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CRASH AT LONDON

Twelve Firms Go Down Because One Suspended.

LORD DUFFERIN AFFLICTED.

He Was Chairman of the London and Globe Corporation, Which Was the First Company to Suspend—Was Just About to Start, in Company With Lady Dufferin, for South Africa—His Son, Lord Frederick, Was Wounded in Monday's Battle.

London, Dec 29.—The suspension of the London and Globe Finance corporation has been followed to-day by the hammering on the stock exchange of twelve firms, as follows: Haggard, Hale & Pixley, Garle & Driver, Douglass, Jr, & Co, Cornfoot Brothers, F. A. Cohen, Blockey & Buckinbham, Gunn & Aubrey, Richards & Sloper, Baker & Smith, F. C. Watts & Co, Flower & Co and F. Boully & Co. The first named is a big firm with important connections. It is feared a number of small jobbers will be affected.

While the difficulties of the firms closely connected with the London and Globe division were largely discounted, the repeated fall of the hammer this morning caused a great sensation. It is feared the full list of failures is not yet known.

According to a dispatch received from London, the financial papers there announced this morning that some trouble was disclosed on the stock exchange yesterday in the West Australian market, resulting in a considerable fall in the shares of the London and Glove Finance corporation, limited, and Le Roi Mining company, limited. Seven firms had checks returned by the clearing house.

This, the dispatch adds, does not imply failure, however, as it is thought that the usual period of grace allowed will enable the firms to meet their engagements.

Almost the whole interest on the stock exchange to-day centered in the West Australian market, the condition of which sympathetically affected the others. All the shares of the London and Globe group toppled, especially Lake Views and Le Roi No 2. The shares of the latter were yesterday quoted at 23, but to-day they are unsaleable at 4. The London and Globe is also heavily involved in the British Columbian market. The situation is not yet cleared up, as the rumors of arrangements to assist the London and Globe are not credited in well informed circles. There is greatest indignation against Whitaker Wright, who is the fountain-head of the concern, and others of the London and Globe group. There has been somewhat of a recovery in Lake Views since yesterday evening.

The chairman of the London and Globe Finance corporation, limited, is the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, the former governor-general of Canada. The failure of the concern of which he is the head adds one more sorrow to the closing chapter of his life, for he is to-day preparing to start for South Africa, in company with Lady Dufferin, in consequence of the serious condition of his son, Lord Frederick Temple Blackwood, the lieutenant in the Ninth Lancers, who was wounded Monday at Glenfontein.

Lord Dufferin's fellow directors are Whitaker Wright, who is well known in connection with many companies; Lieutenant-General the Hon Somerset J. Gough-Calthorpe, who has been colonel-in-chief of the Fifth Dragoon Guards since 1892, and Lord Pelham-Clinton, master of the queen's household and a son of the former Duke of Newcastle. Lord Dufferin holds 5,0 shares of the London and Globe and 20,000 British Americas.

It is scarcely a year since Lord Dufferin lost his eldest son, the Earl of Ava, who died at Ladysmith. He is now encompassed by family grief and his honored name is dragged in the financial mire.

RACE AGAINST TIME.

Mail Train from Chicago Trying to Catch Steamer Campania.

Chicago, Dec 29.—The Times-Herald says: An exciting race to make connections with the mails for England is in progress. A New York Central train is tearing across the country to catch the steamer Campania before she starts from New York for Liverpool to-day. The Campania is to leave at 11:30 o'clock, and the train with the New Zealand and Australian mails left Chicago at 10 o'clock yesterday with instructions to make an extra quick trip to get the mails on board the steamer.

The special effort is made because the mail contains some important documents from the New Zealand government that should reach London January 5. It has been arranged to have a special tender at the foot of Fortieth street, North river, New York, to take the mails to the Campania.

The mail cannot possibly reach the station before 11 o'clock, at which time the Campania is advertised to sail. The Cunard line has decided to hold the ship back for a half hour and then the vessel will proceed slowly down the bay until she is overtaken by the tender.

GENERAL MANAGER.

