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EXPLOSION WRECKS ROME'S EXCHANGE

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Bomb or Gas Set Off in the An- buried in Woedlawn Cemetery, that she cient Temple of Neptune -Many Hurt.

PANIC IN CURIOUS CROWD

They Gather About the Building and Then Become Frightened-Explosion Heard Far Away.

ROME, Dec. 31.—The Temple of Neptune, built by Hadrian and standing in the centre of the Forum of Agrippa, now occupied by the Stock Exchange, was the scene this afternoon of a tremendous explosion, causing a sensation almost as great as the hurling of a bomb in St. Peter's on Nov. 18, 1906. The concussion was so great that many persons throughout the city were terrified.

Within the building there were many people, but fortunately the great majority of the brokers had left. No one was killed. Twenty persons, chiefly clerks, were injured. The explosion resulted in the collapse of the roof of the Exchange and a number of those injured were caught in the wreckage, but later were released by firemen.

First impressions were that the explo sion was caused by a bomb thrown by some one who wished either to prevent the end-of-the-month liquidation or to take advantage of the confusion to commit an extensive theft. It was suggested later that the disaster came from an explosion of gas. Officials who made an investigation do not admit such a possibility, but as there is no evider a to show that a bomb was thrown, the probability of a gas explosion was given out by the

Brokers Had Left Just Before. Half an hour before the explosion hundreds of brokers were gathered within the Exchange, when money and securities to the amount of several million dollars changed hands. Luckily the business of the day was over and most of the brokers were returning to their homes, leaving behind the clerks and Exchange officials to complete their labors.

The detonation was terrific, and when troops hurried to the scene, and had difficulty in calming the excitement of the housands who rushed to the temple. Eater, when another explosion was feared. the crowds again became panic-stricken. and many persons received minor injuries in the resulting crush.

Most of those who were taken from the ruins had received injuries about the head and upper part of the body, although none was known to have been fatally hurt. Soon there was a procession of injured in open cabs and ambulances to the hospitals, traversing the crowded thoroughfares amid pitiful scenes.

When the explosion occurred the people n the vicinity of the bu into a state of consternation. A crowd numbering several thousand began to congregate outside the building. As soon as the police and troops arrived they took charge of all the approaches. The fear of other outrages suddenly possessed the throng, and the people broke and fled. In the mad rush many were hurt.

The Exchange building is closed by a to, and helped to the maintenance of relative order inside the Exchange. The Temple of Neptune is one of the

finest buildings of the city. It is situated on the south side of the Piazza di Pletra. It was built by Hadrian, and is notable for eleven magnificent columns in the Corinthian style of white marble, each one forty-one feet high. The centre portice was built by Agrippa. The roof of the Exchange was partly supported by these famous columns. They were assembled for this purpose by Pope Innocent

TIMES-UNION, STATE PAPER. Controller Glynn Was President of

Company Until His Election. Special to The New York Times.

ALBANY, Dec. 31.-The Times-Union has been designated to publish the official notices of the State for the next was able to telephone for the reserves. two years. The designation was made by State Controller Glynn, State Treasurer Hauser and Secretary of State Whalen. The Evening Journal has been the State paper for several years, and it was believed that The Argus would be its successor, for the reason that Martin H. Glynn, who is a State officer, was President of The Albany Evening Union Company, publisher of the Times-Union. About the middle of November Mr. Glynn's name disappeared from the list of officers of the company printed on the editorial page of The Times-Union, and thus far no name has been substituted for it. The Argus is published by The Argus Company, of which Edward Murphy, 2d, is Vice President, the President's office being vacant, and is owned principally by Anthony N. Brady, Edward Murphy, Jr., and the Roswell P.

Flower estate.

There was much surprise to-day in newspaper circles when it became known that The Times-Union instead of The Argus had been designated. To be the State paper is worth from \$12,000 to \$15,-000 in revenue a year.

MAY REMOVE FLORIDA TRAINS.

Southern Road Considering Discontinuance of Fast Expresses.

