# 'TWEEN THE LAKES.

## MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD FOR MICHIGANDERS.

**A Young Man Shoots His Youthful Mistress and Fires a Bullet Into His Brain—A Pardon for Harry Dale—Teachers' and Judges' Conventions**

**Tragical Double Shooting at Detroit.**

A young man and a young woman stepped into a drug store on Jefferson avenue, Detroit, and telephoned to Emergency hospital for an ambulance to take two wounded persons to the hospital. When it arrived the attending physician was surprised to have the young couple present themselves as the wounded ones. They were apparently quite weak and examination showed that each had a bullet wound in the head. At the hospital they gave the names of Myrtle Cramer, aged 18, of Grand Ledge, and Edward Travers, aged 22, of Detroit. The girl says they had spent the night at a rooming house and when they awoke in the morning Travers shot her and then sent a bullet into his own brain. She said she was willing for him to kill her and had submitted to previous attempts under similar circumstances. Once she had tried to strangle her and another time opened an artery in her wrist. The girl had been working in Detroit about two months. She will recover, but Travers will probably die.

**A Wicked Old Sinner.**

Michigan and Indiana officers are after a man, aged about 65, who gave the names of George W. Clark, W. B. Sherman, George La Blanche and W. T. Frick. "Clara" is credited by La porte, Ind., police with having married three women within 60 days, and of having deserted them as soon as he secured all of the money and valuables he could. The stranger's last conquest was Mrs. Clara Davidson, aged 60, of Kalamazoo. While there she was known as William Sherman. They were married after two months acquaintance and he left within a month, owing several bills, but taking a big roll of money with him. He dined with her brother in Battle Creek and disappeared, taking a team of horses, a buggy and a lumber wagon, it is alleged, from a feed barn in Battle Creek, and has not been seen since. Sprig Snow is looking for him in Ohio, as alleged wives are at Sturgis and Mishawaka, Ind.

**Another Big Fire in Detroit.**

Detroit was visited by another disastrous fire that entailed a loss of $130,000 to half a dozen firms. The old Arcade building, 95-59 West Larned street, the scene of half a dozen serious fires in the last 25 years, was found in flames at 11:52 p. m. and before the department could respond, the structure was enveloped in flames. The basement and the first floor were occupied by W. C. Jupp, paper, and printers' supplies; the second floor by Chas. L. Shaw & Sons, bookbinders, and the third floor by F. J. Manns, perfumery manufacturer. All of these were completely wiped out by fire and water. The flames broke through into the building occupied by the Detroit Free Press Printing Co., the Detroit Stereotype Co. and minor concerns. The fifth story was ruined and the rear of the fourth badly damaged while the remainder of the structure and contents were soaked with water.

**Harry Dale Pardoned.**

Harry Dale, whose real name is Thomas Howard, has been pardoned unconditionally by Gov. Pingree. This case has attracted more attention throughout the state than probably any other like case. In May, 1895, Dale was sent from Detroit to Jackson state prison for life, after having been tried twice and convicted once on the charge of having assaulted little Maggie Leonard. Almost since the day of his conviction friends of Dale have been working for his pardon. The pardon board held numerous meetings and finally Secretary Tromlinson carried to the governor recommendations from the board that Dale be pardoned. The governor signed the pardon papers and sent them to Jackson. Dale walked from the prison a free man, and left at once for Topeka, Ks., to join his family.

**Disastrous Blaze at Parma.**

The Aldrich block was burned at Parma together with all the stores. The Aldrich block was built in 1884, and cost $20,000 and is uninsured. Losses on stock: L. J. Godfrey, groceries, $1,000; George S. Hawes, dry goods and groceries, $2,500; C. D. Potter, News printing office, $600; Masonic lodge, $300; A. O. U. W. lodge, $200. All insured. The Parma cornet band lost about $75 in instruments and music. The loss on the wooden building adjoining is about $500 and falls upon D. F. Moe, harnessmaker, and J. E. Clapp, boots and shoes, both uninsured. Their stocks were saved. One dwelling and a building used for a doctor's office also burned.

There is a foot of snow in the north woods and lumbermen are active.

Fire destroyed the grocery store of A. Moore, corner of Center and Canfield street, West Bay City. Loss, $1,200.

Thomas R. Lace, an old soldier, was assaulted in a saloon at Hudson, and robbed of his pension money, amounting to $35.

It is estimated that the value of this year's celery crop at Kalamazoo will be about $500,000, a large increase over last year.

Webb Lott, the D., T. & M. engineer who was injured in the collision near Marshall, died. His home was in Toledo.

