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A SEVERE STORM.

Signs, Blinds, Trees and Storm Doors Twisted and Shaken.

PLATE GLASS WINDOW BROKEN

It Was Also the Heaviest Rain Storm of the Season—Traffic Blocked and Business Suspended in Many Places —Much Damage to Shipping.

Last night's rain and wind storm caused considerable damage to private property in different parts of the town, upsetting outhouses, blowing down trees and banging flying pieces against window glass with disastrous results. Blinds on several houses were knocked to pieces and swinging signs had a hard time of it to resist the onslaughts of the wind and in some instances many of them had to yield to superior force and were whirled about like pieces of paper. During the storm the plate glass in one of the show windows of Ryan & Fitzmaurice, Bank street shoe dealers, was struck by a flying piece and caved in. In many instances pedestrians had close calls from being hit by the missiles and people who did not have very pressing business on hand decided that the house was the safest place they could find and remained indoors. The rain came down in torrents and filled the reservoirs so full that there can no longer be any doubt about Waterbury having all the water it will need for the next six months, so that after all it is a bad wind that blows nobody good luck.

STORM IN LONDON.

Shipping Roughly Handled and Several Wrecks Reported.

London, Dec 5.—Storms have been sweeping over the British coasts and the ships in the channel have had rough experiences. Several minor wrecks have been reported.

The steamer Rossgull, of Plymouth, foundered off the Island of Jersey. Her passengers were saved, but a boat containing nine of her crew is missing.

St Brieuc, Department of Cotes-Du-Nord, Dec 5.—The English steamer Rossgull, which has been lost off the cosat of Jersey, was engaged in the service between England and the channel islands and St Brieuc. She foundered in a gale at 11 o'clock last night. According to the report which has reached here only eleven out of the forty people on board of her have been saved.

DAMAGE FROM STORM.

Parts of Newburyport Submerged—Shipping Badly Damaged.

Newburyport, Mass, Dec 5.—The storm of last night did considerable damage in this city along the water front. It reached the proportions of a hurricane and the sea was very high. The lower part of the town and wharves were covered with water. The tug Bronx of the Merrimac River Towing Co and three barges coal laden, were dashed against the wharf and sunk. The tug Hazel Dell was also damaged by being forced against the wharf.

The sand digger Morning Star of Boston, Captain Perkins, was reported off the harbor this morning flying distress signals, but the sea was so high that no assistance could be rendered from this port. Several small fishing craft were dashed to pieces against the wharves and the sea wall was damaged to the extent of $1,500.

SCHOONER IN TROUBLE.

Portland, Me, Dec 5.—An unknown schooner of about 100 tons went ashore near Scarboro to-day. The seas are washing over the vessel and she will probably go to pieces. Nothing is known of the fate of the crew.

THREE VESSELS ASHORE.

Biddeford, Me, Dec 5.—Three vessels went ashore at Biddeford Pool during last night's storm.

SEA WALLS DESTROYED.

Stamford, Dec 5.—Word received here to-day indicates that considerable damage has been done by the storm of last night along the shore below Stamford. Several sea walls were blown down. One of them, located in what is known as the Lucas property, has been the cause of a law suit, which was yesterday decided in favor of the Lucas estate. In the city today the roof of the Cement works was blown off, trolley wires were torn from the poles and traffic has been delayed for some time.

STORM HELD SHIPPING.

New York, Dec 5.—With the westerly wind and a clearing sky the fleet of outward bound steamers which yesterday's gale caused to anchor in the lower bay last night, passed out Sandy Hook early this morning. Sailing craft also began to get under way, two barks and a brig passing out and also several cosating schooners. The in-coming passenger liners due to-day were reported early, the Menominee from London and Columbia from Mediterranean ports.

RUSSIA'S COTTON CROP.

Washington, Dec 5.—The cotton crop of Central Asia is expected to be excellent this year, according to Vice-Consul Smith at Moscow. This year's crop is expected to aggregate between seven and eight thousand poods, or enough to meet half of the general demand. The remaining cotton required for manufacturing purposes in Russia will have to be imported.

