Rain Saturday, Sunday gener ally fair and somewhat colder.

CHRISTMAS.

The Star wishes its friends each and every one a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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# **BULLS CONTROL**

Favored During Week by Reports of Better Spot Demand, Etc.

## SIXTEEN CENTS COMES TRUE

Situation Does Not Appeal to Manufacturers-Some of the Influences at Work for Higher Prices of Staple.

New York, Dec. 24.-The bulls have made good their prediction that 16 cents would be reached by Christmas time. They have been favored by reports of a better spot demand in various parts of the South, a bullish ginning report last Monday and evidences, as they believe, that trade is in much better condition than many had supposed.

Certainly the sentiment here has been generally bullish. Believers in higher prices dilate on the fact that the spinners' takings of late have exceeded the receipts. They also believe that spinners are in many cases become firm under a realization of the fact that the crop is really small, even if the recent government estimate of 10,088,000 bales have been rather too low. Those figures and some of the ginning returns are regarded by some as too small for the average credulity, but the idea is spreading that apart from this the yield is actually several millions less than the world's consumption of American cotton. Some bulls, indeed, put the disparity between supply and prospective demand as at least 3,000,000 bales. More generally it is stafed that at 2,500,000 and Cotton Goods Advancing in Pricethe prediction is made that before the close of the season wholesale curtailment will be compulsory. The yield is not only small in this country, but is also said to be much smaller than usual in Egypt. Some recent estinates of the East Indian crop are smaller than at one time, though the yield in that quarter is expected to be comparatively liberal. Of late Liverpool prices have been stronger than looked for, the spot sales there increased on Thursday, and from parts of Texas, Alabama, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Georgia and Louisiana remainder for some time to come. Fall bright. River mills refused to accede to their | The recent advance of cotton to

Spring, one that may conceivably mean a crop under favorable condi- to a parity with the advancing raw

tion of 15,000,000 bales.

On the advance there has been heaothers. Federal legislation on the and South America. many cases bitterly resentful of the rally is dull. present high cost of raw material believing it to be largely due to specula- MILL OPERATIVE ON RAMPAGE. tion. The general sentiment elsewhere is bullish, however, based on Ran Amuck Yesterday Afternoon in the proposition that consideration of view point, this may be.

### HALF MILLION LOST IN FIRE.

Conflagration Yesterday.

here at noon and one chemical en until he sobered up. gine and fifty men were despatched the town was seriously in danger of

fire was burning rapidly.

hour in the afternoon.



On Christmas eve the children, all gathered around the fire, Discuss the probabilities until they must retire.

'Tis then the fateful wishbone, kept over from Thanksgiving day, Is brought to light and broken in the traditional way."

With their fair, expectant faces and eyes with light aglow They await the anxious moment when all of them shall know

Who is to be the favorite of fortune and whose choice Is sure to bring fulfillment fit to make the heart rejoice.

# NICARAGUA MARK TWAIN'S GREAT SORROW INDICTMENT

Record Broken in Cotton Goods Trade With South Amerca and Philippines.

New York, Dec. 24.-R. G. Dun & Corinto, Nic., Dec. 24.-Jose Santos row will say in part:

demand for the actual cotton. The tion presents a somewhat mixed apfarmers are believed to have sold con- pearance, though there is no funda- der cover of darkness, escorted by fif siderable of their crop at high prices mental change in conditions, the outand to be in a position to hold the re- look being, in the main, exceedingly

employes' request to close on Friday, above 16 cents for the May option was December 24, for the Christmas holi- one of the incidents of the week and days, and this is taken as meaning is in line with the general tendency that trade in that section is in no bad of higher prices. way. Indeed, the reports indicate a | Conditions in iron and steel remain

gradual improvement in the business somewhat mixed, duliness and weakof cotton goods. The holiday trade ness still being apparent in the pig has been very active. General trade iron markets, whereas, on the other is improving. Silver has recently ad- hand ,there is quite and active demand vanced materially, whereby the buy- for steel products generally. In the ing power of the Orient has been sen- primary markets the usual holiday quiet is apparent, although cotton On the other hand, many consider goods purchasers by converters have prices altogether too high, and that been fair and fancy overcoating for sooner or later this must be as disas. Fall are not being ordered. Southern trous a break in prices as there was yarn mills are planning for curtailin the Sully campaign. This element ment to offset the trying conditions expect the South to plant an enor- due to high cost cotton. Prices on mous acreage during the coming cotton goods are firm and have shown further advances in some directions