Martinus Ophoff, an aged Hollander, hanged himself to the doorknob of his room at Grand Rapids and was slowly strangled to death.

D. G. Smith, of Whitehall, has patented a new kind of bullet-proof vest. Shots fired from a distance of 10 feet make no impression.

Within two years a village of 50 buildings, including a hotel and two saloons, has sprung up around the Monitor coal mines, near Bay City.

Farmers around the route are agitating a project to dig a canal connecting Maple river with Grand Rapids and to build an electric railway to Saginaw. The canal would cost $500 a mile and would furnish waterpower for electric plants. Pledges are being made to pay the cost of preliminary survey.

**Union Men Win at Ludington.**

Officials of the F. & P. M. railway have signed a contract with the Federation of Labor at Ludington to make the Ludington freight depot there a union shop, and hereafter all laborers hired must be members of the federation. The federation numbers 700 members at Ludington.

This movement results from the failure of the railroad to make contracts with western shippers, who were afraid of winter strikes, owing to the fact that several months ago the F. & P. M. freight-handlers went on strike, and the company had hard work filling their places, the entire community being in sympathy with the strikers.

### MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Soo—Baltimore is to have a new theater.

Bay—Cholera is killing off Calhoun county porkers.

Alpena—The Catholic church at Palms burned, causing a loss of $7,000.

The F. & P. M. have promised to erect a new depot at Port Huron.

The Fourth ward M. E. church at Ludington was destroyed by fire; loss, $15,000.

Seymour DeGraff, of Litchfield, was struck by a falling tree and died from his injuries.

Wm. Lafler's barn burned at Dundee with a horse and buggy belonging to John Hughes.

A new company has been organized at Bay City to manufacture adjustable bicycle handle-bars.

Nelson Thompson's house burned at Greenville and the tenant narrowly escaped cremation.

At Lansing Henry Redmond was fatally hurt by being struck on the head by a falling brick.

The 81-yr.-old father of Geo Gage, of Traverse City, will probably die from the effect of a cow's kick.

Food Commissioner Grosvenor says he has collected in the state $4,500 in his fight against the dealers in colored oleomargarine, and purposes to keep right at the work.

The 9-months-old son of George Thompson, of Saginaw upset a basin of boiling water over himself and died afterward from the effects of the terrible scalding he received.

The Jackson lodge of Elks, which has 350 members, makes liberal donations to needy poor people once a month. Seventy-five baskets of provisions were sent out on Christmas.

Carl Partridge, employed by Kelley & Cowell at Standish, was cutting wood when the ax of a companion flew off the helve, cutting a fearful gash in his side just below the ribs. He will die.

A mass meeting was held at Kalamazoo to boom the beet sugar factory project. Dr. Dan Bleyker, who has visited all the beet sugar factories of Europe, declared the project was entirely feasible.

Orchid Delano, in the Jacksonville prison, is getting rich making ornaments from onyx and agate stones. He has already purchased a $1,500 home for his wife, making his money by overtime work.

The movement of the advocates of higher railroad taxation for an extra session of legislature is being strengthened by people who want the closed season fish law repealed and the tax title law strengthened out.

Lansing's council wants a monopoly of electric lighting and power there, and has refused to grant a franchise to A. A. Platt to construct a plant. Platt has a contract to furnish light for the Michigan Agricultural college.

E. L. Wardle, barber, was arrested at Muskegon on the charge of counterfeiting. He confessed that he had silver plated pennies and passed them for dimes, but said that it was only a joke. He was held for a hearing before the U. S. grand jury.

Police Justice Sellers, of Detroit, has dismissed over a score of complaints made by dairy food commissioners against Detroit merchants for selling oleomargarine for butter. The justice says the evidence was not obtained according to the statute.

The bitter contest for the post master ship of West Branch—there were five candidates—has been settled by Congressman Crumpacker, siding upon H. M. French, after he had tried his best to have the ambitious boys settle it among themselves, but without avail.

John Maher, aged 60, of the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, went to the residence of Rev. Fr. Distler and asked that prayers be said for a dead relative. He was refused, but on his request when he fell to the floor and was dead before stealing a undertaker assistance could arrive.

Isaac Ellsworth, who was captured in Toledo a week ago for stealing a team from Wilkins Bros.' livery at St. Johns, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to Jackson prison for 20 years. When Ellsworth has finished this term, he will have served 24 years behind the bars, all for horse stealing.