Special to The New York Times. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.-A recom mendation has been made by the Traffic Department of the Southern Railroad that owing to the general decrease in passenger travel and the necessity of cutting down expenses the fast Florida trains usually operated from Washington to Jacksonville to accommodate the Winter tourist travel will not be operated

this Winter. President Finley, Vice President and General Manager Ackert are now in the South visiting some of the tourist country and viewing the situation. When they return the recommendation will be considered by the executive officers of

the road and acted upon. A number of trains will be taken off of the Southern beginning next Sunday. These are mostly trains for local travel in the South. Officials believe that the business does not warrant their continuance, but the question of the fast expresses from North to South has not yet been determined finally.

DUG UP CORPSE FOR PICTURE. Coffin Stood Upright and Photographer

Takes Exposures for Widow. Mrs. Elizabeth Brown of 445 East 137th Street discovered, after her husband, Herman, who died on Dec. 4 last, had been did not have a photograph of him. The widow grieved over this fact and her friends were unable to console her. None had a photograph.

At last Mrs. Brown visited the cemetery Officials there told her that under similar circumstances they had known of bodies PLANS READY BY MARCH being exhumed and photographed. They referred her to the Board of Health. Mrs Brown visited the office at 168th Street and Third Avenue on Monday and got the needed permit. Yesterday she went to Woodlawn Cemetery, accompanied by Charles Boyce, an undertaker of 141st Street and Willis Avenue, the Bronx, and loseph Sigerist, a photographer.

Brown's grave was opened and the coffin lifted out and on to the turf. The top was raised, and then, by direction of Sigerist, the coffin was placed on end, leaning against a tree. The photographer focused his camera on the corpse and made several exposures. The corpse was in good condition. Then the coffin was closed and returned to the grave.

Sigerist said last night that he expected his pictures would present as good a likeness of Brown as though they had been taken in life. He will have to make a number of copies, as many of Mrs. Brown's friends have asked for some of the unusual photographs.

ELEVATOR CRUSHES WOMAN.

Untended Lift Sank as Mrs. Sarah Holt Entered It.

Mrs. Sarah Holt, 55 years old, the widow of William H. Holt, formerly connected

the roof fell clouds of dust were thrown eral minutes before they succeeded in high in the air. Police, firemen, and freeing Mrs. Holt. Then they placed the

Policeman Stabbed and a Score of Others Injured in Night Battle.

There was a riot between whites and abutting property or by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, in lieu thereof; and Whereas. The construction of such a system will require the mogification of certain of the negroes at Fifty-third Street and Eighth Avenue shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. Policeman Thomas Hayden of the Wall Tho stab wounds. The riot lasted about half an hour, and was broken up by the arlarge iron gate. This was at once swung rival of the reserves of the West Forty-

eventh Street Station. Policemen Hayden and **James** Barron of the West Forty-seventh Street Police Station, who were in plain clothes, jumped into the struggling mass, and with their short billies tried to stop the men. Their efforts were of little avail, and then Hayden grabbed a negro. Immediately s

Barron managed finally to get to Hayden's side and protected him from the onslaught of blows. Several white men surrounded the policeman, and then Barron Barron had held on to one man, Joseph P. Ryan, 30, of 411 West Fifty-sixth Street, who was locked up on an intoxication charge.

fell to the sidewalk.

Following the fight, about a dozen men white and black, appeared at the Roose velt Hospital to have wounds dressed. David Crawford, 19, a negro, of 67 West 133d Street, received a bullet wound in

Policeman Hayden was sent to Roose velt Hospital. He will recover.

INQUIRY FOR PETER BENTLEY,

Jersey City Lawyer Is Said to Have Disappeared in Liverpool.

LONDON, Dec. 31.-A description of Peter Bentley, an attorney of New Jersey, who disappeared at Liverpool early in December, is being circulated in the newspapers here by his London solicitors

Marconi wireless eighty miles east of

Nantucket at 11 P. M. yesterday; due at

her pier about 7 P. M. to-day. Florida Information Bureau, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.—Adv.

UTILITIES BOARD APPROVES A SUBWAY

Engineer and Counsel Authorized to Present \$60,000,000 Route to Estimate Board.

They Provide for a Line from the Battery to the Bronx by Broadway

and Lexington Avenue.

As the last act of its first half year's work, the Public Service Commission, at a public meeting yesterday afternoon, approved the route for a new \$60,000,000 Subway in Manhattan, and authorized the engineer and counsel to take the necessary steps preliminary to presenting the plans to the Board of Estimate. It is probable that the plans will be ready for By Marconi Transatlantic Wireless Telegraph advertising about March, though whether they will be advertised or not may depend on whether the Elsberg law has been amended by then.