St Louis, Mo, Dec 29.—In a series of circulars just issued by the Southern railway, announcement is made of the taking over of the Louisville and St Louis Air line, the appointment of George C. Smith as general manager, and the consolidation of the Air Line property and all the lines of the Southern in Kentucky under the operating title of the St Louis-Louisville lines.

JEALOUSY THE CAUSE.

Cleveland, O., Dec 29.—In a fit of jealous rage late last night Martin Terpel, 48 years old, fatally stabbed his wife Caroline, aged 38 years, and his son Matthew, aged 16 years. Then he shot himself through the heart, dying instantly.

TRAINING SHIP LOST.

All Hands, Number About 121, Perish With The Vessel.

Victoria, B. C., Dec 29.—The steamer Rio Jun Maru brings news that the Japanese training ship Tsukishima Maru has been lost with all hands, numbering 121, near Namadzu, Japan. She was long missing and the warship Midsasha was sent to search for her without avail. It was not until wreckage from her, together with the body of Captain Matsumate, her commander, was washed ashore that the mystery of her disappearance was cleared up. She foundered during a typhoon at the end of November in Sunga bay. Not one of her company escaped.

The steamer Inushima Maru was lost on December 8 by striking a rock in Alaska bay. A man was saved by a passing steamer, but the others were lost.

From Osaka comes news that the bark Katokugawa Maru was lost off Toss province with all on board on December 9.

The bark Kamijix Maru was lost on December 4. The crew of sixteen were picked up after being in the boats several days without food.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE.

From Governor of Bombay for Alleviating Famine in India.

New York, Dec 29.—William T. Fee, United States consul at Bombay, according to a letter received here, has received from Lord Northcote, governor of Bombay, an expression of gratitude for assistance rendered by Americans in alleviating the distress from the recent famine in India. In his letter Lord Northcote says:

"American missionaries, philanthropists, and, I may say, American men and women of every class, have come forward, many to give personal help, others pecuniary assistance, in a spirit of kindness and generosity, which the people of India will long remember with gratitude.

"May I be permitted, therefore, on behalf of the presidency, to express to you, and ask you to convey to your countrymen, our warm acknowledgment and sincere gratitude for the repeated acts of charity and kindness which the unhappy sufferers from famine have received from the hands of your humane and generous nation."

M'DONALD IS DEAD.

The Slayer of Auditor F. H. Morris Died This Morning.

Washington, Dec 29.—Samuel McDonald, who one week ago shot and killed F. H. Morris, auditor for the war department, died this morning at the Emergency hospital from the self-inflicted wounds he received at the time of the murder. McDonald, after killing Morris, cut his own throat and shot himself near the heart. It was thought he had a fair chance of recovery, owing to his remarkable physique, but he was determined to die and so informed attendants at the hospital. For two days he refused nourishment as far as possible and this morning at 7 o'clock died quietly and without a struggle. The physicians say that death was due more than anything else to McDonald's determination not to live.

SHOT FOUR MEN.

One of Them Now Dead—MacDonnell in Charge of Coroner.

New York, Dec 29.—Miles B. MacDonnell, charged with shooting four men during a fight early Friday morning, was arraigned in police court today. The technical charge was felonious shooting, but later a charge of homicide was made. George Price, one of the men shot, having died yesterday.

MacDonnell was remanded to the custody of the coroner.

STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

New York, Dec 29.—The Bristol City line steamer Brooklyn City, Captain King, which arrived this morning from Bristol and Swansea, reports having sighted on Sunday, December 16, in latitude 50, longitude 26, a distressed steamer with another steamer standing by. The latter had evidently been towing the former as they were hauling in the hawser at the time. Captain King said that he could see that the distressed vessel had lost her propeller and tail shaft. Signals were set on the Brooklyn City asking the names of the vessels, receiving no reply, she proceeded on her course. A strong southwest gale and thick misty rain with heavy sea prevailed at the time.

REGULAR STEAMER LINES.