The Michigan Sugar Co., at Bay City, has practically decided to accept the offer of an Ohio capitalist for its beet sugar refinery. The site includes 20 acres, to be exempt from taxes. Real estate is on the boom in Bay county. Many farmers from other states, who have had experience in raising sugar beets, are looking for land.

The state Association of Breeders of Improved Live Stock discussed various matters of interest to them at their following officers: President, H. H. Hinds, of Stanton; vice-president, R. J. Peckham, of Parma; secretary and treasurer, I. H. Butterfield, of the Agricultural college; directors, John Lessiter, of Pontiac; J. H. Taft, of Hamden; John Mosher, of Romeo; W. E. Boyden, of Delhi Mills; L. F. Conrad, of Wacousta.

New Michigan postmasters: Millington, Tuscola county, H. R. Henderson; Willow, Wayne county, Jesse Butler.

At the annual meeting of the state live stock sanitary commission President Hinds spoke strongly for vigorous efforts to stamp out and prevent hog cholera, which he said was largely on the increase in Michigan. Speaking of the farming industry generally, Mr. Hinds said that he believed the changed conditions of the past few years had come to stay and the only hope for farmers was to adopt modern business methods. Stock breeders must be content with lower prices for their products. Officers elected: President, H. H. Hinds, of Stanton; secretary-treasurer, I. H. Butterfield, of Lansing.

### DONS ARE AWFULLY MAD.

**Want to Annihilate Us Because of Our Sympathy with Poor Little Cuba.**

U. S. Minister Woodford's note delivered to the Spanish government as the reply of the United States to the note sent by Spain some two months ago has stirred up the wrath of the Dons and they are threatening all kinds of vengeance upon Uncle Sam. Gen. Woodford note twelfth attempt upon the Spanish complaint against filibustering and other moral and material assistance given in the United States to the insurgents, which the Washington government re-asserts Spain has done all in its power to check, with the view also of satisfying the representations made by Spanish diplomacy, and praises the present home rule policy in Cuba, but the Spanish papers of every shade of opinion find fault with the moral and material support given by the conduct of the United States government and are unanimous in saying that all the commercial the United States pays to the Spanish colonial trade is small, and that the Spanish nation would not be justified in tolerating the continuance of a friendly government to have the right to criticise and condemn the conduct of Spanish officials, and of the late Spanish government in dealing with the rebellion, which is equal to that of the American protectorate to the Spanish West Indies, which is so repeatedly claimed in the letters and the presidential message, and, more recently, in Secretary Sherman's advocacy of the recognition of Cubans. The press is most dissatisfied with the Woodford note on account of the arguments used to refute the Spanish complaints against filibustering. America is charged with infringing all the rules of international law, in order to suit the aims of its encroaching policy in the West Indies.

The Imparcial (Madrid newspaper) agrees that in view of the character of the reply of Minister Woodford, it is impossible to avoid the Spanish fleet, at whatever cost, the government ought to put an end to a shameful state of affairs for the sake of the dignity of Spain. The government cannot consent to the accusations of not being in touch with national feeling, which is getting weary of American interference.

**School Teachers of Michigan.**

The best convention of the Michigan Teachers' association ever held, was the forty-seventh, which occupied three days at Lansing. There was a larger enrollment by several hundred than ever before, and Prof. Fred Fallows, of Albion college, compared the number of half a century. In 1845 there were 1,214 male and 1,619 female teachers in Michigan, the former receiving an average monthly salary of $21.55 and the latter $16.67. The teachers reported in 1895 more than 12,000 men and women who received an average salary of $45.30 while the men averaged $46.17. More and better educated women in our schools is now the rule. He also said that education was being paid to the children's body as well as his mind. He strongly commended the law of 1895 making it compulsory to indicate methods of preventing the spread of communicable diseases.

The subjects were discussed bearing upon the relations of teacher to pupils, to the general public and to their immediate employers—the school board. The star of the convention was Bishop John H. Vincent, of Chautauqua fame, who delivered a large audience at the First Baptist church. His subject was "Fun and His Teachers."

The State Association of County Commissioners of Schools held the annual meeting at Lansing in connection with the State Teachers' association. A multitude of matters of interest and importance were discussed. Officers elected: President, R. M. Winston, of St. Johns; vice president, E. P. Dudley, of Gaylord; secretary, Miss Fayra Beadle, of Hastings.