The new Subway, if it is built, will follow the lines of parts of five of the routes laid out by the old Rapid Transit Commission. It is the most direct route ever planned, and follows a bee line for the greater part of its length. The general route is given in the resolutions adopted by the commission, which were as follows:

Route for the Subway. Whereas, In the opinion of the commission

apid transit system in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx should be laid out and offered for blds, and Whereas, The rapid transit system which, in the opinion of the commission, seems best to Mrs. Sarah Holt, 55 years old, the widow of William H. Holt, formerly connected with the Fairbanks Scales Company of Chicago, left her apartment on the fourth floor of the Claire apartment house, at 348 West 118th Street, about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon to take a walk. She found the elevator door open and the car standing at the fourth floor. The elevator by had gone to deliver a parcel in an apartment on the same floor.

Mrs. Holt stepped forward to enter the car. At that moment it suddenly sank. Mrs. Holt's dress caught on a bit of iron grillwork and she was pulled into the elevator shaft and crushed between the car and the wall.

Mrs. Holt retained consciousness, although she was terribly hurt, and watched the men at work. They pried away the side of the elevator car, but it was several minutes before they succeeded in freeling Mrs. Holt. Then they placed the woman on a sofa in the reception hall and sent for Dr. Isaac Rosen of 368 West 118th Street.

NESHOES AND WHITES RIOT.

Policeman Stabbed and a Score of Others.

NEGROES AND WHITES RIOT.

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Minute the standing transit system which, in the opinion of the commission, seems best to make the requirements of the people of the City of New York is one described as beginning at the point near East Tents and the provise property and cross East Tweltue the private property and cross East Tweltue the pr Whereas, Portions of this system have been laid out as separate routes by the former Board of Rapid Transit Rallroad Commissioners and approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Mayor and consented to by a majority in value of the owners of

Expense of the Undertaking,

While the whole line if built would

cost about \$60,000,000, this amount will

not have to be spent at one time by any The chances are that the construction of the easterly branch in the Bronx would not be begun until the rest is finished. The contracts for the con-struction if the Elsberg law is changed will carry with them in all probability operating contracts.
The line would be wholly independent of rowd of negroes surrounded the policeman and his prisoner.

Being unsuccessful in releasing their comrade, one of the negroes drew a knife and stabbed Hayden three times in the back and once in the right arm. Hayden shouted to Barron, who was having a hard time with about ten whites and blacks but his cries were not heard and Hayden, weak from the loss of blood, fell to the sidewalk.

The line would be wholly independent of the present Subway. It would pass underneath it in the neighborhood of Tweifth Street. The route calls for its passing under private property about there, which would greatly aid in keeping the line straight. There would be four tracks to the Harlem River and three beyond, at least on the westerly branch. Downtown the line would avoid the present Subway in lower Broadway below the Post Office by swinging round into Vesey Street and going beneath Church Street. It would pass the terminal of the McAdoo lower going beneath Church Street. It would pass the terminal of the McAdoo lower tunnels, and at Ninth Street it would touch another terminal of the McAdoo system. These two points lead to the belief that the McAdoo interests might be persuaded to become interested in the new line.

In a report on the route the Special Committee on Additional Subways, con-sisting of Commissioners Eustis and Malt-

ble, says in part:

The line thus planned could be connected with the New York Central Railroad at the Mott Haven station, at 138th Street, and at Forty-second Street, and suburban trains could be run through to the Battery via Broadway—a more direct route to downtown Manhattan than by the present Subway. At this very moment, before the Grand Central Station has been reconstructed and while traffic is being so seriously interfered with by this reconstruction that, the number of persons using the Grand Central Station is very much less than it will be when the station has been rebuilt and the trains are again running upon schedule time, the present Subway is congested by New York Central traffic. The proposed line would relieve this congestion and help handle the additional traffic that will come when the New York Central has completed its work of reconstruction and its lines have been electrified.

The proposed line will also run close to the

fled.

The proposed line will also run close to the Steinway tunnel at Forty-second Street and the Blackwell's Island Bridge at Fifty-ninth Street, so that a connection may be made with the crosstown subway under Fifty-ninth Street, planned by the Rapid Transit Commission. By either route the residents of Queens will be able to reach the lower portion of Manhattan much more expeditiously than at present.

newspapers here by his London solicitors with a request for any information regarding the missing man.

