UP TO UNCLE SAM.

People in Gold Field Replying on National Government For Protection—Not Likely That the President Will Modify His Order Regarding Withdrawal of Troops.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The appeals to President Roosevelt to have Federal troops remain in Goldfield, in the opinion of White House officials, indicate a desire on the part of those sending them to rely solely on the national government for protection. The position the President has taken in the matter is that the State of Nevada should exhaust every means within its power to control the situation and that Federal interference should be supplemental only to the effort being made by the State. Nothing in the appeals so far received indicate that any steps whatever are being taken by the State. Until this is shown to the President, it was stated at the White House to-day, his order of Saturday withdrawing the troops on December 30th, will not be changed.

After a consultation with President Roosevelt to-day, Senator Nixon, of Nevada, expressed it as his opinion that the President could not very well modify his order directing the withdrawal of the troops. The question of having the State take some active part in protecting the interests at Goldfield, the Senator said, was a question under active consideration at this time. Just what would be the result of what measures were being considered he said it would be impossible to discuss. "One thing is certain," he asserted, "and that is that the Western Federation of Miners will not be known in Goldfield when this trouble has been concluded."

Mohawk Resumes Operations.

Goldfield, Nev. Dec. 23.—With 50 men at work underground the Mohawk mine resumed operations today after being closed for more than three weeks. The Consolidated Mill and the Nevada-Goldfield Reduction Works are now running.

Sheriff Ingalls added a large number of deputies to his force to-day, the men being paid by the Mine Owners' Association to act as guards and patrolmen.

The Mine Owners' Association asserts that during the week a large number of strike breakers will be brought in. Very few of the strikers have returned to work.

FATAL NEW YORK FIRE.

One Man Killed in an Effort to Rescue His Sister and Others Seriously Burned in Tenement Blaze.

New York, Dec. 23.—One man was killed while trying to save his sister, a fireman was dangerously injured and several other persons were seriously burned in a fire in a five-story tenement house in East 110th street to-day.

Among the slightly injured is James McQuilken, a 10-year-old boy, just recovering from a broken leg, who was hurt in rescuing a blind woman.

The dead man, Fred Koenig, lived on the fourth floor with his wife, baby and mother. Across the hall was the apartment of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Corker. Koenig succeeded in getting his own family down safely and returned for his sister. He was overcome by smoke and found dead on the stairway. His sister had already escaped.

This stairway later gave way under the weight of Acting Battalion Chief Poling, who jumped for a window. The charred frame work broke and he fell three stories to the areaway beneath. He was hurried to a hospital, where his recovery is said to be doubtful.

The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

WORK ON THE CANAL.

Remarkable Progress Under the Direction of the New Regime—The Health Conditions Good.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The excavation from the line of the Panama canal last month, aggregating 1,838,486 cubic yards, would have covered 10 city blocks to a depth of 40 feet. No such work has ever been done before as Colonel Goethals has been doing on the isthmus, according to statistics presented in the official canal record jjust received. For instance, it is shown that every 50 working days the commission is moving an amount of material equal to the pyramid of Cheops, which consumed the labor of 100,000 men for 20 years in the building and the services of the same number of men for 10 years in constructing the road connecting the work with the quarry. The commission could build the Suez canal at the present rate of progress in 3.8 years, though it took 10 years for De Lesseps to complete his work.

According to the latest health report from Panama, the isthmus has been free of yellow fever for more than eighteen months and there has been a steady and continued improvement in the health conditions. Comparing the death rate for the year up to December 1st with that for the corresponding period in 1906, there has been a 50 per cent. decrease, the figures being for this year 20.66 per thousand, against 30.61 last year. The sick rate showed a marked improvement, being 20.49 for November, against 26.90 for October, 1907.

EARTH WILL DRY UP SOME DAY.

Professor Lowell Points to Mars, With Water Only Half the Year.

Boston Dispatch, 22d.

"It is the doom of the earth," said Prof. Percival Lowell, in a lecture before the college club, "to be covered with deserts like Mars, and the time will come when water in this world of ours will be far more precious than gold.

"The kinetic theory of matter reminds up that a small body will lose its bases rapidly, as compared with a larger one, and that is why the moon has already lost its air. For like reasons the seas pass away, and though Mars once had seas, there are none on the planet now, and no accumulations of water more than twenty miles across.