NEW HAVEN MAN SUICIDES.

New York, Dec 5.—G. E. Maltby, Jr, of this city, formerly of New Haven, committed suicide in the Grand Union hotel last night. He had been drinking heavily of late and was very despondent because he had spent all of $10,000 received from the estate of his mother several years ago. The man leaves a wife and a two months old infant.

FURNITURE ON FIRE.

Stubborn Blaze in Boston Which Caused a Loss of $150,000.

Boston, Dec 5.—It took three-quarters of the entire Boston fire department more than two hours, in the teeth of a roaring gale, to conquer a stubborn fire in the large furniture establishment of Heywood Bros and the Wakefield Rattan Co on Portland and Causeway streets, near the North Union station, early this morning. Actual fire loss was small, despite the fearful wind, when compared with the destruction caused by water to pieces of valuable furniture and other goods.

The Wakefield company occupies an entire six-story building on Portland street, and the upper stories of three other structures adjoining. The firemen, forced by the gale to fight the flames from inside of the building, gained access from all parts of the Wakefield establishment, running long lines of hose along the floors and opening fireproof doors. This gave the floods poured on by the engines a chance to spread to all parts of the four buildings and for hours after the fire was out the water swept down stairs and dropped through the ceilings like rain.

The total damage is estimated at $150,000. The loss by water is considered the heaviest that ever occurred at a fire in this city. Among the firms besides the Wakefield company who suffered damage from water and smoke are Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, retailgrocers, who occupied the entire ground floor on the corner of Portland and Causeway streets, A. and E. L. Shaw, W. B. Badger and C. W. Earnshaw, all furniture dealers. All parts of the Heywood establishment were packed with finished goods intended for Christmas trade.

It is not known how the fire started, but it had gained such headway when first seen that, in view of the gale, five alarms were given, as not only the block in which the fire started but the north end of the city at one time was in danger. The loss includes $75,000 to Heywood Bros and the Wakefield Rattan Co, who have insurance of $60,000; Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, grocers, $25,000; insurance $20,000; C. W. Earnshaw, A. B. & E. L. Shaw and W. B. Badger, furniture $10,000, and each with insurance of about $8,000.

WALL STREET HAPPENINGS.

New York, Dec 5.—Wall street 10:10 a. m.—London sent lower quotations this morning and a further break in Sugar of over a point combined to depress opening prices here. Norfolk and Western was off a point and Tennessee Coal and Metropolitan Street Railway lost about as much. The Steel stocks were irregular, Steel and Wire being the notably strong point with a rise of nearly 1 per cent. Business was quite active and well distributed.

New York, Dec 5.—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec 985, Jan 975, Feb 970, Mar 967, April 960, May 957, June 956, July 950, Aug 921, Sept 850, Oct 830.

Wall Street, 11 a. m.—Room traders lent support to the specialties, causing a rise of 1 and 2⅛ in the steel group. Tractions and high priced industrials. Railroad stocks moved up strongly in spots, notably Norfolk and Western, Baltimore and Ohio, Erie first preferred and Reading first preferred. A rally of ⅝ in St Paul was soon lost, and the general demand slackened as prices advanced. Sugar got a shade above yesterday's close, which was about the extent of the rise in most of the railroads. By 11 o'clock the market was on the down grade on sales of the Pacific's and Steel stocks.

ANOTHER SCHOONER INJURED.

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec 5.—The Jerry's Point life saving crew this forenoon reported that a schooner with sails and rigging gone has been sighted off York beach drifting toward the shore. She had displayed no signals. The station reported that a crew was ready to go to her assistance if signalled and on receipt of the message the men were made ready to respond to a call on the life savers. Jerry's Point crew reported a vessel which looked like a barkentine apparently ashore off Wells beach, Me.

THIS STRIKE SETTLED.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec 5.—The strike of 400 men at the Royal City planing mills was settled to-day through the intervention of Federal Labor Commissioner Brenner. The management promised to defer the cut in wages which caused the strike, for four months and the strikers thereupon returned to work.

FATAL FACTORY FIRE.

