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### TALK OF AIR SHIPS

#### Have the People of the Planet Been Sailing Over Our Earth.

When it is considered, says the New Orleans Picayune, that there occurred in the United States in the year under review collisions to the number of 5,219, in ten of which 104 persons were killed, not to mention the large number of wounded, the extreme seriousness of the situation is made known. Many sorts of train casualties arise from conditions for which the railroad companies and their servants are not responsible, such as those arising from rain storms causing washouts, destruction of bridges and the caving of the banks of deep cuts and the rolling of rocks down mountains upon the track. Then there are those which are the results of crimes by outsiders who deliberately wreck trains. For these and others of that nature the companies generally may escape responsibility, but for collisions which must be held blamable. Trains are run by time schedules and these are supposed to be regulated in such a manner as that trains when, for any cause, they are out of place and time as required by the schedule, will keep out of the way of those that are on time, and that if any sudden stop is made upon a track, with no opportunity to get out of the way on a siding, flags and lights will be sent out to warn approaching trains.

### A MYSTERIOUS MOVEMENT

#### The Successful Experiment With Air Ship at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina - The Inventors Elude Flying Newspaper Reporters.

So much talk of air ships lately recalls the stories telegraphed all over the world a few years ago from various North, East, South and West concerning air ships that people sail at great heights passing over the various cities.

### RAILWAY ACCIDENTS AND PARTICULARLY COLLISIONS.

Scarcely a day passes without some report of a serious railway accident. The report of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission gives the returns of such accidents for the year ending June 30, 1903, the number of passengers killed in train accidents at 164, and of injured 4,421; of employees killed, 895; injured, 6,440. Casualties from other causes, added to these, make totals of 331 passengers and 3,233 employees killed and 6,973 passengers and 89,004 employees injured. These numbers are larger by a considerable percentage than the corresponding numbers of the year last preceding.

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### CHRISTMAS SINNERS.

#### Mayor Springer Disposed of Forty-two Cases at His Matinee Saturday.

#### MANY CONVICTS FOR ROADS.

Most of the charges were Drunk, Disorderly and Fighting - Negro Bound Over to Court for Stealing a Goat.

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### SUDDEN DEATH.

#### Mr. Thomas J. Presson Expired Without a Moment's Warning Saturday Night About 9 O'clock.

We are pained to announce the sudden death of Mr. Thomas J. Presson, the well known contractor and builder. He died Saturday night about 9 o'clock at his home, No. 214 Chestnut street.

Mr. Presson was in his usual health and had not been complaining at all. Last night while in the sitting room he went to the stove, put in a stick of wood and returned to his seat a few feet away. Just as he reached his seat, he turned to his wife and with a look of distress, said "Come here." He then fell over and by the time his wife reached him he was gasping in death.

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### THE TELEPHONE MERGER.

#### New Company Chartered in Raleigh to Combine the Rural Exchanges.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 24.—The Capital City Telephone Company was chartered to-day, to effect a merger of the Interstate and Bell telephone exchanges of this city. Capital authorized is \$300,000. The incorporators are W. T. Gentry, D. I. Carson, J. W. Crews and Hunt Chipley, of Atlanta, Ga., on the part of the Southern Bell Company, and J. S. Carr, L. A. Carr and W. W. Wats on the part of the Interstate Company. The merger will be effected December 31st. This is the only point at which there will be such a deal, the Bell company taking over the Interstate except Durham, where the Interstate is left in control of the field.

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### ELKS' GOOD WORK.

#### Wilmington Lodge Made Many a Heart Glad on Christmas Day.

#### PROVISIONS DISTRIBUTED.

Nearly Two Hundred Well Filled Baskets Sent to the Poor of the City - Cheer for Many a Home - Both White and Colored Visited.

### AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT.

#### To Lynch a Negro in Jail at Bartow, Fla., Suspected of Shooting Col. and Mrs. John Beatty.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BARTOW, FLA., Dec. 26.—Night before last, shortly after dark, about twenty-five or thirty men, armed to the teeth, marched into this city and for a time it was thought that the crowd would make a determined effort to get Barry Henry, the negro in jail supposed to be the one wanted for shooting Colonel and Mrs. John Beatty Thursday morning. But for the dogged determination of Sheriff Henry to get Barry Henry, the negro into the jail, the sheriff fearing another attempt to lynch him. Officers drove to Prident with the negro, where they boarded a train for Tampa.

### SITUATION IN THE EAST.

#### State Department Renewing Efforts to Secure Final Ratification of Treaties With China and Corea.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The situation in the East has caused the officials of the State Department to renew their efforts to secure for the United States from China and Corea certain necessary trade advantages as embodied in the Chinese commercial treaty, and in Mr. Allen's demands upon the Korean government, before the crisis becomes more acute. It is realized that should hostilities break out between Korea and Japan, the resulting peace treaty probably would leave the United States and other neutral nations entirely outside of the pale of advantage in Corea, no matter which way the tide of victory turned. Therefore the State Department is bringing pressure to bear upon the Chinese government to insure the speedy ratification of the trade treaty, and other nations have indirectly been given to understand in this negotiation, it is hoped that final ratifications of the treaty may be exchanged in Washington within three months after the date of the opening of the treaty to the United States the trade of the ports of Antung and Moukden, in Manchuria. Across the river from the Antung, in Corea territory, lies Wiju, and the State Department has prompted Mr. Allen at Seoul to renew his pressure upon the Korean government to secure the opening of that port to trade.