"The only water left in Mars is that which is gathered semi-annually at its polar caps. Mars thus lacks water supply, and, leaving out the question of canals, we are led to recognize, from the general conditions of the planet, that it supports some form of organic life—a form which is peculiarly and manifestly beholden to the polar caps."

Negro and White Man Fight Deadly Duel.

Vaiden, Miss., Dec. 23.—Maury Davis, a young white man, was killed today by William Spinx, a negro, with whom he had quarreled. The negro was fatally wounded. The two emptied their revolvers at each other and then clinched, finishing the fight with knives.

BEWARE OF FREQUENT COLDS.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by W. L. Hand & Co.

SHOT AT ONE; KILLED ANOTHER.

A Kannapolis Negro Tries to Kill His Wife, But Succeeds in Taking Off Another Damsel of Color—Realty Transfers in Concord—Farmers and Government to Co-Operate—Pepsi-Cola Plant Sold at Auction.

Special to The Observer.

Concord, Dec. 23.—Loomis Fair, keeper of a negro boarding house and a tiger at Kannapolis, yesterday became infuriated at the conduct of his wife, and while in the heat of passion took down his trusty Winchester rifle and fired at the woman. He missed his mark, however, the bullet striking one Laura Smith in the right breast, passing through the body and coming out at the lower end of the spinal column. Dr. F. O. Rogers, of this city, and Dr. Flowe, of Glass, were called to attend the woman and did everything that could be done for her relief. She lingered until this morning about 10 o'clock, when she died.

Fair, the negro who did the shooting, is said to be a bad, desperate character, and immediately after he had committed the deed he took to the woods, and up to this time has not been taken. It is also learned that he took with him his rifle, which shoots a 38-calibre ball.

Henry Johnston, a well-known and well-behaved negro of Harrisburg, lost a mule last night, the animal having been stolen. He had called on a neighbor who lived inside the corporate limits of the village, and while on the inside of the house some thief unfastened the mule from a post and drove him out towards Rocky River church, where the buggy and harness were left by the roadside and the mule carried on.

Quite a bit of that property lying on Church and Creswell streets, for many years past a part of the Joel Reed estate, has been sold by the Reed heirs. Along Church street five pretty building lots have been purchased by Dr. J. E. Smoot, who will inaugurate permanent and substantial improvements at once.

There were a number of representative farmers from various sections of the county at the court house this morning to hear what Mr. C. R. Hudson, representing the Agricultural Department of the National government, had to say and to co-operate with the plan the government takes to get experimental farm work done over the country. Nearly every farmer present signed up to work during the coming year in co-operation with the department.

The plant of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Works was sold to-day at 12 o'clock at public auction to satisfy certain claims held against the concern. It is said that the works is one of the best-equipped concerns in this section of the State, but has steadily lost money for some months past. Everything was knocked down to Mr. B. L. Umberger for the sum of $1,700. The plant will probably be leased or resold to parties interested, who will put it to work at an early date.

Milton's Famil Bible Sold.

New York Tribune.

The Milton family Bible, printed in London in 1588 and with the autograph of the poet, John Milton, dated February 24, 1654, on a slip of paper pasted on the inside cover, brought $1,225 last night at the auction sale of the collection of William H. Buckler, of Baltimore, now secretary of the American Legation in Madrid.

The sale attracted an eager crowd, which sought possession of the book, undoubtedly the same volume from which a chapter was read to the poet each morning. It contained the autograph of Elizabeth Milton, his third wife, which is inscribed on the title page, while her maiden name, Elizabeth Minshull is written on a fly leaf, as well as the autographs of other members of the Milton family and the records of a little later period, including a curious bequest of the volume.

The first bid was $800 and the book was awarded finally to E. H. Richmond, a dealer in rare literature.

Snake Caused Fits.

Tuckerton (N. J.,) Dispatch to Philadelphia Record.

For a number or years Mrs. Ella Seaman, of West Creek, has been a sufferer from cataleptic fits, the cause of which has been a puzzle to physicians. Some of the symptoms of her trouble resembled those of indigestion, and some of the doctors treated her for that ailment, but with very little beneficial results. Just before the paroxysms came Mrs. Seaman would feel a sensation like something crawling from her stomach to her throat.