Evansville, Ind, Dec 5.—The Mesker Iron Works and Loewenthal's commission house were burned early today. Falling walls buried several firemen. Five were taken out of the ruins more or less injured, while a sixth, Gottlieb Surbeck, was killed outright. The losses are estimated at $110,000.

U. S. S. WHEELING ARRIVES.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec 5.—The U. S. S. Wheeling arrived at Victoria yesterday from Sitka. She will stop in that port twenty-four hours, then proceed to Seattle and San Francisco. She has on board Governor Brady of Alaska, who is en route to Washington.

ARRIVAL OF STEAMERS.

New York, Dec 5.—Arrived: Steamer Columbia, from Genoa and Naples.

New York, Dec 5.—Arrived: Steamer Menominee from London.

Plymouth, Dec 5.—Arrived: Steamer Pretoria from New York for Cherbourg and Hamburg.

Southampton, Dec 5.—Arrived: Steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse from New York via Cherbourg for Bremen.

Halifax, N. S., Dec 5.—The Allan line steamer Parisian, from Liverpool, November 21, reported last night off the harbor with machinery disabled, steamed up to her pier in a heavy snow storm this morning.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Marconi System to Be Tried at La Panne.

A Mast 130 Feet High Has Been Erected — Messages Transmitted Ninety Miles — Communication Between Ships and Shore to Be Kept Up for Thirty Miles.

Washington, Dec 5.—Consul Roosevelt, at Brussels, reports to the state department that a station has been established at La Panne, Belgium, for the exchange of wireless telegraphic messages between Belgium and England. La Panne was selected on account of its being the point of the Belgium Littoral nearest the English coast and a mast of the Marconi system 130 feet high was erected there.

The Dover-Ostend mail boat, Princess Clementine, was fitted up with temporary apparatus for use in experimental trials. An additional mast was affixed to the foremast of this vessel, increasing its original height about sixty feet. From that extremity the telegraphic waves are projected toward each coast. A special room has been fitted up on the steamer for the instruments and from that room the cable is carried to the top of the extended mast. It is confidently expected to maintain communication between ship and shore for at least thirty miles, which is about half way across. With stations at La Panne and Dover those on board the vessel will be able to keep in touch with land during the entire trip across. Recent experiments showed that replies arrived with the same regularity and celerity as ordinary telegrams. When about forty miles from Ostend the captain was able to telegraph the stationmaster at Ostend the probable hour of his arrival. Various telegrams were sent from the vessel to Ostend, Brussels, Dover and London and the reception of each message was acknowledged promptly. Subsequently, the consul adds, a message was sent from the vessel to the station at Dover court, Essex, a distance of nearly ninety miles, including many miles of cliffs and sea.

Senatorial Honors Declined.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 5.—Governor Lind, who is a fusionist, has informally offered the appointment as United States senator ad interim to succeed Senator Davis to C. A. Smith, a wealthy Swedish-American lumberman of this city and a Republican. Mr. Smith has, however, declined the proffer. The governor's appointee would serve until the legislature, which meets next month, elects. One very generally credited report stated that former Governor John S. Pillsbury would be willing to accept the appointment with no expectation of being a candidate before the legislature. Confirmation was impossible as also was it in the case of reports that Moses E. Clapp had been offered the position.

Powerhouse Destroyed by Fire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—What is known as the Ridgewood powerhouse, owned by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, causing a loss of $150,000. The fire started in some unknown manner shortly before 4 o'clock, and at the risk of his life Chief Engineer C. F. Wendlard shut off the power from each of the 750 horsepower dynamos, of which there were six in the building. Three alarms were turned in. Almost immediately after the first alarm the buiding was a mass of flames, and the firemen bent most of their energy toward the saving of adjacent property.

Smallpox In New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Forty cases in the pesthouse on North Brothers island, one new case in the infected district on the west side and two deaths to date was the condition of the smallpox outbreak as reported by the board of health yesterday. None of the officials took any comfort from the fact that but one new case developed yesterday as against eight on Monday, for the smallpox has overleaped the bounds to which they had tried to confine it in the neighborhood of "All Nations' block" in West Sixty-ninth street, where it started. They are now satisfied that they will have many more cases to deal with.