Stockholm, Dec 29.—The commission for the promotion of Sweden's foreign commerce proposes the establishment of regular steamer lines to the United States and South America, particularly the United States, whence imports are rapidly growing, while Swedish exports are unimportant. Sweden, at present, receives American goods chiefly through London, Hamburg and Antwerp, and they appear in Swedish statistics as not from the United States. The commission proposes bounties for the two lines to the United States and South America, and also sets forth that bountied lines from Sweden to Prussia are desirable.

DIAMOND ROBBERIES.

San Francisco, Cal, Dec 29.—Daring diamond robberies have been of a recent occurrence in this city of late. Over $4,000 worth of jewels were taken from three residences. Good descriptions of the thieves were obtained and the police have now in custody three men believed to be prominent eastern crooks. They are Eugene Changine and Fred Ranquest of New York city and Charles Lowell of Washington, D. C. Changine and Lowell have confessed to one of the recent burglaries.

SUPERINTENDENT DEAD.

Newburg, N. Y., Dec 29.—Dr R. V. K. Montfort, for forty years superintendent of public schools of Newburg, died this morning. In September, 1862, Dr Montmort entered the federal army as assistant surgeon in the 124th New York Volunteer infantry, and was one of the five officers who served with that regiment during the whole of the Civil war.

RAIN, FOG AND DIRT

Were the Features in London During Christmas Week.

Englishmen Are Crying for the Heads of Some of the War Officials—Gradual Removal of the Social Barriers Is Progressing—House for Habitual Drunkards Secured at Glasgow.

London, Dec 29.—Miserable rain, fog and dirt made Christmas week of evil memory for England. Depressing gloom, in thorough harmony with the weather, settled over the country. The coasts were strewn with wrecks, commerce was out of joint and the public was bitterly digesting the criticism of the British army. The demand for Major-General Sir Henry E. Colvile's resignation, thrown as a sop, only served to whet the ravenous appetites of those who are howling for the responsibility of the reverses in South Africa being brought home to individuals. More heads are demanded. Where so many must be blamable it is felt that the selection of General Colvile is woefully inadequate, if not unfair. Indeed, it is already said that had not the yeomanry force at Lindley, which Colvile failed to relieve, included some of the nobility and other influential persons, Colvile would never have been recalled. The bitterness felt by these yeomanry at being compelled to surrender because, as they allege, Colvile refused to render the aid within his power, has never died out and it will probably result in one of the most interesting courtmartials in the annals of the British army, upon the result of which will depend the fate of several other high officers who have proved unequal to the occasion.

The liberal papers comment severely on the acceptance by the war office of a contingent of Maoris from New Zealand. The Star says: "The effect on the Dutch of this stupid blunder will be terrible. After declining to employ Indian troops, we are taking a paltry hundred Maoris. This will not only infuriate the Dutch, but it will insult the Indian troops, who will regard it as a declaration of their inferiority to an inferior colored race. Go on, O government of muddlers: even the gods could not save you from your own invincible folly."

However, there are signs of the dawn of that common sense, the lack of which the English critics so deplore in the military system, for the cavalry now going out to South Africa is now discarding the lance and carbine and substituting rifles and sabres. After over a year's fighting the authorities have awakened to the utter uselessness of lances and carbines, considering that thousands of British soldiers have never seen a Boer during the many engagements.

While Great Britain is tied hand and foot to South Africa, the navy, which is not escaping the wave of criticism, is quietly increasing its strength and morale. For months both men and ships have been kept in an unusual state of readiness, and there are now building in British yards no fewer than eleven battleships, nineteen cruisers and fourteen smaller vessels, totalling nearly 400,000 tons. These exclude vessels which have been tried but are unfinished.

The gradual removal of the social barriers which formerly restricted English political and educational life was never better instanced than by the appointment this week of Joseph Owen to a fellowship at Oxford. Six years ago Mr Owen was a mill hand at Oldham, helping to support his poor parents. He attended at night the university extension lectures and so much ability did he show that the lecturers got up a fund and sent him to the great university, where, with his wife, he settled down in a humble cottage. He knew no Greek and little Latin. His first success came when he won the Brackenburg history scholarship, to the surprise of many learned, aristocratic competitors. Four years of determined, up-hill work passed and the final examinations drew near. On a position in these depended Mr Owen's whole future. A few weeks before the ordeal his young wife died suddenly. Mr Owens's friends thought it impossible for him to accomplish anything, but the mill hand's grit stood the strain and Mr Owen gained the coveted first class, with the degree. His appointment as extension lecturer quickly followed, and Mr Owen lectured where, six years previously, he had studied. The climax in his career came this week when Pembroke college elected Mr Owen, out of all the Oxonians, to the lucrative and honored post of fellowship.