After trying many remedies to no avail, Mrs. Seaman decided to experiment with an advertised remedy, and she now proudly exhibits in a glass jar a snake about nine inches in length and an inch thick which the remedy expelled. The reptile has a brown back and white belly. Mrs. Seaman has not suffered from the fits since.

Precious Stones and Automobiles.

New York World.

Precious stones, cut and uncut, and pearls worth $924,655.98, were imported here last month, as compared with $2,751,447.08 worth of the gems in the same month last year, so Colonel Fowler, appraiser of the port, reports. The appraised value of all merchandise, imported here last month was $62,653,079, against $67,003,181 in November, 1906. The decrease, nearly $4,500,000, is divided between precious stones and other luxuries, while the importations of cotton goods, teas and coffees have largely increased.

If the rich must struggle on without diamonds and pearls they must have automobiles. One hundred and forty-five automobiles of the total value of $428,435 were imported in November, 1907, in comparison with ninety-eight cars valued at $372,752 in November, 1906.

Five Killed in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Five persons were killed ti-night by an explosion of compressed air in the uncompleted Metropolitan subway tunnel under the river Seine, near Notre Dame. The accident was caused by a sudden sinking of a caisson 50 feet below the surface of the water, which forced out of position one of the great head shields. The resulting rush of air, suddenly released buried five of the workmen aganst the cincrete wall, killing them outright. The men in other sections of the workings became panic stricken and a mad fight for the ladder to the exit ensued in the darkness, but all got out in safety.

When the Stomach, Heart, or Kidney nerves get weak, then these organs always fail. Don't drug the Stomach, nor stimulate the Heart or Kidneys. That is simply a makeshift. Get a prescription known to Druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. The Restorative is prepared expressly for these weak inside nerves. Strengthen these nerves, build them up with Dr. Shoop's Restorative—tablets or liquid—and see how quickly help will come. Free sample test sent on request by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Your health is surely worth this simple test. Mullen's Pharmacy.

POWERS' TRIAL DRAGS.

Seventh Week of the Hearing in Goebel Murder Case—Former Assistant Secretary of State Davidson to Give Testimony For the Defendant.

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 23.—The seventh week of the trial of Caleb Powers for alleged complicity in the assassination of William Goebel opened to-day. Police Judge J. N. Hubbard, of Grayson, Ky., was recalled to identify a letter written by him to Powers, which embodied the substance of his sensational testimony given Saturday relative to the plan to kill Goebel outlined to him by Youtsey. The letter was written by Judge Hubbard to Powers while the latter was in the Newport jail. J. L. Hopkins, the next witness, gave equally sensational testimony recounting a conversation he had with Youtsey in the agricultural building, two days before Goebel was shot, in which Youtsey said:

"I sent to Cincinnati for some cartridges that will fix him (meaning Goebel) and I will give $100 to any man who will fire the shot. But if I can't get anybody else to do the work I will do it myself."

Albert Melton, in whose possession was found the Marlin rifle with which Goebel was shot was on the stand today to identify and trace the gun. Melton identified the weapon by its number but was unable to say positively who gave it to him. Directly after the shooting of Goebel Melton went into the hall of the executive building where several persons were gathered about the door of Caleb Powers' office from which the shot was fired. Some person handed the gun to Melton during the excitement. He thought the man who gave him the gun was a person who had been pointed out to him as "Youtsey," but was not positive.

An interesting turn in the trial is the arrival of W. J. Davidson, Assistant Secretary of State under Powers and before that Superintendent of Public Instruction under Governor Bradley. Davidson will take the witness stand in defense of Powers. Davidson left Kentucky about the time Taylor and Finley did. In the testimony of Youtsey and Golden he is charged with being one of the conspirators in the Goebel assassination but he was not indicted with the others. Since leaving Kentucky nearly eight years ago his whereabouts have been unknown, save to a few friends. He said to-day that he had been in a small town in Indiana near Indianapolis, most of the time engaged in the construction business.

Torpedo Flotilla Breaks Down and Returns to Trinidad.

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 23.—The American torpedo boat flotilla which left here yesterday morning at 8 o'clock for Rio de Janeiro, on its way to the Pacific, returned here today because of an accident to the machinery of the Lawrence. The damage is not serious and it is estimated that the repairs can be made in one day.