Skyscraper For Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 5.—A 20 story skyscraper office building, which will be the highest in western Pennsylvania and which will cost $2,000,000, will be erected by H. C. Frick on the block bounded by Fifth avenue, Diamond and Grant streets and Scrip alley. This is opposite St. Paul's Roman Catholic cathedral and alongside the Carnegie office building, which it will overtop by six stories. Mr. Frick will also erect a mansion for himself on Squirrel hill, fronting on the Beechwood boulevard, the construction of which will cost $750,000.

Peacemaker Shot.

TISHOMINGO, I. T., Dec. 5.—Robert Patrick was shot dead by Samuel Keel while endeavoring to step in between Keel and quarreling neighbors. In a scuffle that followed Keel was shot through the shoulder and seriously wounded by Sim Tyson, who escaped. Patrick's aged father, upon hearing of his son's death, dropped dead.

Snow In Central New York.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 5.—A heavy fall of snow occurred here yesterday, causing some delay to street car traffic.

Maurice Thompson Ill.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 5.—Maurice Thompson, the distinguished Indianapolis author, is seriously ill at his home in Crawfordsville. His condition is such as to excite great alarm among his friends. He was stricken several weeks ago, but rallied somewhat. Within the last few days he has grown steadily worse.

Disastrous Fall.

BATH, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Robert Wilson fell from a hay loft in Cameron. His lantern set fire to the straw and burned the farm buildings and contents.

The czar has so far recovered that he sits up at intervals.

Lloyd J. Smith has been expelled from Chicago board of trade.

Professor F. A. Starr of Chicago university was nearly killed in attempting to board a street car.

WOMAN'S TERRIBLE DEATH.

Died While Husband and Son Try to Extinguish the Flames.

Wallingford, Dec 5.—Mrs Franklin Allen, 60 years of age, was burned to death at her home here to-day. Just exactly how it happened is not known. Mr Allen, the husband of the woman, and their son were working in the rear of the house, when they were attracted by the cries of the woman, who was rolling on the ground, her clothes a mass of flames. Before they could extinguish the fire the woman was dead. She leaves besides her husband two sons and one daughter.

REV G. CAMPBELL MORGAN.

Will Take Up the Work of Dwight L. Moody at Northfield.

East Northfield, Mass, Dec 5.—W. R. Moody has reached home after a visit to London, in the course of which he secured the consent of the Rev G. Campbell Morgan to assist in the Northfield work. In view of conflicting reports which have been made concerning the Rev Mr Morgan's coming to America, Mr Moody has made a statement in which he says that such an arrangement was planned by Dwight L. Moody before his death.

Mr Moody says that the Rev Mr Morgan will come to this country in the early summer. He will make his home in East Northfield and will attend the Northfield conferences, beginning his special Northfield extension work during the autumn.

This work has been carried on by Mr Meyer, Mr Morgan and H. W. Hope in previous years, and consists mainly of holding conventions for a week or ten days during action, in various cities, seeking thereby to awaken a deeper interest in Bible study and greater fellowship among Christian workers.

The invitation was first extended to Mr Morgan by the late D. L. Moody two years ago, and again repeated a year ago. On the death of Mr Moody it was felt there was still greater need for such a work. William R. Moody again extended the invitation to Mr Morgan, which has been favorably considered.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL CENSUS.

Bulletin Shows Thirty-one Goats and Two Mules for New Haven.

Census bulletin No 17 states that Connecticut has 7,842 neat cattle, of which 6,044 are dairy cows; 40,588 horses, 47 mules, 18 asses, 146 sheep, 4,871 swine and 234 goats. New Haven county has 1,061 neat cattle, of which 912 are dairy cows; 10,631 horses, 40 sheep, 1,383 swine and 70 goats. The city of New Haven has 94 neat cattle, of which 71 are dairy cows; 4,264 horses, 2 mules, 635 swine and 31 goats.