There are few original pictures of General Washington in England, hence the discovery of another miniature is interesting. It is by Sam Folwell and is dated 1791. Another by the same artist is now in the possession of the Historical Society of Philadelphia, dated 1795. The new find is supposed to be an excellent likeness. It represents Washington wearing a pigtail.

Glasgow, which the Christmas and New Year season, has made notorious for the drunkenness exhibited in its streets, has acquired possession of an old mansion house situated in a deserted part of Ayrshire, at a cost of £7,000, where habitual drunkards will be sent for terms varying from three months to two years. The authorities hope to effect cures by making the inmates do farm work.

FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec 29.—Fire, which for a time threatened with destruction the vast retail store of Marshall Field Co, was discovered on the third floor shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. Before the fire department arrived the flames had eaten its way into the upholstery department on the fourth floor. A general alarm was turned in, and by hard work the fire was confined to those two floors. The damage will not exceed $25,000, mohtly by water.

M'INTYRE RESIGNS.

New York, Dec 29.—Assistant District Attorney McIntyre resigned from his position to-day, and Charles E. L. Bardier was appointed in his place

THE NAUGATUCK MYSTERY.

Reported That Melberg Was Murdered By a Woman Who Escaped.

Naugatuck, Dec 29.—The inquiry into the Cotton Hollow road house mystery, which is being conducted by Deputy Coroner Pond, has apparently followed the theory that Gerald Melberg, whose body was found in a dooryard of the house early last Sunday morning, was murdered by a woman. The deputy coroner, in reply to questions, said that clues now in his possession point to that theory, but he declined to indicate more explicitly the nature of the evidence. He says he has the case well in hand, and he expects to have the mystery cleared up by next Monday. A young man living in Naugatuck, who was in the road house Saturday and Sunday, is said to have given important testimony. According to his story, Melberg went to the room at 10:30, accompanied by a woman. About 2 o'clock Melberg went down stairs, and shortly after his return was heard quarreling with the woman. The young man is reported to have said that a piece of lead pipe, encased in a rubber tube, was the weapon that was used to crush Melberg's skull. The woman left the house early Sunday morning and has not since returned.

The Naugatuck correspondent of the Democrat sent word this afternoon that Chief-of-Police Schmidt had received a letter from some person whose name cannot be made known at present, saying that he knows all about the case, and that if the coroner sends for him he will tell his story. He says Melberg was murdered by a woman.

MERIDEN PRIEST SUED.

Father McAlenney Was Executor of the Cassidy Estate.

The Dime Savings bank of Waterbury, through its counsel, Attorney Cole, made another attempt yesterday to gain a standing in court in the suit against the Rev Paul F. McAlenney, pastor of St Rose's church in Meriden.

The bank sues Father McAlenney for $3,000, the basis of the suit being an alleged mortgage against property of the late Joseph Cassidy, who made Father McAlenney his heir and executor ten years ago. The property, which was duly distributed that time, amounted to $23,000, and Father McAlenney was a large beneficiary.

Mr Cole asserts that Father McAlenney as executor of the Cassidy estate, recognized the bank's claim, which was a mortgage of $1,800, for a time, and that he paid the interest, but finally discovering that Cassidy had no equity in the property, stopped payment.

Suit was first brought two years ago but has been delayed in several pleadings, the plaintiff having been invariably overruled because he failed to bring the suit against Father McAlenney as executor. He now endeavors to have Father McAlenney made a party to the suit as executor. Judge Wheeler reserved decision.

FAMINE INCREASING.

To Such an Extent That Human Flesh Is Offered for Sale.