The supply ship Arathusa has gone on to Para.

Pacific Fleet Nears Trinidad.

On board U. S. flagship Connecticut, Dec. 22. noon, via wireless station at Key West, Fla., 23.—The Associated Press, New York: At noon Sunday the battleship fleet was 300 miles from Trinidad.

Missouri's Fireman Dead.

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 23.—Benjamin Northway, a fireman on the United States battleship Missouri, who was landed here on Saturday, sufferin was landed here Saturday, suffering from peritonitis, died to-day. Northway's home was at Gloucester, Mass., and he enlisted at Boston. He will be buried in the San Juan military cemetery.

Condition of National Banks.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A statement showing the condition of the national banks of the United States at the close of business December 3d was to-day made public by the comptroller of the Currency. It shows that the total loans and discounts of the banks aggregate $4,583,337,094, individual deposits $4,176,873,717; cash resources $660,784,736; capital stock $901,681,682; United States deposits $223,117,082. The net balance of clearing house certificates in the banks on the date named was $64,344,128. The percentage of legal reserve to deposits is 21.31 per cent.

Train Crew Acquitted of Blame.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A verdict of not guilty was returned here by the jury to-night in the case of Engineer Hilderband, Conductor Hoffmeyer, Fireman McClellan and Brakeman Mudder, the train crew which were indicted for manslaughter in connection with the wreck at Terra Cotta, D. C., on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad December 30th, 1906, in which 43 persons were killed and upward of three score injured. The trial had been in progress for three weeks, and the verdict was reached after four hours deliberation.

A Kind and Highly Appreciated Word.

El Paso, Tex., News.

There is no man on whose good judgment, sound views, unquestioned integrity and patriotism we more implicitly rely than the editor of The Charlotte, North Carolina, Observer. In an editorial from a recent issue of his paper, which is published in another column, he takes the view that Mr. Cortelyou acted without warrant under the law, but was justified by the magnitude of the interests involved in so acting, and with candor and entire truth says that the responsibility for Mr. Cortelyou's actions, rests with the Senate of the United States, which had failed to enact laws to meet just such emergencies.

A BARBER(OUS) EPISODE.

Hub, in The Sportsman's Review.

It happened at Barber, in North Carolina,
At Barber, where barbers do not congregate,
That Freddie C. Lockhart, the field trial handler,
Met with a circumstance sad to relate.

Selecting our horses, first day of the Derby,
The horse that our Freddie decided a jewel,
Was only a "Dropper," in usual parlance
Adopted by dog men—in fact, was a mule.

If Freddie had come from the State of Palmetto—
From land of the Nigger and Cotton and Corn—
A mutual sympathy might have prevented
The mishap that later left Freddie forlorn.

First brace in the Derby, and Freddie was slated,
So he and the mule got away on the jump;
But they soon reached a ditch, when the mule made objection,
And Freddie, poor boy! struck the ground with a bump.

We hastened up anxiously, fearful of injury,
Crowding the judges, regardless of rule;
"Did you fall off?" we asked. "No, d—n you!" said Freddie,
"That's the way that I always get off of a mule!"

December 4th, 1907.

AID TO THE Y. W. C. A.

A Union Service Held For the Benefit of This Worthy Greensboro Organization—An Associated Charities Organized—White Boy Charged With Stealing Coal Given Small Fine.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Dec. 23.—A union service of the congregations of the First Presbyterian, West Market Street Methodist and First Baptist churches was held last night in the First Baptist church in the interest of the local Young Woman's Christian Association. Rev. Dr. G. H. Detwiler, pastor of West Market Street church, presided and interesting and inspiring addresses were made by him and Miss Annie D. Casler, of Charlotte. Capt. F. P. Hobgood, Jr., and Rev. Melton Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. A subscription was taken and pledges to the amount of $125 were made in addition to a liberal basket collection. Cards were passed out through the congregation and a large number of young women joined the association, which is doing a great work among the young girls of the city; but it was pointed out in the addresses last night that it has been hampered by a lack of sufficient funds. The union service was largely attended, every seat in the spacious church being occupied.