In the United States there are 1,466,970 neat cattle, of which 959,570 are dairy cows; 2,833,877 horses, 162,115 mules, 12,870 asses, 156,470 sheep, 1,592,861 swine and 47,652 goats. These statistics do not include domestic animals on ranches and farms.

TO LIVE IN LONDON.

Count and Countess de Castellane Negotiating For a House.

London, Dec 5.—"Count and Countess Boni de Castellane are negotiating for a house in London," says Vanity Fair, "where, in future, they will spend at least a portion of the year, as Count Boni is deeply hurt at the want of sympathy shown him by his friends and compatriots in his recent financial troubles."

SCHOONER'S CREW LOST.

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec 5.—The small schooner Mary A. Brown of Gloucester was wrecked on Hampton beach early to-day and all on board were lost. It is thought the crew numbered at least six men. At daylight Captain Smart and crew of the Hampton life saving station recovered one of the bodies from the schooner. The first intimation that the life savers had of a possible wreck was about 2 a. m., when parts of a vessel began to come ashore. With the usual signals they notified the life savers at Wallis Sands and a partol of the shore by the entire force was begun. Shortly afterward the body of the sailor was picked up and almost immediately afterward large quantities of wreckage were washed in. It is said here that it is usual for a fishing craft of her size to carry six men. The Brown was a two-masted vessel of fifteen tons gross. She was built at Bath, Me, in 1876.

ROYALTIES ON GOLD.

Seattle, Wash, Dec 5.—Major Wood, commanding the Canadian mounted police in the Yukon territory, who collects the royalties on gold, reports the collection this year on the Klondike output as amounting to nearly $900,000, about $100,000 more than was received last year. Ten per cent of the gold mined is supposed to be paid to the government, which would indicate the Klondike output for the season to have been only $9,000,000, although the general estimate has place it nearly $20,000,000.

TWO PERSONS KILLED.

Utica, Dec 5.—Two persons were killed in this city this morning by coming in contact with live electric wires. The wires had been broken from the poles by the storm during the night and hung down to the sidewalk. The first victim was a Polander about 20 years of age. He caught the wire with both hands and instantly fell to the walk dead. The second one was an Italian boy about fifteen years of age. He also placed both hands on the wire and he fell dead immediately.

COLUMBIA'S NEW CAPTAIN.

New York, Dec 5.—W. R. Morley, the captain of Columbia's 1900 football team, has been unanimously re-elected for next season. The game between the Columbia and University of California elevens at San Francisco during the Christmas holidays being now practically assured, light practice two or three times a week will be kept up by the team.

ANOTHER TROLLEY LINE.

Naugatuck and Seymour to Be Connected By One.

Application To Be Made To The General Assembly—Connecticut Lighting and Power Company Behind The Project—The Line Will Pass Through Beacon Falls and Will Be About Seven Miles Long.

Naugatuck, Conn, Dec 5.—It became known to-day that application is to be made to the coming general assembly for a charter covering trolley rights from Naugatuck to Seymour. The application, it is understood, is to be made in the interests of the Connecticut Lighting and Power company. The layout provides for a trolley line beginning at the terminus of the Connecticut Lighting and Power company's line in Naugatuck, through Beacon Falls to Seymour, a distance of about seven miles. The establishment of such a line would leave but one link missing in a through line between Waterbury and Bridgeport, namely that between Seymour and Ansonia. It is also understood that application will also be made for rights covering the territory between New Haven and Derby, which, with the Naugatuck-Seymour and the Seymour-Ansonia filled in, would afford a continuous circuit between Waterbury and New Haven.

REPUBLICAN PLUMS.

Some of the Positions That Will Be Filled Next Month.

Hartford, Dec 5.—In addition to the large number of appointments that the incoming governor will be required to make, the general assembly has considerable patronage at its disposal. Each house, of course, organizes separately and appoints its own officers. The senate elects a clerk, a chaplain, two messengers, six doorkeepers and a janitor to the cloak room. The house chooses a clerk, an assistant clerk, a chaplain, four messengers and six doorkeepers. Within three days after the organization of the general assembly the senate and the speaker of the house must appoint a clerk of bills. Samuel A. Eddy of North Canaan held this responsible and lucrative position during the last session. George A. Holcombe of Hartford was the assistant clerk.