Victoria, B. C., Dec 29. — News is brought by the Rio Jun Maru that "Boxer" proclamations have been found in Seoul, calling upon Corean Boxers to expel all foreigners, including Japanese. Similar proclamations have been issued by Hi Yung Hick and party. The anti-foreign movement in Corea is reported to be increasing in such a number as to cause much uneasiness. In South Corea two missionaries were assaulted and robbed of all they had.

The famine in Shan Si is increasing and is causing much cannibalism. Human flesh is offered for sale, and officials are unable to prevent it.

Dispatches from Seoul tell of the Russian advance into Corea, they having captured Hoojo and Anlong Kun. The Japanese government has made a protest against the invasion.

MAIL STEAMER IS LOST.

Chicago, Dec 29.—A special to the Record from Seattle, says: The steamers Bertha and Dolphin arrived from Southwestern Alaska last night with news tending to sustain the belief that the United States mail steamer Tillamook of San Francisco, so long overdue from Dutch Harbor, is lost. Information has been received to the effect that the steamer City of Topeka, which piled up on the rocks of Sullivan Island, Lynn canal, three weeks ago, will be floated and saved.

STEAMER 32 HOURS LATE.

London, Dec 29.—Quantities of wreckage thrown upon the different coasts are taken as forecasts of disasters from the gale that have not yet been reported. The Great Western Railway Co's steamer, plying between Milford and Waterford, has just reached Waterford 32 hours late.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, Dec 29.—For Connecticut: Fair to-night and Sunday; fresh west to south winds.

Weather notes: Pleasant weather prevails this morning in all sections except in the extreme northwest and along the west Gulf coast. There has been a rise of 10 to 20 degrees in temperature in the northwest and a corresponding fall in the central and eastern sections.

	Barom.	Tem.	W.	Wea.
Bismark	29.60	26	SW	Clear
Boston	29.96	24	W	Clear
Buffalo	30.06	28	W	Pt Cldy
Cincinnati	30.28	20	NW	Cloudy
Chicago	30.16	14	SW	Clear
Denver	30.18	16	SW	Clear
Helena	29.90	26	W	Cloudy
Jacksonville	30.04	56	N	Cloudy
Kansas City	30.22	18	S	Clear
Nantucket	29.96	28	NW	Clear
New Haven	30.04	22	NW	Clear
New Orleans	30.08	48	NE	Rain'g
New York	30.08	26	NW	Clear
Northfield	29.92	20	SW	Pt Cldy
Pittsburg	30.22	26	NW	Cloudy
St Louis	30.28	22	SW	Pt Cldy
St Paul	29.82	18	S	Clear
Washington	30.18	24	NW	Clear
Hatteras	30.10	44	N	Pt Cldy

WORK IS NEARLY DONE.

The Hazing Committee Heard More Evidence To-Day.

General MacArthur's Son Was Given Such a Severe Hazing That He Fainted—Cadet Booz Sick Only Once While at the Point.

West Point, N. Y., Dec 29.—The military court of inquiry, which has been investigating the charges of brutal hazing at the West Point academy will, it is expected, finish the taking of testimony to-day.

Some of the cadets who were examined yesterday gave evidence which showed conclusively that within the last two years there were instances of men being so severely hazed that they fainted.

Cadet Douglas MacArthur, son of General MacArthur, was mentioned by several cadets as one of the men who succumbed to the severity of the hazing practiced on him. When he was called before the court, however, he tried to make light of the matter, and denied that he had been attacked with convulsions on one occasion after exercising and said that it was only "a cramping of the muscles."

When asked by the court to give the names of the men who hazed him, MacArthur appealed to the three generals and asked if it was absolutely necessary that he should answer. General Brooke told him that he must answer, and then the young fellow could or would only mention one name, that of Cadet Dockery of the how second class.

Cadet John C. Pegram of Virginia, who was recalled, acknowledged that he had hazed a man named Kenzel to such an extent that he fainted.

When the court was called to order at 9:30 o'clock Lieutenant-Colonel Otto L. Hein, commandant of cadets, resumed his testimony.