Mr. Bentley left London to catch the Cunard Line steamer Lusitania bound for New York. His friends here received a telegram announcing his safe arrival at Liverpool, but he did not sail on the Lusitania, and nothing has since been heard of him.

Peter Bentley left his office at 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, in October last. Before he went away he said he was going to California to look after some mining property. His brother John, his law partner, who is conducting the business of the firm, is away from home for the holidays.

His brother-in-law, Dr. J. M. Rector of York Street and Jersey Avenue, that city, said last night that if Mr. Bentley was in San Francisco.

By Wireless-Steamship Kroonland, incoming from Antwerp, was reported by Marconi wireless eighty miles east of Nonething entirely new in Indiana.

Mr. Bentley left London to catch the Cunard Line Broadway-Lexing will have a time the lease of the Production of the work of the restimated cost of the Broadway-Lexing will have a time the lease of the Production of the work of the restimated cost of the Broadway-Lexing will have a time the lease of the Production of the work of the restimated cost of the Broadway-Lexing will have a time the lease of the Production of the cultion of the work out the work out the work out the work out to be begun line deat to the very section to the begun of the contracts of the section from the Lustre would be possible at once to begin on the section from Forty-second Street to 138th Street could be left, to be forth deared for the section from the Battery to the Grand Central Station. Within another year, it would be possible to begin of the contracts of the section for the contract of the certain portions of the contract

The crosstown spur through Canal Street is something entirely new in traction plans. It would connect with the Manhattan Bridge, and there would be a turnout from the main north and south line, so that trains from the Bronx could be run over the bridge and the Fourth Avenue Subway in Brocklyn, which the commission has already approved. The crosstown spur through Canal Street

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Poulsen System May Flash Them Over the Atlantic This Year.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES. LONDON, Dec. 31.—Speaking of the new wireless marvels that the world will see in 1908, Nevil Maskelyne, the manager of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, which controls the Poulsen rights, said to-night:

"The new year will not only see the establishment of the Poulsen wireless telephonic service across the Atlantic, MERRITT TO LEAD MAJORITY but also the establishment of the Poulsen wireless transatlantic service, whereby photographs and sketches illustrating Governor's Supporter is Led Behind Europe's news for American newspapers and photographs of criminals of such fidelity that they can be readily identified will be flashed across the Atlantic at the rate of one every five

OLD WORLD GREETINGS.

Duke of Argyll and Dr. Adler Send New Year's Messages.

to The New York Times. LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Duke of Ar gyll writes this New Year's message: "You can best help Christian Socialism the world over by helping the community to safeguard and respect indi-

vidual merit." Dr. Adler, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, writes:

"We may confidently hope that the ensuing year will be blessed in the truth, the high aspirations and the sterling achievements of the nations which are not wise in their own conceit, but strive for divine light."

BY WIRELESS 1,906 MILES.

Messages from Sitka, Alaska, to Point Loma Make Pacific Coast Record.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 31.-Five wireless elegraph messages have been received at Mare Island and Point Loma from Sitka, Alaska. This is the record for long distance on this coast.

The distance from Sitka to Mare Island ls 1,350 miles, and from Sitka to Point Loma is a little more than 1,906 miles.

BRITISH BANKERS HOPEFUL.

mprovement in the American Position is the Reason.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES. LONDON, Dec. 31.—Forecasts on the to-night by leading financiers. Sir Felix Schuster. Chairman of the Union Bank of London, and one of the

foremost banking experts, said: "I think that we may look forward confidently to a gradual and steady improvement of the monetary and financial position."

Lord Michelham of the great house of Stern Brothers said:

"In consequence of the recently improved financial conditions in America I consider that the outlook for 1908 is distinctly better, and look for an im-Sir M. C. Turner, Chairman of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and of minority leader for a number of years. China, said:

"Provided that the American situation clears up, I consider the financial of the Assembly, Mr. Palmer made an atoutlook bright." tack on the Governor in the Democratic J. J. H. Carson, Governor of the

Bank of Ireland, said: "Taking conditions into account, the outlook is considered satisfactory." J. Herbert Tritton, of Barklay's Bank

said: "In 1908 we shall probably be mark-The supply has overtaken the demand. In many quarters trade now is so largely on a cash basis that it is affected by the high bank rate less than formerly, but immediate improvement must not be looked for when the rate is reduced."