The senate has several appointments to make independently. It will elect trustees for the Connecticut hospital for the insane to succeed Elijah K. Hubbard and Frank B. Weeks of Middletown, Dr William D. Morgan of Hartford, Costello Lippitt of Norwich, William B. Foster of Vernon and Timothy E. Hopkins of Killingly. The senate will also elect trustees of the Connecticut School for Boys to succeed Francis H. Parker of Hartford, John C. Bxxbee, John W. Coe and Eugene A. Hall of Meriden and Charles E. Brown of Bridgeport. Trustees of the Connecticut agricultural college will also be elected by the senate to succeed William E. Simonds of Canton, T. S. Gold of West Cornwall and S. O. Bowen of Eastford.

The senate will also appoint trustees for the Bacon academy; bridge commissioners for the Middletown and Portland bridge, the Rope Ferry bridge, the Suffield and Thompsonville bridge, and the Windsor Locks and Warehouse Point bridge, and ferry commissioners for Bissell's ferry, the Glastonbury and Rocky Hill ferry, the East Haddam and Tylerville ferry, the Hadlyme and Chester ferry, the Middle Haddam and Maromas ferry, the New London and Groton ferry and the Saybrook and Lyme steam ferry.

Among the appointments which the general assembly will make are the following: Members of the state library committee to succeed Secretary of State Huber Clark of Willimantic and Judge William Hamersley of Hartford; members of the state board of education to succeed George M. Carrington of Winchester and Prof William G. Sumner of New Haven; state auditor to succeed D. Ward Northrop of Middletown; members of the commission of sculpture to succeed the late Charles Dudley Warner of Hartford, Charles Noel Flagg of Hartford, and Kirk H. Leavens of Norwich.

About the most important patronage at the disposal of the general assembly is the county commissioner plums. The contest for these positions, especially in the larger counties, is frequently very breezy and aggressive. Occasionally it is hinted that indefensible methods are resorted to. The nominees are chosen at the party caucuses of the senators and representatives from the different counties, and in some cases tremendous pressure is brought to bear upon the members.

The terms of the following county commissioners will shortly expire and the general assembly will name the successors: Hartford county, Edward W. Dewey of Granby; New Haven county, Hart D. Munson of New Haven; New London county, B. F. Williams of Stonington; and Gilbert Hewitt of Norwich; Fairfield county, Whiteman S. Mead of Greenwich; Windham county, Herbert Cortis of Thompson; Litchfield county, George W. Hall of Canaan; Middlesex county, George A. Olcott of Clinton; Tolland county, John Thompson of Ellington.

SECTION HANDS KILLED.

Grand Trunk Railway Engine Crashed Into an End Car.

Inglewood Junction, Ontario, Dec 5.—An engine on the grand trunk railway near here early to-day crashed into an end car on which were riding five section hands who were going to work. Every man was killed instantly, several of them being badly mangled. The driver and stoker of the engine escaped unhurt.

HOBSON'S SPEEDY RECOVERY.

New York, Dec 5.—At the Presbyterian hospital it was said to-day that Lieutenant Hobson, who is ill there with typhoid fever, passed a very comfortable night, and that the conditions were generally favorable for a speedy recovery.

FOUND IN THE STREET.

John Kenney Died After Being Taken To The Hospital.

About 8 o'clock last night Patrolman M. Sullivan and Sergeant Blakeley found John Kenney of Hopkins street lying on Meadow street, opposite Canal street, with a bad gash in his head and a cut on his nose. They did not know the man at the time and as he was unconscious and unable to give any account of himself he was taken to the police station where he was identified by Selectman Doran. Dr Poore was called and ordered the patient sent to the hospital where he lingered until 4 o'clock this morning, when he passed away. Word was sent to his wife and she visited him at the institution. Acting Medical Examiner Graves reported the case to the coroner, who telephoned not to embalm the body until after he arrives here to-morrow morning. The remains were removed to Mulville's morgue where they will remain until the coroner comes here.