He produced the superintendent's sick reports, which showed that Cadet Booz had reported sick only once while he was at the academy. He was excused on that occasion from one drill. The records made it clear that Booz had never been absent from breakfast, dinner or supper while he was a cadet at West Point.

An extract from the records was read to show that Booz had availed himself of the Saturday evening privileges of going anywhere within the reservation on Saturday, August 6, the day of his fight with Keller. Booz reported his going away at 1:58 p. m. and his return at 3:18 p. m.

In reply to General Clous the witness said that in the summer of 1899 through anonymous letters the brutal hazing of Cadets MacArthur and Haskell came to the knowledge of the academy officials. An investigation was immediately ordered, but no information as to the facts could be elicited from any of those examined, among whom were MacArthur and Haskell.

The regulations prohibiting hazing provided punishment for hazers and hazed alike.

In telling of the agreement made by the fourth class men in 1899, among whom were Cadets MacArthur and Grant, not to submit to hazing, Colonel Hein said: "I called the class together, it was a very large one, and explained to them the rules and regulations prohibiting hazing. I told them that if they would agree not to submit to hazing and promise not to haze any one themselves they would rid the academy of a foul blot on its reputation. Soon afterwards they appealed to me to be released from this agreement, but I refused."

"I also heard," continued the witness, "that candidates preparing at Highland Falls were being hazed, and I made an investigation, the outcome of which was the severe punishment of the guilty cadets."

The remainder of the commandant's testimony was mainly an explanation of the measures taken by the authorities to suppress hazing at the academy.

Speaking of hazing in general, Colonel Hein said: "Hazing is traditional and I am sorry to say is thought by persons inside as well as outside of the academy to be commendable, and as long as students hear it spoken of in this way it will be impossible for the authorities to stamp it out."

"What methods do you think could be used to stamp out the calling out of fourth class men and subsequent fistic encounters?" asked General Clous.

"Why, I consider that a form of hazing, and as long as the cadets do not live up to the agreement not to submit to hazing, and the upper class men do not cease interfering with them, it will be impossible to suppress it."

BRUTALLY TREATED.

Riverside, Cal, Dec 29.—At Casa Blanca, four miles south of here, an infuriated mob of fifteen laborers, composed of white men and Mexicans, visited a Chinese camp and commanded eight occupants of a tent to throw up their hands. The request was promptly obeyed, and immediately the frightened celestials were placed in a farm wagon and hauled to the Santa Ana river bottom, several miles distant, where they were subjected to most brutal treatment. After they had succeeded in beating their helpless victims almost into insensibility, the ruffians hastily took their departure. Several of the Chinese are seriously wounded. The origin of the trouble is due to the discharge from a packing house of several Mexican girls and the substitution of Chinese help. George Dunham and Andrew and Adolph Selvas have been arrested.

JUDGE GARY'S DINNER.

Chicago, Dec 29.—Judge E. H. Gary, president of the Federal Steel company, gave a dinner last night to the directors, subordinate officers and chiefs of departments of the corporation, of which he is the head. The announcement was made that $1,000,000 would be expended in the erection of a structural iron department, in connection with the Illinois Steel works at South Chicago. This means the employment of 2,000 additional men, and that the working force of the manufacturing plant would then be between 8,000 and 9,000.

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

Decided By Judge Wheeler in the Clowes vs Miller Case.

Judge Wheeler of the superior court has decided a very important point in the complex litigation known as the Clowes vs Miller case. The point decided was the defendant's demurrer, which was, that Obadiah Randolph, as administrator of the estate of Edward Randolph, Mr Clowes' former partner, had not the legal right to enter into an agreement with Mr Clowes by which he was to hand over certain stock upon Mr Clowes' tendering him the price, $72,000. On this point hours were spent in heated and learned argument because it was important that it should be decided against Mr Clowes in order that the plant of Randolph & Clowes should not be removed from the city, as he has theatened to do. Now the superior court rules that the administrator had the right to dispose of this $72,000 worth of stock to Mr Clowes upon his tendering the money. It will be recalled by those who have followed up this complicated matter that some time ago Mr Clowes' backers came to town with the above named amount of money in cash to offer Mr Miller and though they searched him high and low they could not find him. It was claimed then that Mr Miller was in hiding. The meaning of the ruling of the court is that Mr Clowes has a just cause or action against Mr Miller and that he is entitled to purchase the stock provided he has the necessary cash. The defendant will now proceed to file an answer, that he will try to build another fence around himself. A motion to amend the answer in the suit of the New Haven Trust company against Watson M. Hurlburt was allowed.