**Judges' Association Meeting.**

The fifth annual meeting of the Association of Judges of Michigan was held in the supreme court room of the capitol at Lansing. The annual address of President George S. Hosmer, of Detroit, was a review of legislation enacted since the last meeting. The act allowing suits to be brought against any voluntary association of five or more persons on any officer was commented upon and commended. Judge Hosmer regretted that the divorce law did not allow the bringing in of an absent defendant by publication only after it became apparent that personal service could not be had. In speaking of class legislation President Hosmer mentioned the sugar beet bounty law and quoted Judge Cooley as against these bounties. The act to prefer ex-soldiers for public employment was considered at great length and it was thought that while there are few men who will deny the claims of the soldier to public consideration, yet his claims should be enforced through public opinion, not through legislative action, and it is doubtful whether it is competent for the legislature to direct the local authority beyond requiring peculiar qualifications to insure fitness.

The program included papers on "A Legal Mistake," by Judge Hooker, of the supreme court; "The Pardoning Power and its Limitations," Charles La Dean, of Marshall; "Experiences Upon the Bench," Judge E. A. Burlingame, of Grand Rapids.

Nicholson's hardware store building at Holly was badly damaged by fire, and the stock ruined by water. James Shaughnessy, a clerk who slept over the store, barely escaped.

A conference has been arranged between the executive committee of the United Mine Workers of America and the coal operators of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois to adjust miners' wages and if possible to make an interstate scale agreement. The meeting will be held in Columbus, Jan. 17.

The Ontario government has introduced in the legislature a bill which will undoubtedly pass, as it embodies the policy of the opposition, making regulations regarding the cutting of timber on crown lands, requiring that all logs cut on these lands shall be manufactured into lumber in Canada.

# AFFAIRS IN GENERAL.

## BRIEF MENTION OF EVENTS OF INTEREST.

**Russia Takes Another Large Piece of China and is Evidently Desirous of Posing as Master of the Eastern Situation—Civil Service Reform Upheld**

**Russia Makes Another Grab.**

The most profound distress prevails among many thousands of people in Cuba. Starvation not only impends, but is an actual fact. President McKinley has been informed of the facts from sources whose reliability cannot be doubted. He has gone to the length of his constitutional power in calling the state of affairs to the attention of the American people. The government of Cuba has issued all of its resources to relieve the distress, but is powerless. The United States government is doing all it can to relieve the distress, but the Spanish authorities have consented to admit all supplies free of duty and Consul General Lee will attend to the distribution.

**British and Japs Oppose Russia.**

A special dispatch from Shanghai says: It is reported that 17 British warships are off Chemulpo, Korea, southwest of Seoul, supporting the British consul's protest, nearly amounting to an ultimatum against the king's policy of placing the government of Korea into the hands of the Russian minister. The protest is personally directed against the designs of M. Leavy Brown, British adviser to the Korean customs, in favor of a Russian nominee. Japan has protested vehemently at Seoul, and is frightened by the knowledge that Japan has a fleet of 30 warships visiting the port. The Russian representation which Japan fully supports. Japan is irritated by the presence of Russian troops in Korea and it is believed that she will oppose them.

Russia, according to another dispatch from Shanghai, is preparing temporary headquarters for 10,000 troops at Port Arthur. She has obtained a half promise from the grand council at Peking to dismiss Robert Hart, director of Chinese imperial maritime customs, and other high customs officials, in addition to the British railway officials and the foreign employes of the lighthouses and replace them with Russians.

**What McKinley to Bounce Secy. Gage.**

Washington dispatch says: The financial views of Secretary of the Treasury Gage have come up afresh in cabinet circles, and it is understood that if President McKinley ever opens negotiations for a secretary of the treasury he will share with him the honor which he says belongs to Gage as the author of the financial scheme which secures gold payments.

Mr. Gage has been by his persistence in advocating the gold standard has put the President in more than an equivocal position. It virtually announces to the world that he was not in earnest when he appointed an international monetary commission and held views contrary to the instructions he gave the commissioners. The movement against Secretary Gage is said to be backed by a number of Republican senators who charge that he has been too active and too keen at heart, and that he is so pronounced in advocacy of the single gold standard that he would sacrifice his party, if necessary, to establish it.

What one is more directly in the interests of the administration than Secretary Wolcott. The senator was a free silver advocate but he stood by the Republican platform in the presidential campaign and the plank advocating international bimetallism. After Wolcott went abroad as one of the commissioners, and labored zealously for an international conference. He is now in such a frame of mind that he has resigned from the financial commission. He is only held in his position by Gage's refusal to accept that resignation. Gage misrepresents the President.