Mr Kenney had been working for Contractor McManus and left the house yesterday morning to collect some money there was due him and that was the last his wife heard of him until Officer Noonan broke the sad news to her last night. How he met with his injuries is not known. Some say he fell and struck against the street while others assert that his injuries looked as though he had been struck from behind and then fell over on his face. The man who first saw him and reported his presence on the street to the police is not known, although he accompanied the party to the station and remained there until the patient was placed in the ambulance, but it is not likely that he knows anything about the case beyond the fact that he happened along there and saw the man on the street and felt it a duty to report to the police.

Mr Kenney was injured some time ago by a fall on Bishop street and came near dying from the effects of his wounds, still he came out of it all right and appeared to be doing well the past few months. He was born on Green street in the City of Kilkenny, Ireland, but came to this country in his boyhood and resided here ever since. He leaves a widow and children.

AN OLD IRISH SCHOOLMASTER.

Under the new pressure the old race of classical pedagogs dwindled and vanished. A few, a very few of the fine old scholars still linger rare as the red deer of Erin. One of the last of the species was discovered five or six years ago by William O'Brien, M. P., in the person of Tom Duffy, poor, old, emaciated, of Kochadn-nyalla (the little lake of the cliff), near Croagh Patrick. The old man, resting on a rock on the bleak mountain side, looked about ninety at the least.

"What does that matter?" he asked indignantly, as soon as he began to rouse his faculties and shake his stick. "I was just on my way to smoke a pipe with an older man than myself, away back—nil ego contulerim jocundo sanus amico." The classic words warmed him like old wine. His head was thrown back, his eyes afire, his voice rolled vigorously from the chest, his oak stick partook the enthusiasm, while he burst into whole pages of Horace, and Virgil, and Ovid. It was not in the least a matter of display, it was simply audible soliloquy. It was the delight of learning for learning's sake, such as one dares not hope to find in a lackadaisical modern university. Prosody transformed him like one of Dr Faustus's potions. While I was humbly wondering at his Latin quantities he was off into Greek verse. A collection was subsequently made for the aged scholar. When the local clergyman presented it to him, Magister Duffy remarked: "Pedagogus iste totaliter extinctus est."—P. G. Smith in Donahue's.

REPUBLICANS WIN.

The borough election held in West Haven yesterday almost buried the democrats. Both parties were confident of victory and even the most confident republicans thought the election would be close. The polls were opened at 12 o'clock and were not closed until 8 o'clock in the evening. The ballots dropped in slowly until about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when the number of voters swelled perceptibly. In all 1,021 votes were cast, the republican candidates getting an average of about 650.

GALE IN LITCHFIELD.

Litchfield, Conn, Dec 5.—It was learned here this morning that during the storm of yesterday afternoon, much more damage was done than was at first supposed. A number of trees were blown down and on the outskirts of the town the roof of the grand stand at the ball grounds was blown off. In several instances windows were broken by the force of the gale.

MINERS ENTOMBED.

Scranton, Dec 5.—A serious cave-in occurred this morning at the Nay Aug mines, near Dunmore. It is reported that fifty or more miners are entombed. Great excitement prevails in the district, and it is impossible just now to get the particulars.

The rescuing party, after nearly three hours' work, succeeded in digging into the chamber where the men were entombed. All were found alive and scarcely any of them were injured.

CITY NEWS.

Edith Farrell, an inmate of the almshouse, was to-day removed to the insane asylum by the order of the probate court.

Carl M. Chapin, son of Editor Chapin, and Lester Magraw, son of Janitor Magraw of the court house, are candidates for the Bronson library scholarship in Yale college. At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Bronson library, which will be held some time this month, the scholarship will be awarded to the candidate who has the highest marks

HE DENOUNCES IT.

Father Slocum Indignant at Fake Story Sent Out.

DID NOT MENTION TAMMANY.

In His Sermon Last Sunday—He Asked the Papers That Published the Story to Contradict It—The Bridgeport Morning Union Complied With His Request—Will Endeavor to Ferret Out the Sender of the False News.