25,000 SIGN THE PLEDGE.

Employes of Northwestern Road Will Send Document to Their President. Special to The New York Times.

OMAHA, Dec. 81.—Probably the largest temperance movement any one business concern has ever known culminates on the Northwestern Railroad to-night, when a temperance piedge signed by 25,000 employes becomes effective. An effort is being made to have every employe of the

ployes becomes effective. An effort is being made to have every employe of the road sign the pledge.

The movement originated among the railroad employes themselves and not among the officers.

Three months ago when the Northwestern began cutting its force to a Winter basis, every man discharged was a drinking man, the testotalers being retained in their positions. At that time it was announced that the road had inaugurated a policy of always retaining the non-drinking men. As a result the drinking men who remained with the road have decided to quit, and during the last month pledges have circulated all over the 7,000 miles of the system.

The monster pledge will be sent to the President of the road as soon as all the parts are assembled.

FIVE HURT IN CAR CRASH.

Third Avenue Car Smashes Into a Fourteenth Street Crosstown. Shortly before 12 o'clock last night when

the homeward-bound theatregoers from ritt of St. Lawrence said that while he streets and surface cars, a south-bound Third Avenue car crashed into a west-bound Fourteenth Street car. Both cars were packed to the doors, and the passen-gers were thrown in neaps. Five persons were injured badly enough to require

were injured badly enough to require treatment.

John McCarthy of 238 East Twelfth Street was taken to Bellevue Hospital severely lacerated.

The injured persons were treated in a drug store by Dr. Rushley of Bellevue.

Julius Glies of 479 Third Avenue, Mrs. Marie Einstein of 57 Harrison Street, Jersey City, and James Gilligan of 116 East Eleventh Street were quite badly out and bruised. cut and bruised.

The damaged cars were towed away for repairs. Traffic was blocked for half an hour.

GIVES TOAST AND FALLS DEAD.

Fiorist Taking a Drink to the Dying Year Dies with It. While taking a farewell drink to the old year, George Nicodemus, 40 years old, 碱

florist living in 205 Flushing Avenue, A toriat living in 205 Flushing Avenue, A toria, dropped dead in Albert Barutt saloon in 456 Flushing Avenue, yesterd Nicodemus had invited the others in place to join in a farewell glass.

"Good-bye to the oid; success to new!" he exclaimed, raising his from the bar.

His friends clinked their ges to suddenly Nicodemus was a faiter. His face turned deathly pale in gered and fell. Later a de death was due to heart disc tes to-

ASSEMBLY MACHINE RIDES OVER BAXTER

Smith Beats Veteran for Clerkship and Wadsworth Is Named for Speaker.

the Breastworks-Palmer the Minority Leader.

Special to The New York Times.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 81,-Caucuses were held here to-night for reorganization purposes by both the Republican and Democratic representatives in the Assembly, in preparation for the opening session of the Legislature, which will be held to-morrow. Here are the results: Speaker-JAMES W. WADSWORTH, Jr., of Livingston.

Minority Leader-GEORGE M. PALMER of Clerk of the Assembly—RAY B. SMITH of Onondaga.

Stenographer-HENRY C. LAMMERT of Sergeant at Arms-FRANK W. JOHNSTON of Erle.

The only fight was over the Clerkship, for which Col. Archie E. Baxter, a civil war veteran, who for six years has held the place, was a candidate for re-election against Mr. Smith, who is Chairman of the Onondaga County Republican Committee, and had powerful backing. Col. Baxter was at the disadvantage of not even having the approval of Representative J. Sloat Fassett, the Republican leader of Chemung County, his home. The men who stood up for the war veteran at to-night's caucus did so perfectly aware that their fight was hopeless. The vote stood 67 in favor of Smith and only 23 for Baxter.

At the opening of the legislative session of 1908 the Wadsworth machine, which swayed the lower house at the last session and caused the long and costly deadlock over reapportionment, is as firmly in the saddle as ever and as potent as ever to influence legislative events.