**Cabinet Upholds Civil Service Reform.**

The senate resolution calling upon the executive heads of the several departments of the government for information concerning the application of the civil service law to their departments led to a general discussion of the subject by the cabinet. All the members of the cabinet were present except Secretary Alger. There was no dissent from the proposition that the civil service law ought to be and would be upheld. The principle of the system, in the opinion of all, must be maintained, and there was some difference of opinion as to the extent of its application.

Mrs. Darvis and her nine children, the youngest a baby, were turned out of their home in Chicago by the sheriff, they occupied in London. The husband and father died in an infirmary from consumption, a few hours later.

Lieut. Peary, of Illinois, was arrested at Grand Rapids, on complaint of a newsboy, who said the officer had passed a lead nickel on him. Eight lead nickels were found in Lepper's mitten, and in his room there was a die and a mold.

Francis Durrant, a hobo, was sentenced to jail at Niles for 60 days for threatening to burn the stores. As he was leaving the courtroom he stole the justice's new hat. He had to be severely pounded before he would enter the lock-up. While the jailer was at dinner Durrant got hold of an ax and chopped a hole 12x18 inches through a two-foot brick wall.

Regent Levi L. Barbour, of Detroit, has presented the University of Michigan with $15,000 worth of real estate toward the erection of an art building, provided $85,000 more is raised for the same purpose within five years. This is the second gift Mr. Barbour has made for an art building at the U. of M., but he permitted the first to be diverted to the woman's gymnasium which has since been given his name.

President Samuel Sloan, of the D., L. & W., who is 80 years old and has held his position for nearly 30 years, has been presented with a $16,000 gold table service by the road's employes.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Sioux City, Ia.—Companies incorporated under Iowa laws must maintain offices in the state. Such is the decision of Attorney-General Remley, under the provisions of the new code.

Melbourne—The Victorian duties on woolen and silk materials, wearing apparel and woolen piece goods will be reduced 5 per cent, after Feb. 1 next.

Indianapolis, Ind.—C. C. Franke, a contractor, who disappeared a month ago and was supposed to have been murdered, returned home from Texas.

Galesburg, Ill.—The grocery store of Charles Ridgely has been closed by the sheriff. Liabilities, $2,000; assets the same.

Seattle, Wash.—A careless gunner on the Queen Oregon lost overboard a costly Whitehead torpedo. It has not been recovered. An inquiry may follow.

Elmira, N. Y.—Rudolph Boerger, aged 25 years, and his brother Edward, of the same age, were driving on Keuka lake, when they found Hammond port's ice boat adrift. Rudolph, who was a good swimmer, made a gallant effort to save his brother, but failed and almost lost his life before he was brought ashore.

Lexington, Ky.—Montrose Graham, nephew of ex-Senator Black burn, is dead. He was a lawyer.

San Francisco, Cal.—State Senator Jeremiah H. Mahoney died from the effects of a cancerous growth in his throat.

Beatrice, Neb.—Charles N. Emery, one of the prominent pioneers of Kansas and Nebraska, died here, aged 62.

Oshkosh, Wis.—Mayor Nelson will ask the council to issue a call for a special election to vote on a proposition to buy the city waterworks.

Worcester, Mass.—James W. Allen, of the leading firm of Winslow & Allen, died in a hospital of pneumonia, aged 57 years. He was United States consul at Zanzibar from 1852 to 1895.

Yokohama, Count Matsukata, the premier and admiral the Marquis Saigo, the gunsmith, minister of marine, have resigned. It is probable that Marquis Ito will be the new premier.

Cape Henry, Va.—The schooner Samuel Hall, Capt. Mumford, from Wilmington, N. C., went ashore at Chicamicomico life saving station. The crew of seven was saved.

St. Louis, Mo.—Henry Lautermann, who was under bond for being implicated in the holdup of a Northside electric passenger train Sept. 25, near Moorhead, was released from custody.

Benton Harbor, Mich.—C. R. Hollis, a jeweler of this city, died suddenly. He had been ailing.

Terre Haute, Ind.—Ten Vandalia brakemen were called before Train master Ruddy and notified that as a Christmas present each had been promoted to be a conductor.

New Orleans.—H. Worthen, one of the owners of a ranch at Juarez, Mex., and a son of Adjutant Worthen, of this city, died of typhoid fever, aged 30 years. He leaves an estate said to be worth $150,000.

### A CONGLOMERATE CHRONICLE

About Many Matters Gathered from Many Sources.

A cheering dispatch from Rome says that Pope Leo is much improved, a sympathetic change.

While skating at Rifton, N. Y., Miss Marc Van Barbor, aged 23, broke through the ice. Ed McMichael went to rescue her, but the ice gave way and both were drowned.