Father Slocum feels very much aggrieved, and naturally so, too, at the fake report of his sermon of last Sunday sent out from here to the New York Sun, and also to some of the state papers. He was in Hartford yesterday and knew nothing about it until his attention was called to it there. On arriving home Father Slocum telephoned to the Bridgeport Union regarding the matter and was informed that the report was sent out from Waterbury to the Sun and came from the Sun to the Union.

To-day's Union says: "Rev William J. Slocum, pastor of the church of the Immaculate Conception, and one of the highest standing clergymen in the Roman Catholic diocese of Hartford, who was accredited with attacking Bishop Potter and upholding the cause of the Tammany vice crusaders, strongly denies that he ever made such a statement. He denounces the story sent out as 'an infamous tissue of lies,' and says that he intends to proceed further in the matter. He has not yet been able to learn who sent the story out from Waterbury, but will take steps to do so. He denied that he attacked Bishop Potter and states that he does not know Richard Croker or the other Tammany leaders mentioned in the article.

"Father Slocum in an interview with a Morning Union representative, yesterday, made the above statements."

Father Slocum has also forwarded a denial to the New York papers.

No class of readers were more surprised at the article than those who listened to Father Slocum's sermon. They state that the report as published in the Union was a pure fabrication and did the reverend gentleman a rank injustice. A Democrat reporter talked with Father Slocum on the subject today and, while he did not say much, it was plain that the thing had stung him to the quick. He said that he made no reference in his remarks, to Tammany hall or to Bishop Potter and his reform work, and could not understand why any one should have said so. He has no acquaintance with the leaders of Tammany and does not care whether they are Catholics or Protestants and feels that those who know him personally or by reputation would never dream of accusing him of treating a subject in that manner from his pulpit. He has decided to make an effort to find out the name of the person who sent out the report and if he succeeds, the end is not yet. But it is a question, though, if he will be able to make anything out of it. The newspaper assassin is hedged around by so many precautionary wiles it is difficult to get at him, and, consequently, he escapes on account of the herculean task that detection entails.

MARK TWAIN BARS REPORTERS.

A Banquet in His Honor Last Night Had No Reporters Present.

New York, Dec 5.—Mark Twain was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Aldine association last night, at which 250 members and guests were present. Hamilton W. Mabie acted as toastmaster.

Among the speakers were John Fox, Jr; Bishop Potter, Winston Churchill, John K. Bangs, Joseph Jefferson, F. Hopkinson Smith, Augustus Thomas, James W. Alexander, Captain Joshua Slocum and George Haven Putnam.

None but members of the club and their guests were admitted to the banquet hall. To the newspaper reporters it was announced that one of the conditions which Mark Twain imposed when he accepted the invitation was that reporters should not be allowed to be present while the speaking was going on.

AMERICAN GIRL'S MARRIAGE.

The Consul General For Germany at Calcutta Weds a Kentucky Girl.

London, Dec 5.—Boran Herman Speck Von Sternberg, formerly secretary of the German legation at Washington, and recently appointed consul general for Germany at Calcutta, was married quietly this afternoon at St George's church, Hanover square, to Miss Lilliam May Langham, of Louisville, Ky. The mother and two sisters of the bride were present. Joseph H. Choate, the United States ambassador, supported the bridegroom.

ARBITRATION NOT IN SIGHT.

The Hague, Dec 5.—During the debate on the budget in the second chamber here to-day, the premier, Dr Pierson, declared he could not at present foresee the psychological moment when the Netherlands would be able to propose arbitration between Great Britain and the Transvaal.

BODY IDENTIFIED.

Hartford, Dec 5.—The body of the unknown man who died from injuries received in a trolley accident on Thanksgiving day, was identified today as Michael Thorpie, 60 years of age, an employe of the brick yard at Parkville. The man has relatives in New Britain.

WOMEN GO ON STRIKE.

New Haven, Dec 5.—Thirty-five lace finishers employed by the Newman & Son's corset factory went out on a strike to-day. The strikers are all women and are dissatisfied with their wages.