### TALLEST ON EARTH.

#### Building Forty Stories High to be Erected on Broadway, New York City.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The tallest building on earth is to be erected in lower Broadway, if the present plans are carried out. With five stories below the street level, forty stories high from the entrance to the top floor and surmounted by a sixty-foot tower, the Park Row building, which at present holds the record.

### FATAL AFFRAY.

#### At a Christmas Festival, in a Country Church in Alabama.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BESSEMER, ALA., Dec. 26.—Information has reached here from Clear Bill Lockhart, at a Christmas tree festival given at a church. Lockhart, a peace officer, was acting as Santa Claus. It is alleged that Parsons became disorderly while the exercises were in progress and Lockhart baited the pro-festivals and ejected him. When the affair was over, Parsons attacked Lockhart with a knife as the latter left the building. Lockhart drew a pistol and shot Parsons to death, after having himself been cut in several places.

### CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

#### Five Hundred Children the Guests of Mrs. Roosevelt - Hearty Greeting to the President.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Five hundred children, youthful sons and daughters of members of the cabinet, senators, representatives, army and navy officers, members of the diplomatic corps, assistant secretaries of Departments and Washington newspaper correspondents were the guests, between four and six o'clock this afternoon, of Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House. Mrs. Roosevelt was assisted by the ladies of the cabinet circle and Mrs. Loeb, Mrs. Cowles and Miss Hagner.

### SEVERE STORM SWEEPS NEW YORK CITY.

#### A Driving Snow and Winds of Hurricane Force - Rapidly Falling Temperature. Number of People Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A driving snow storm, accompanied by furious squalls that at times rose to almost hurricane force, struck the city early to-day. Low-lying clouds pouring down on a bank of snow, the dense character of the snowfall continued to produce for nearly half an hour so deep a darkness that lights were lit in all the down town streets and along the river fronts. During this period many ferry boats and other craft lost their bearings completely and the harbor resounded with the whistles of frantic canyons groping their way through gloom. One Brooklyn boat, heading for the Manhattan side, found herself off the Battery, several blocks away from her destination. Ocean steamers bound in and out were compelled to stop and lie until the darkness lifted. The ferry boat John B. Adams, bound for Astoria, from Ellis Island, crashed into the steamboat Taurus off the Battery, but both vessels escaped with slight damage. The Taurus was almost as quickly as it settled down and the snow was succeeded by clearing skies, high gales and a rapidly falling temperature, the mercury going down fifteen degrees from 42° to 27° within three hours. So fierce was the gale during the afternoon that many pedestrians were thrown down and injured. Around "Cops Flat" on Broadway and 23d street, the wind raged in gusts of almost cyclonic fury. It is estimated that a fragment of a large plate glass window, blown out of an adjacent building.

### BRYAN IN GERMANY.

#### Was Not Received in Audience by Emperor William.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—William J. Bryan was entertained at luncheon to-day by Ambassador Tower and called on Foreign Secretary Richtof.

Emperor William has expressed regret at the fact that Bryan did not receive Mr. Bryan in audience.

About one hundred Americans and prominent Germans were introduced to Mr. Bryan to-day at the reception of the American Chamber of Commerce, given in his honor, at the hotel Bristol. After the reception Mr. Bryan took the night train for Amsterdam. He will sail for New York Wednesday from Liverpool on board the White Star Line steamer Celtic.

### NEW YORK BANKS.

#### Statement of Averages of the Associated Banks.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week shows: Loans \$523,262,500; increase \$15,528,000. Deposits \$355,918,700.—Increase \$17,654,700. Circulation \$45,304,400; increase \$731,700. Legal tenders \$67,902,500; decrease \$307,000. Specie \$161,151,200; increase \$5,264,500. Reserve \$228,074,900; increase \$1,957,800. Reserve required \$116,479,678; increase \$4,408,675. Surplus \$12,574,435; decrease \$1,463,678. Ex U. S. deposits \$21,758,700; decrease \$2,448,000.

### INSURANCE APPLICANT.

#### Some-time I have pipe dreams. Must be examined by a doctor. Agent - No. Plumber - Detroit Free Press.

### STAND PAT.

#### "Stand pat" will be the next Republican national platform. Whatever may be thought of it otherwise, it will be commended for its brevity.

### MR. BRYAN DID NOT GET STUCK.

#### On his ocean voyage to "throw up the sponge."

Mr. Bryan did not get stuck on his ocean voyage to "throw up the sponge."

### THE TOWNS OF MACORIS HAS DECLARED IN FAVOR OF THE INSURGENTS.

#### By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—United States Minister Powell reports to the State Department under yesterday's date from San Domingo City, confirming the cable announcement that the towns of Macoris has pronounced in favor of Jimenez, and adds that troops from that place under the insurgent flag are marching on the city of San Domingo. A great many arrests are being made at the capital, but otherwise everything is quiet.