The election of Assemblyman Merritt as majority leader, which is predicted tonight, is regarded in many quarters as a compromise on the part of the machine, but it will add an element of strength to inancial situation in 1908 were made Speaker Wadsworth and his following. Mr. Merritt is one of the ablest men in the lower house and at the last session was the chief advocate of the Governor's policies in the Assembly. Merritt outside the Republican machine breastworks would furnish an element of danger to the machine. As majority leader he would be constrained to become more or less of a Wadsworth lieutenant, though undoubted ly he may also be in a position to exercise a wholesome influence on legislation should he so choose,

> The election of Mr. George M. Palmer as minority leader. Mr. Palmer, who failed of re-election in 1906. prior to the last session had the position Although Gov. Hughes's name could in

no way be connected with the organization caucus to-night. Its purpose was to check expressions of admiration not infrequently pig. heard among Democrats. Mr. Palmer said that the Governor had been alluded to as "Republican-Democrat," or a "near

non-partisan, largely indifferent to parti- Distinguished German Officer Consan advantage."
"This halo," Mr. Palmer continued has been badly damaged by the Gov ernor's extreme and most offensive par-

tisanship displayed in appointing Republicans to the Surrogateship in New York and to the Supreme Court Justiceship in the Second District in place of Democrats elected by a heavily Democratic constitu-"Before rushing to the rescue of the

Governor from attacks of Republican ecuted by shooting in his own garrison. spoilsman, let us beware the fate of the man who interfores in family quarrels and is punished soundly by both participants for his pains." Opposition to Mr. Palmer for the mi-

nority leadership of the Assembly disappeared before the opening of the Democratic caucus. The remainder of the minority's programme will be made up at an adjourned meeting to-morrow morning. There was

an intimation that the Democrats might vote for Col. Baxter for Clerk. The Republican members of the lower house met in the Assembly Chamber. Jesse R. Phillips of Allegany, the Republican caucus whip, called the gathering to order and after roll-call, which showed an unprecedented attendance for a first night, nominated George H. Whit-

ney of Saratoga, as Chairman Assemblyman E. W. Hamm of Wayne, Senator Raines's Assemblyman, nominated Speaker Wadsworth. The nomination was seconded by James A. Francis

of New York. -The nomination of Smith for Clerk was nade by Assemblyman Hammond of Syracuse, Smith's home. Assemblyman Merrealized he was leading a forlorn hope, he felt incumbent upo nhimself to stand up for Col. Baxter. The Assembly chamber was lined with members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who had labored in vain with Speaker Wadsworth on be half of their comrade, and threatened to retaliate on election day and at the primaries in case he should be shelved. Reports that Col. Baxter is to have other office through the efforts of who displaced him as Clerk of Assembly, are not consistent. sembly, are not consistent. Assent conditions. The Republication is a disposal, nor can it count up unless the Governor with the power of appointment to a seminate or an analysis of the count up to point a seminate or will caucus at the country working to province to pr sembly, are not consistent; morrow morning to nominate minor offices, including Ser-

k, were chosen last year for two years. every Gavel for Justice Spiegelberg. Members of the Republican Club of the Fifteenth Assembly District will present to-day an ivory gavel to Frederick Spiegelbin recently elected Justice in the until last micipal Court District. Henry A removed t ill make a presentation speech. Parsons, Congressman Olcott. Saxe, and Assemblyman Bennett code to be present.

rms and stenographer. Senator

Ontario, as President pro tem.,

yette B. Gleason of Delaware, as

TORPEDO BOATS IN A STORM.

They Arrive at Para a Day Late After a Rough Trip.

PARA, Brazil, Dec. 31.-The torpedoboat flotilla which is preceding the battleship fleet to the Pacific arrived here today from Port of Spain, Trinidad. The boats had a rough voyage, encountering head seas, and were delayed one day on the run by bad weather.

The transports Arethusa and Stirling arrived here yesterday and from them the flotilla will take coal and supplies. They will leave here Jan. 3 for Pernambuco. They are five days behind their MERRYMAKERS OWNED TOWN

POPE'S JUBILEE BEGINS.