A well-attended meeting of the Greensboro Ministers' Association was held this morning to consider the care of the poor of this community during the winter. An organization was arranged and it will be perfected at next week's meeting. Through this organization abundant provision will be made for the worthy poor. It will be in the nature of an associated charities.

The Sunday School of the First Presbyterian church gave a splendid Christmas entertainment in the presence of a large audience at the Smith Memorial Building to-night. It was a Christmas tree and a character concert. A silver offering was taken for the Presbyterian Orphanage at Barium Springs.

The case against the young Syrian, J. P. David, charged with forgery, came up in police court this morning and was continued to to-morrow morning.

Herbert Hanner, a white boy, was fined $5 and the costs by 'Squire D. H. Collins this morning on the charge of trespassing on the property of the Southern Railway. A case charging him with the larceny of coal from the company was dismissed with the understanding that he stay away from the railroad's shifting yards at Pomona.

KILLED BY AN ENGINE.

Mr. Frank M. Caldwell, of Wayne County, While Intoxicated, Stumbles and Falls and His Life is Knocked Out by a Piston Rod—Had a Host of Friends.

Special to The Observer.

Goldsboro, Dec. 23.—About 5 o'clock this afternoon Goldsboro people were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Frank M. Caldwell, son of Mr. J. H. Caldwell, of the Walters section of this county. Mr. Caldwell, who is night engineer at the electric light station, about a mile northwest of the city, went on duty about 5 o'clock. He was drinking and through a misstep got caught in the belting, and the piston rod of the engine struck him in the head, killing him almost instantly. Coroner C. E. Stanley was notified and at once went to the scene and brought the body of the unfortunate man to this city, where at this writing it is lying at the undertaker's office.

Mr. Caldwell is about 40 years of age and has many friends in this city, who regret to learn of his untimely taking away. He was the soul of honor and, although at times addicted to drink, no man possibly in Goldsboro had more friends or well-wishers.

Lawson Fathers Movement For the Re-Election of Roosevelt.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Thomas W. Lawson, in a statement to-night, confirmed a New York interview Sunday in which he announced he has decided to launch a movement which has for its object the re-election of President Roosevelt and the elevation of Gov. John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, Democrat, to the Vice President's chair. Mr. Lawson claims that President Roosevelt's re-election is necessary to save the country from disaster, and that any other Republican, or even William J. Bryan, would be satisfactory to New York financial interests, that they "will willingly finance either or both parties through the campaign to any extent necessary."

New Norwegian Minister.

Christiania, Dec. 23.—M. Gude, formerly minister of Norway and Sweden to Denmark, has been appointed to succeed the late H. C. Hauge as minister of Norway to the United States.

MARRIAGES.

The Groom 75 and the Bride 67.

Special to The Observer.

Elkin, Dec. 23.—At 10 o'clock a. m. yesterday Mr. A. C. Cooper, aged 75, and Mrs. Carrie Minish, aged 67, were united in marriage by Rev. B. Woodruff. Cupid is surely getting in his work.

Jessup-Newell, at Greensboro.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Dec. 23.—Mr. John F. Jessup and Miss Almeta Newell, both of Guilford College, were united in marriage yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of 'Squire D. H. Collins, who performed the ceremony.

Mr. Bryan's Qualification.

Charleston News and Courier.

Mr. William Jennings Bryan can be beaten for President. He has proved it. His one qualification for candidacy is ability to take punishment.

THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON.

Indianapolis News.

There is hurry
And there's flurry
In the family these days
And you'll note a look of worry
In Pa's thoughtful, far-off gaze.

Ma is hustling
And she's bustling
With her eyes upon her list
And Pa sees a time of rustling
With his bank account atwist.

Sister's sighing
As she's trying
To remember all her friends,
And to keep Pa from shying
At the bunch of dough she spends.

Brother's pleasant
For the present,
With no evidence of strain—
It's a doughnut to a pheasant
That he's doing it for gain.

Thus we hope to
Give the dope to
All the family's old scraps,
And by doing so add scope to
What will come to us—perhaps.

But
In the meantime
Quite a lean time
Pa can see if we don't shrink—
Whether it's a white or green time
Christmas puts him on the blink.

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For the weak—that they may regain their strength.

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S. G. Hasty.....907 So. Brevard St.
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