PRESIDENT HALL'S DENIAL.

New Haven, Conn, Dec 29.—President John M. Hall of the Consolidated road denies absolutely that any plans are in contemplation to enlarge at Worcester as a freight terminal, improve extensively the Norwich and Worcester divisions, or change heads of departments on the Consolidated railroad system. The directors of the company have been considering for a numbr of months some consolidation of divisions, but no conclusions have been reached.

A NEW ORGANIZATION.

San Francisco, Dec 29.—The American Ship Masters' association has been organized here, its object being to work for the enactment of such legislation as may be needed to protect the master of a vessel in the discharge of his duties. One hundred licensed ship masters have signed the roll. Branches will be established at San Pedro, Seattle and New York.

ONE MAN KILLED.

Ayer, Mass, Dec 29.—A freight wreck occurred near here just before noon to-day. One man was killed and several injured. Seventeen cars were derailed, and some of them wrecked.

CITY NEWS.

Miss Lillian McCarthy of Wolcott street is spending a short vacation with friends in Branford.

A month's mind mass of requiem will be celebrated at the Immaculate Conception church Monday morning at 8 o'clock for the late John Gloster.

There will be a special meeting of Court Vigilant, F. of A., at 8 o'clock this evening to take action on the death of John Horigan, a brother member.

The members of the St Joseph's T. A. B. society and their friends will enjoy a smoker in the society's rooms to-night. The best of talent in the line of dancing, singing and so on, has been secured for the evening's amusement. A good time is in store for all who attend.

The Southern New England Telephone company is considering a practical system of duplexing telephone wires by which, using an auxiliary telephone, conversation with two persons may be held simultaneously on the same wire. This system has been adopted by the Chicago Telephone company.

Lewis of the defunct Meriden team, who has been reserved by Manager Parsons of Waterbury, has signed with Hartford and will play there to-night against the Waterbury team, Schiffer, the boy wonder, who has failed to make any headway against Jean or Holderness, is slated for dismissal.

At a largely attended meeting of Court Wolf Tone, F. of A., last night, in G. A. R. hall, the following officers were elected: Thomas Egan, chief ranger; John O'Neil, sub-chief ranger; Hugh Keenan, financial secretary; William O'Donnell, recording secretary; James Coughlan, treasurer; Dr Hayes, physician; People's Drug store, druggist; board of trustees, John Byrnes, M. Martone.

Yesterday was the sixteenth birthday of Master William Beecher of 32 Abbott avenue and in honor thereof a large number of his friends gathered at his home last night and surprised him not only by their presence but with a handsome gift of a gold-headed umbrella. The party then made themselves at home and spent an enjoyable evening, games and musical selections being in order. Refreshments were served during the evening.

The pens which are supposed to be on the desks in the lobby of the post-office are constantly the source of complaint. Half of the time one cannot be found, while at other times they are so rusty that one can hardly scribble a line with them. Of course, this is not the fault of the postmaster. It isn't his duty to watch the pens so they won't be carried off by small children, oftentimes by older ones, but it does seem as if some device could be thought of to have pens at the desks all the time, for they are a great convenience. If they cannot be kept there in any other manner, attach them to chains. One young lady met a Democrat reporter to-day and gave him a tale of woe concerning the pens. She said she just came from the post-office, where she had been unable to see or find even one pen, after purposely buying a postal card to write something important on it to send away at once. She said much more, but there is no need of printing it, for enough has been said.

PETITION NO. 2

In Regard to Consolidation Matters in Waterbury

NOTICE TO THOSE INTERESTED.

