtful and generous millionaire, appear brief notes of the causes which entitle them to the help extended.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—The steamer *Mariposa*, which arrived yesterday, brings advices from Samoa to November 14th. An Apia correspondent of the *Sydney Morning Herald* states that the Samoans become more keenly alive to the fact that the party represented by the new King Tamasese has been made use of merely to serve the policy of the Germans. The whole plan of foreign interference as represented by the German plan of operations is steadily raising strong opposition. Within a fortnight of the assembling of Parliament, there were increased rumors of dissatisfaction of the chiefs. The meeting of the legislature did not include all the most influential men of the islands and it is understood that a number of those who attended it

HAVE SECEDED

from the government. The arrival of the United States man-of-war *Adams* October 10th, was the occasion of rejoicing to many in Apia. The men were not allowed to leave the ship because of the presence of German guards and sentries along the beach and the possibility of a conflict taking place. Soon after the *Adams* arrived, a number of natives under Asi, the fighting chief, visited the vessel and after an inspection the Samoans assembled on the upper deck and held a dance. The correspondent states that the Germans have expressed annoyance at the circumstance and the natives have been virtually prohibited from giving any more such entertainments. A collision is reported to have taken place between an American sailor and a German officer on the street. The officer jostled the sailor, who knocked him down.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 25.—All the coal and freight trains on the Mahanaky and Shamokin division of the Reading road have been stopped and the men are firm in the determination to move no traffic. Owing to the Christmas holidays there is little or no coal at the mines for shipment.

READING, Pa., Dec. 25.—On last Sunday, over 5,800 loaded coal cars passed through Reading from the Schuylkill coal regions for Port Richmond and other points south. Today not a single car was moved and the coal trade is practically at an end. During the forenoon over 100 railroad hands whose trains were run on sidings north and south of this city, passed through Reading bound for their homes, which are mostly in the coal regions. The

ORDERS TO STRIKE

were received this morning and as far as the railroad crews were concerned were promptly obeyed. Immediately thereafter, General Manager McLeod telegraphed orders that every engine attached to trains lying on sidings should be hosed and guarded. The company employs at its shops in this city about 2,000 men; but they will not go out, as they claim that they are not included in the order of the Knights to strike, but the leaders in this city expect such an order very soon, so as to more effectually cripple the company. A meeting of the Railroaders' Assembly was held today and the prevailing sentiment was in favor of standing by the strikers. The agents of the Reading Company today actively canvassed this section for men to fill the places of the strikers and enable them to resume the

MOVEMENT OF TRAINS

on Tuesday morning. Master Workman Herman of this city today sent out telegrams notifying all assemblies of the decision to strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—The following notice was issued last night and signed by General Manager McLeod of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad:

Work will be resumed on Tuesday morning, December 27 at Port Richmond Yard. Employees will report for duty at that time. The places of such as do not report will be filled by other men. The men discharged for disobeying orders in refusing to move trains to the place of their destination, will not be permitted to again enter the service of the company in any capacity.

THE LEADING STRIKERS

say: "We wish to place ourselves right

before the public by letting it be known that the striking employees of the Reading Railway Company are willing to arbitrate their differences with the company, and that we are ready to resume work at any time, pending arbitration. Our executive committee is ready to meet representatives of the company when they notify us of their willingness to treat with us."

An officer of the company said this evening that the managers did not believe the strike would extend beyond a few assemblies in this city. He claimed he had received applications for work from 139 experienced train hands today, but had not accepted them, because he did not believe their services would be required. He declared that the claim that 65,000 men

WOULD QUIT

the company's employ was a pure fabrication and he stoutly maintained that 40,000 miners would refuse to go out with the aggrieved freight handlers in this city.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—The latest developments indicate that the strike will be a long and bitter one, and the crisis will be reached tomorrow when the order of General Manager McLeod goes into effect. This order directs that all the employees shall at once return to work and those who do not return will be dismissed from the service. A committee from Assembly No. 138 of the Reading Company, composed of machinists and car builders, held a long conference with the executive committee of the employees' convention, who met at Port Richmond this evening. The Reading men expressed themselves as satisfied with

THE JUSTICE

of the course of the strikers, and promised their support to the full extent of their means. Besides the Reading men, there were represented at tonight's conference, a large number of representatives of the local assemblies of this city and other places on the Reading line. Resolutions were adopted refusing to work until the men at Elizabethport and other places had been reinstated.

The Pennsylvania Road District Assembly offered assistance to the strikers and refused to move the freight of the Reading Company until the present difficulty is settled. All assemblies connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad system will give any assistance asked and will not handle freight hauled by the Reading Company. A large number of Knights of Labor assemblies have adopted resolutions endorsing the action of tonight's convention in making the

STRIKE GENERAL.

READING, Pa., Dec. 25.—There will be no strike of the Reading Railroad employees in this city. About 2,000 men are employed in the company's shops here. A meeting was held this afternoon, and there was much public speculation as to what would be the result. There is a conservative element here which think the strike ill-advised and impracticable. The convention was composed of machinists, car shop hands, car inspectors, blacksmiths, engineers and men employed in every department of traffic on the Reading road, all residing in this city. After a free expression of opinion, it was decided by a large majority not to engage in the strike, on the ground that it was premature, hasty and entirely local in its character. It was resolved that if the managers of the strike should order its continuance elsewhere, to give it all the financial support possible.

THE OFFICIALS

here were busy today employing men to move the traffic tomorrow, and several hundred were shipped tonight to various points where they will be needed in the morning. The officers claim that they have enough hands to have everybody working in a few days.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—The executive board of employees of the Reading road were in session all day and evening. Telegraphic reports from Shamokin, Pottsville, Mahoning City, Williamsport, Tamaqua, and other places, were read saying the men were still firm in their intention to hold out.

The indications at present are that there will be a liberal response in the morning from the employees of the company for work, and the company takes the liberty to say that those who desire work will be accommodated and

GIVEN PROTECTION.

If the company is compelled to secure non-union labor, that labor will be given permanent employment. The amount of coal in transit is about 20,000 tons. This will be moved tomorrow. Four freight trains were moved on the main line this afternoon, as managed by Knights of Labor. Other trains were moved on different divisions by the knights. We do not believe the defection will extend beyond the five crews which were discharged for disobedience of orders. There are 45,000 persons employed by this corporation, 27,000 of them in the railroad service, the remainder are with the coal and iron company. We have no notice that there is any disaffection with those in the employ of the Coal and Iron Company, and do not contemplate any. Among the railroad employees we do not believe there is a disaffection amounting to two per cent of the whole number, so far as our information goes.

AN OFFICIAL

of the company, when told there was an agitation for an arbitration or com-