Mrs. John Monroe and Miss Clara Brattain were killed and Mr. Moore was badly injured by being struck by a train, near Noblesville, Ind. The Moores had been married three days.

It is said that on Jan. 1 the American Window Glass Co. will raise its prices in proportion to the increase in wages recently granted its employees. This will be about four per cent.

Class A Pelagos, the famous draw manufacturer of Mansfield, Ohio, which shut down last fall, has started up, with about two-thirds of its employes at work. The company made 2,000,000 in 1896 and will make 2,500,000 in 1897.

The Canadian Pacific railroad has contracted for a fourth fast steel steamship, which is to run in connection with the two ocean steamers which have been purchased in Scotland.

James Bird, an aged colored man, was sent from Bellefontaine, O., to the county infirmary. He had such a horror of the poorhouse that he stopped away at night. The next morning he was found frozen to death in the street at Huntsville.

The Queen mine at Negaunee has closed down for an indefinite time, throwing 200 men out of employment. In case the company can induce property owners to induce fee owners to reduce the royalty, operations will probably be resumed, otherwise nothing will be done until the shipping season opens in the spring.

The recent tragic suicide of Miss Lena Herbert, the daughter of the ex-secretary of the navy, by jumping from a third-story window at her home at Washington, is given as the reason for the suicide of Miss Annie Virginia Wells, an accomplished society lady of Washington who shot herself through the heart. She was much attached to Miss Herbert.

The dreaded San Jose scale has surely secured a foothold in the western Michigan fruit belt. Clinton & Smith of the Michigan Agricultural college, visited the orchard of a young farmer in Jamestown, Ottawa county, and found his apple trees so badly infected by the scale that the young man was ordered to cut down and burn 1,200 trees. The farmer had mortgaged his farm to put out the orchard, which was only five years old, and had just come into the bearing stage.

Lieut. Peary is making preparations to start for the north pole next July.

Russia is not content with grabbing Port Arthur, the strongest seaport of China, but has also occupied Kin-Chau, an important walled city about equi distant between the mouth of the Yaloo river and the northeastern great wall of China. It commands the railway system recently constructed from Tien-Tsin to the capital of Manchuria, and is of pre-eminent importance as a strategic position. This seizure is practically tantamount to taking possession of Corea, Manchuria and the Gulf of Lau Tung, and with her other eastern possessions will place Russia in a position to defy the world.

### THE COLISEUM BURNED.

**Very Quick but Costly Fire at Chicago—One Life Lost.**

Fire destroyed the Coliseum building at Sixty-third street and Stony Island avenue, Chicago, in which the Democratic national convention was held last year and which was used for football and other athletic sports during the fall. The fire was one of the quickest ever seen in Chicago. From the time when the fire was originated by the crossing of two electric light wires until the Coliseum was a pile of twisted iron and hot bricks was not over 20 minutes. The building had been rented for an exhibition of a manufacturers' exposition and was filled from end to end with booths, all of which were destroyed with all of their contents. It is supposed that a number of lives were lost in the flames as seven people were missing.

The fire originated in a booth which was used for an exhibition of X-rays, the booth. About 200 people were in the building at the time of the fire and at the first alarm there was a rush for safety. Fortunately the aisles were wide and owing to the comparatively small number of people in the building there was little difficulty in reaching the doors.

The total loss on the building and contents is said to be $450,000. Of this amount $350,000 was the value of the building and $100,000 the estimated cost of the exhibits of material in the exposition in progress in the building.

Later developments make it almost certain that only one life was lost in the fire. The charred remains of N. H. Johnson, a fireman employed about the building, was the only body found and the missing people have all returned to their homes after narrowly escaping death.

**Eastern Situation Cooling Down.**

London dispatches say that the war scare in the far east seems to have been groundless. Dispatches from England indicate that an understanding between Germany and England exists regarding the action of the former concerning China. It is said that if Russia, however, does not leave Port Arthur by spring the game of grimy window-pane. The two children grimy window-pane. The two children are busily engaged in the fascination upon one of its branches. The candles that burn there shed light upon a scene of utmost desolation. The room is black with smoke and dirt. In the middle of the floor oozes an oil-stove that serves at once to take the raw edge off the cold and cook the meals by. Half the windowpanes are broken, and she holes stuffed with rags. The sleeve of an old coat hangs out of one, and beats drearily upon the sash when the wind sweeps over the fence and rattles the broken shutters. "The family wash, clammy and gray, hangs on a clothesline stretched across the room. Under it, at a table set with cracked and empty plates, a discouraged woman sits dyeing the children a show gloomily. It is evident that she has been drinking. The peaked faces of the little ones wear a famished look. There are three—the third and infant, put to bed in what was once a baby-carriage. The two from the street are pulling it around to get the tree in range. The baby sees it, and crows with delight. The boy shakes a branch, and the goldfish leaps and sparkles in the candlelight.