That Another Consolidation Measure Will Be Prepared—The People Who Lived In the Town, Before Lines Were Changed, Willing to Go It Alone—Want a New Town and Let City Take Care of Itself.

To-day we publish a notice of a petition that will be presented to the next session of the general assembly for an amendment of the charter of the city of Waterbury consolidating that portion of the town of Waterbury with the lines of the city as they existed on January 1, 1899, with the city of Waterbury, and asking for the incorporation as a new town, to be known as Marshatuck, of all the portion of the town without the city limits.

This proposition, so a representative of this paper was informed this afternoon, meets the approval of property owners in the outside district, and they intend to push it. They claim that they do not desire the kind of consolidation as proposed by the committee appointed by the aldermen to report a draft and will fight it into the last ditch. "We have grown tired of this cry that the city is supporting the town," said one of the dissatisfied parties to a reporter, "and want a chance to attend to our own affairs, and are willing that the city should do likewise. We can conduct our own government much better than others can do it for us and if any one wants proof of this statement we refer him to the financial condition of the town schools as compared with that of the center school district, which is overwhelmingly in debt and constantly at war among themselves, simply because they pay more attention to politics than to the interest of the schools. It was the worst thing that could have happened the educational institutions of Waterbury to bring them under the control of the city. The injury may not be noticed now, but when the members of the board of education will be appointed by the mayor, then you may expect to see the results of political jobbery in the schools. The consolidationists are not honest. They have broken faith with every man on the outside who trusted them. When the city limits were extended owners of property in the added district were assured that they would never be asked to pay more than half the amount of taxes assessed against those on the inside, not during the lifetime of the present owners, any way; but the bill had not been passed six months when the men who had made these promises were abroad shouting about the injustice of the thing, and they never shut their mouths until they found out that this matter would be righted in a year or two, and it is to be attended to at the next session of the general assembly, together with other matters that half a dozen smart people claim will be a benefit to the public, but which in reality is nothing more than throwing a feather to the rest of us with a view to catching a fowl for themselves.

"The town school districts don't want to be brought under management of this kind. There is no demand for public improvements in the town, except in a few places, and if these people desire improvements and are willing to pay for them let them go into the city, but I fail to see any justice in forcing people into the city and compelling them to pay city taxes upon land that would not feed a crow."

The reporter reminded the gentleman that according to the plan of consolidation the people in the first district would have to pay city taxes, and that it would rest with themselves when they would come into the city. "Ah!" he replied, apparently very much agitated over the trap that he imagined his neighbors have set for him and from which he felt escape was practically impossible, "how long will that last? We see the bait and the question we are considering is how to avoid it. What's to prevent the city from doing the same thing with us that they have decided to do with the new district? There was little or no opposition to making the city lines coterminal with those of the center school district because owners of property on the outside were led to believe that the taxes would never be the same as on the inside. It was a clever scheme, but the townspeople intend to profit by it and I think when they get together to hear a report from their committee they will be of one mind as to what is best for their interest. We can pay every dollar we owe and see our way to meeting such obligations as are likely to present themselves from time to time without any great effort, so that there is no reason why we should desire consolidation, except we wanted to take up burdens that don't belong to us."

The committee appointed by the town schools have not finished its labors yet, but it is expected to report soon. As the matter stands now most people in the city think the town would be benefited by consolidation, while on the other hand the townspeople look upon it as nothing short of a deliberate game to rob them.

STEAMSHIP SAALE PURCHASED.

New York, Dec 29.—Lewis Luckenbach has bought from the North German Lloyd line the steamship Saale, which was burned in the Hoboken fire last June. She will be repaired. Mr Luckenbach is aship owner. He owns the steamships Buena Ventura and Michigan, which run to Colon, and the Norfolk, which runs to Blucfields. He is not prepared to say what he will do with the Saale.

JEFFRIES WILL NOW TRAIN.

New York, Dec 29.—Jim Jeffries will close his theatrical season to-night, and in a few days will begin active training for his championship fight with Gus Ruhlin, which is scheduled to take place in Cincinnati on February 13.