Will Be Celebrated Much More Quietly Than That of Leo. ROME, Dec. 31.—The Pope's jubilee will

begin to-morrow. In December, 1858, he said his first mass. He remarked to-day that twenty years had elapsed since the opening of the jubilee of the priesthood of Pope Leo XIII., when 200,000 pilgrims gathered here from all corners of the earth to render him honor. In contrast to this, the jubilee of Pope Plus will open very quietly and without the coming together of a multi-

STILL QUAKES AT KINGSTON. Yonkers. But they do it for every year Returned Voyager Nearly Dropped 1907, and this year, forgetting the old

Glass, the ice Rattled So. Ernest May, a New York steamship igent, who returned from Kingston, Janaica, yesterday, on the Hamburg-American liner Prinz Augustine Wilhelm, said that the island people are still very timid, and professed to feel frequent slight earth-

He said he had a personal experience in a café in Kingston the night before he sailed, when the ice in his glass clinked ominously, so that he nearly dropped it through nervousness.

The man sitting opposite him was so frightened, Mr. May said, that he left without paying his bill.

CANFIELD LEAVING SARATOGA. Releasing His Gardener, Tells Him Clubhouse Will Be Closed.

Special to The New York Times.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Dec. 31.-Intimating that he is about to enter another line of business, Richard A. Canfield to-day released from his employment the head gardener at the Saratoga Clubhouse. In his letter Mr. Canfield states that he got it. will not need the man's services because the clubhouse will not be opened next Summer. Canfield's Saratoga friends believe this confirms his retirement from his clubhouse business, which he announced last Summer. They regard it as confirmation of the rumor that he is to the oil business.

FIRST AID TO A GREASED PIG. Anti-Cruelty Society Has Eye on Chase Slated for To-day.

Special to The New York Times. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 81. Paul F. Williams, Secretary of the Society in this city, said this afternoon that the near New York had sent in for the holisociety was going to keep an eye on days a full quota of their young "raha greased-pig chase advertised to take rah" boys. These be devilish fellows place here to-morrow. The society beleves that such exhibitions are cruel. manager of the affair to call it off, and nearly everybody had one. They did not if he refuses an officer will be stationed tack on the Governor in the Democratic at the grounds to stop the exhibition at the first sign of suffering shown by the

CAPTAIN MURDERED MAJOR.

fesses-Wife of Victim Also Arrested. ALLENSTEIN, East Prussia, Dec. 31.-Capt. von Goeben, a distinguished officer in the artillery branch of the German Army, has caused a sensation in military circles by confessing that he is the author of the murder of Major von Schoenbeck, a brother-officer, who was shot dead on Christmas Day. He will be tried by courtmartial and if found guilty will be ex-Major Schoenbeck, returning home late on Christmas night, heard some one de-

scending the stairway leading from his wife's room. Drawing his pistol he went to meet the intruder and tried to shoot him. The pistol, however, missed fire and von Goeben then killed the Major and made his escape. He was subsequently arrested on suspicion and confessed at the prelininary examination.

Capt. von Goeben served formerly with the Macedonia gendarmes and fought in the side of the Boers in the South African

The wife of Major von Schoenbeck has been arrested on the charge of complicity in the crime.

WRECKED ON MAN O'WAR REEF Live Stock Transport Loses Rudder in Times Square. The crowds from the and Drifts on Rocks.

After her rudder had been carried away as she was swinging in midstream, the livestock transport Burlington struck on Man o' War Reef, off Blackwell's Island, soon after noon yesterday and is likely to be a total wreck. She was returning to Jersey City after having unloaded a cargo of sheep and calves at the foot of East Forty-fifth Street when the accident oc-

Cant. Lewis and his crew of five men were taken off in a rowboat after the transport's rudder was lost. The Burlington struck the rocks starboard on, and could be formed dimly the words: stuck wih her bows, and pilot house out of water. Tugs failed to get her off at high

CHALLE DYING OF RABIES.

Dog Brank Spinoz

geon Suttern auffering from an advanced lower, and then at 1:15 o'clock it was lost stage of hobia.

The steam had played out. The Subway was still trying to get peo-ple home at 2 o'clock. The cars were the design that the control of the

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NEW YEAR WELCOMED WITH WILD ACCLAIM

Everything That Could Make a Noise Turned Loose When Times Ball Fell.

Streets Thronged from Early Evening with Crowds Bent on Enjoyment

-Scene in Times Square.