"See, sister," he pipes; "see Santa Claus!" And they clap their hands in glee. The woman at the table wakes out of her stupor, gazes around her, and bursts into a fit of maudlin weeping.

The door falls to. Five flights up, another opens upon a bare attic room which a patient little woman is setting to rights. There are only three chairs, a box, and a bedstead in the room, but they take a deal of careful arranging. The bed hides the broken plaster in the wall through which the wind came in; each chair has a stand, over a rat-hole, at once to hide it and keep the rats out. One is left, the box is for that. The plaster of the ceiling is held up with pasteboard patches. I know the story of that attic. It is one of cruel desertion. The woman's husband is even now living in luxury with the creature for whom he forsook her, not a dozen blocks away, while she "keeps the home together for the children." She sought justice, but the lawyer demanded a retainer; so she gave it up and went back to her little ones. For this room that barely keeps the winter wind out she pays four dollars a month, and is behind with the rent. There is scarce bread in the house, but the spirit of Christmas has found her attic. Against a broken wall is tacked a hemlock branch, the leavings of the corner grocer's fitting-block; pink siring from the packing-counter hangs on it in festoons. A tallow dip on the box furnishes the illumination. The children sit up in bed, and watch it with rapture.

"We're having Christmas!" they say.


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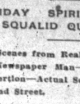
# IN THE TENEMENTS.

## HOLIDAY SPIRIT LIGHTENS SQUALID QUARTERS.

**Two Scenes from Real Life Pictured by a Newspaper Man—A Sad Case of Desertion—Actual Scenes Pictured in Grand Street.**



JACOB A. RIIS, author of "How the Other Half Lives," and of other studies of life in the tenements, contributes an article to the Century on "Merry Christmas in the Tenements." The paper is illustrated by Jay Hambridge. Mr. Riis gives the following description of actual scenes on Grand street:

At the corner, where two opposite tides of travel form an eddy, the line of pushcarts debouches down the darker side-street. In its gloom their torches burn with a fitful glare that wakes black shadows among the trusses of the railroad structure overhead. A woman, with worn shawl drawn tightly about head and shoulders, bargains with a peddler for a monkey on a stick and two cents' worth of flitter-gold. Five ill-clad youngsters flatten their noses against the frozen pane of the toy-shop, in ecstasy at something there, which proves to be a milk-wagon, with driver, horses, and cans that can be unloaded. It is something their minds can grasp. One comes home with a penny goldfish of pasteboard clutched tightly in his hand, and casting cautious glances right and left, speeds across the way to the door of a tenement, where a little girl stands waiting. "It's, per's Christmas, Kate," she says, and thrusts it into her eager fist. The black doorway swallows them up.

Across the narrow yard, in the basement of the rear house, the lights of a Christmas tree show against the grimy window-pane. The two children are busily engaged in the fascination upon one of its branches. The candles that burn there shed light upon a scene of utmost desolation. The room is black with smoke and dirt. In the middle of the floor oozes an oil-stove that serves at once to take the raw edge off the cold and cook the meals by. Half the windowpanes are broken, and she holes stuffed with rags. The sleeve of an old coat hangs out of one, and beats drearily upon the sash when the wind sweeps over the fence and rattles the broken shutters. "The family wash, clammy and gray, hangs on a clothesline stretched across the room. Under it, at a table set with cracked and empty plates, a discouraged woman sits dyeing the children a show gloomily. It is evident that she has been drinking. The peaked faces of the little ones wear a famished look. There are three—the third and infant, put to bed in what was once a baby-carriage. The two from the street are pulling it around to get the tree in range. The baby sees it, and crows with delight. The boy shakes a branch, and the goldfish leaps and sparkles in the candlelight.

"See, sister," he pipes; "see Santa Claus!" And they clap their hands in glee. The woman at the table wakes out of her stupor, gazes around her, and bursts into a fit of maudlin weeping.

The door falls to. Five flights up, another opens upon a bare attic room which a patient little woman is setting to rights. There are only three chairs, a box, and a bedstead in the room, but they take a deal of careful arranging. The bed hides the broken plaster in the wall through which the wind came in; each chair has a stand, over a rat-hole, at once to hide it and keep the rats out. One is left, the box is for that. The plaster of the ceiling is held up with pasteboard patches. I know the story of that attic. It is one of cruel desertion. The woman's husband is even now living in luxury with the creature for whom he forsook her, not a dozen blocks away, while she "keeps the home together for the children." She sought justice, but the lawyer demanded a retainer; so she gave it up and went back to her little ones. For this room that barely keeps the winter wind out she pays four dollars a month, and is behind with the rent. There is scarce bread in the house, but the spirit of Christmas has found her attic. Against a broken wall is tacked a hemlock branch, the leavings of the corner grocer's fitting-block; pink siring from the packing-counter hangs on it in festoons. A tallow dip on the box furnishes the illumination. The children sit up in bed, and watch it with rapture.

"We're having Christmas!" they say.

### THE MARKETS.

**LIVE STOCK.**

| | Cattle | Hogs | Sheep | Lambs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York— | | | | |
| Best grades | $4 75@5 10 | $4 25 | $4 60 | $5 60 |
| Lower grades | 2 75@4 25 | 3 00 | 3 50 | 3 65 |
| Chicago— | | | | |
| Best grades | $4 40@4 75 | $4 05 | $4 00 | $5 00 |
| Lower grades | 2 50@4 30 | 3 00 | 4 00 | 3 25 |
| Detroit— | | | | |
| Best grades | $4 00@4 00 | $4 25 | $4 60 | $4 40 |
| Lower grades | 2 50@3 50 | 3 00 | 4 50 | 3 25 |
| Buffalo— | | | | |
| Best grades | $3 75@4 00 | $4 75 | $4 40 | $4 55 |
| Lower grades | 2 25@3 50 | 3 25 | 4 50 | 3 30 |
| Cleveland— | | | | |
| Best grades | $4 25@4 50 | $4 50 | $4 00 | $4 55 |
| Lower grades | 2 50@4 00 | 3 00 | 4 50 | 3 25 |
| Cincinnati— | | | | |
| Best grades | $4 50@4 75 | $4 50 | $5 50 | $4 45 |
| Lower grades | 2 25@4 40 | 2 85 | 4 00 | 3 25 |
| Pittsburg— | | | | |
| Best grades | $4 50@4 85 | $4 75 | $4 40 | $4 55 |
| Lower grades | 2 75@4 25 | 3 00 | 4 50 | 3 30 |

**GRAIN, ETC.**

| | Wheat | Corn | Oats | Rye |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Closing | Closing | No 2 white | |
| New York | 98 @98¾ | 31 @32¼ | 29 @29¾ | 47 @48 |
| Chicago | 99 @99¾ | 26 @26¾ | 23 @23¾ | 43 @43¾ |
| *Detroit | 97 @97¾ | 29 @29¾ | 24 @25 | 45 @45 |
| Toledo | 94 @94¾ | 27 @27¾ | 24 @24¾ | 44 @44¾ |
| Cincinnati | 97¾@98 | 27 @27¾ | 24 @24¾ | 44 @44¾ |
| Cleveland | 92 @92 | 27 @27 | 24 @24 | 44 @44 |
| Pittsburg | 96 @96¾ | 29 @29 | 26 @26 | 46 @46 |
| Buffalo | 97 @97 | 27 @27 | 25 @25 | 45 @45 |

*Detroit, May No. 1 timothy $3 00 per 600. Potatoes, 65 cts per bu. Live poultry, turkeys, 6½ cts per lb; chickens, 5½ cts per lb; dressed, strictly fresh, 8 cts per doz. Butter, dairy, 15 cts per lb; creamery, 22 cts.

Four high waymen held up a motor car near Norristown, Pa., and shot the conductor dead when he refused to give up his money.

John J. Shipherd, a Cleveland broker, has been bound over to the common pleas court in $10,000 bail, on a charge of embezzlement preferred by Frank De Haas Robison.

During a riot in a courtroom at McArthur, O., Elijah Brown and Plyly Teeters were fatally hurt. The row was caused by testimony regarding the alleged intimacy of Brown with a married woman.

The mammoth flouring mill of the Isaac Harter Milling Co., at Fostoria, said to be the largest, exclusively winter wheat mills in the United States, with a capacity of 1,500 barrels per day, is a mass of ruins. Fire broke out in a bolting chest on the fourth floor and soon spread through the six stories of the building. The loss will exceed $150,000, fully covered by insurance. Elevator A, the smallest of four elevators, was burned to the ground. The mill will be rebuilt at once.

Joseph Morgan, a tramp, was found so severely frozen in a barn at Toronto that he will lose one arm and may die.