Well, it's here-1908. And it's a leap year, too. That wild noise which Dobbs Ferry heard from the south at midnight originated in Broadway from Trinity Church to Times Square, when the electric ball on top of THE TIMES Building fell in accordance with the prearranged plan. Not that there wasn't any noise before that time. It simply reached its climax then. At 9 o'clock the low, discordant

next December, at the last minute, they will turn away from the then ancient 1908 and blow up 1909. In the crowds that eddied around The Times Building at 10 o'clock-along with he wind and confetti, which was eddyng, too-was a six-year-old boy. He had a gray cap set askew on his tousled head,

hum could be heard only as far up as

hat comes in. They did it last Winter for

year, they made a fuss about 1908. And

and his stockings were on their way to nis shoe tops, This boy was lost. No one paid any attention to him. He simply wandered around, off his head as to directions and the future, but not bewildered. Finally a policeman paid attention. He led him over to the West Forty-seventh Street Police Station. Upon being pressed as to his name he said:

"I guess I'm Nineteen Hunderd an' Seven. They all been sayin' that at home, 'cause I been gettin' lost so much Seven. The Times Square Subway stations be

gan pouring the New Year crowds into Broadway last night soon after 6 o'clock. Most of them were there simply to get enjoyment out of making a noise. And they

Where the Crowd Went. The restaurants absorbed part of the

rowd and the theatres the rest early in the evening. Nevertheless, at 10 o'clock, before the theatres were out, Broadway, from Twenty-third Street to join partnership with John W. Gates in Times Square, could not hold on its sidewalks all those who got pleasure from valking up and down, swinging rattlers, blowing horns, and brandishing ticklers. The western sidewalks for some reason, were more crowded than the eastern, but at about 11 o'clock, when the playhouses gave up their audiences there were not enough sidewalks on or near Broadway to

contain the welcomers of 1908. There is not any use telling the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals all did. All the little colleges anywhere when night falls.

The order had come out of Mulberry Mr. Williams said he would ask the Street to suppress ticklers. And yet use them with the idiotic thoughtlessness of other New Year's celebrations, however. The police had no reports of anybody losing an eye. Inspector Walsh had charge of the district around Times Square. He held down the job well. There was no taboo on bells, horns, confetti. rattlers, and common tin cans with bricks

in them. It's great to walk up and down and blow a horn and laugh and yell into a stranger's face. Some tens of thousands do that on election night and New Year's without necessarily having met the de-

On New Year's night, however, it isn't the "Demon Rum." It's champagne, and nobody has anything to do with any demon-until the next morning.

At Forty-sixth Street and Broadway shortly after midnight a dozen young women joined hands and formed a circle about a beardless young man in fashionable attire. Every time he tried to escape fro mthe circle the girls pushed him back and spun him around like a top. His silk hat toppled off his head. The girls kicked it out to the crowd. It was last seen going down Broadway. A policeman rescued the young man.

Watching for The Times's Ball. The flashlight on top of THE TIMES Building kept reminding people that up there at a second after midnight the blazing electric ball would fall. Consequently as midnight approached the crowds drifted up Broadway, adding to those already theatres swelled the waiting multitudes near Broadway and Forty-second Street. At ten minutes to midnight the whistles on every boiler in Manhattan, the Bronx,

Brooklyn, and the waters thereof began

to screech. Tens of thousands stood

watching the electric ball. And then-It fell. The great shout that went up drowned out the whistles for a minute. The vocal power of the welcomers rose above even the horns and the cow bells and the rattles. Above all else came the wild human hullabaloo of noise, out of which

Having extended the glad hand and tide. The Burlington was built in 1869 for the Pennsylvania Railroad's ferry service. During the Spanish-American war she was used as a river transport.

hearty howdy-do to 1908, those in the crowd settled down to having fun with one another and the world. Though there was used as a river transport. last night, the champagne opened would

have easily floated it down to the river. Din Slow to Die Out.

The whistles didn't stop at 12:10, nor at Six Works Ago—in Hospital.

Frank 4 years old, who lives with his cents at 317 West Sixty—whistle wide open with one hand and seventh 5 was removed to Roosevelt holding up a flask with the other. The hight by Ambulance Sur- whistle was dying, dying lower and lower,

o Frank began to show des. He told his mother dog, and began to bark som to room. Saliva and as child's lips, and but for started toward the press it all looked

just about as it would on any other night; Except that there lay in the streets broken horns, demolished and cast-aside rattlers, soiled confetti, forlorn ticklers and dented and deserted derby hats. The kitchen boys of the restaurants were bringing up huge basketculs of emblish bottles.

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