material market. vy liquidation by big operators and goods is reported with the Philippines

subject of cotton futures has been in- Holiday quiet prevails among New ociety and proceed with all possible troduced and may be carried through England wear manufacturers, most of haste to Bluefields during the present session of Con- whom are now taking inventory of gress. Cotton manufacturers are in stock, while the jobbing trade gene-

Mill Village at Fayetteville. supply and demand must ultimately Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 24.—Until her presence at the place. Florida Town Visited by Disastrous abusing them disgracefully and draw state of starvation.

Went Into Ditch.

Today cars to the beach every half our in the afternoon.

Cars to the Beach.

Cars to

Ontario towns.

Ex-President Zelaya Departed From Tragic Death of His Favorite Daugh-Capital Under Cover of Darkness -Was Accompanied by Body Guard Heavily Armed.

Zelaya departed from Managua unof artillerymen with a Maxim gun Just at 3 o'cloc kthis morning the party quietly left the former President's home and half an hour later went on board a small steamer which sailed immediately for Momotombo on

The trip was made without special incident. There were no demonstrations along the line, the population generally being unaware of the iden tity of the passengers of the speciral train. All the members of the party, including Zelaya himself, were heav ily armed. Zelaya appeared calm and quite cheerful.

Food For Starving Soldiers. Washington, Dec. 24 .-- To relieve the starvation of the captured soldiers of the Zelayan army at Rama and furnish much needed aid to soldiers of both the Nicaraguan government forces and government today ordered the cruiser The best export business in cotton Prairie, now at Colon, to take on board his daughter Susan.

Mysterious Movements. San Juan del Sur, Nica., Dec. 24 .arrived here today from Corinto.

care for the present.

ter Upon the Eve of Christmas-Attack of Epilepsy in Bath

Redding, Conn., Dec. 24. Mark New York, Dec. 24. Gruesome kin in this country to share his sor-

Jean Clemens died probably of In the indictments against both, it the head only partly submerged.

mas mail, and last night she cheerthis morning.

ure to respond to the maid's knock characteristic philosophy, victim's suicide. With (Continued on Page Eight.)

The Explorers' Club, of New York, death of Ocey Snead. The United States gunboat Princeton yesterday, voted with bowed heads to The alleged pact is said to be re- The shop yards are strewn with frag. Instead of this, Dr. Cook, it is chargexpel Dr. Cook from membership in the vealed by letters signed by Ocey ments of human flesh. The body of ed, side-tracked all members of the ex-A dispatch dated Corinto says the club, even his friends joining in the Snead, her husband, Fletcher; Mrs. Kerr was found three blocks away pedition until there remained only Princeton was reported as having sorrowful spectacle and coinciding in Martin, her mother, and her two from the shop. Fragments of the body Cook, his guide Barrill and one packer, gone to the Gulf of Fonseca. No ex- the declaration that the Doctor is un aunts, Mrs. Mary Snead and Miss Vir- of Johns were gathered from roofs of who was subsequently got rid of also, planation has been offered concerning worthy of belief and a falsifier. the ginia Wardlaw. Accompanying them adjoining buildings. Windows all over These defections left Dr. Cook, says club pronounces his alleged asscension were sevral blank forms of attorney, town were shattered tonight. force prices to a higher level, however he ran afoul of Magistrate McMillan This action on the part of the Amer. of Mount McKinley a bold deception all signedby Ocey Snead. The docuregrettable from the manufacturers' at his home, Albert Melvin, an opera- ican government was taken at the urg- President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, ments have been turned over to the tive at the Holt Morgan cotton mill, ent request of Captain Shipley, of the fled his capital under darkness Thurs- New Jersey authorities. went on a rampage of the village set United States ship Des Moines now day night and reached Corinto under tlement this morning, visiting the in Bluefields, who reports that the body guard heavily armed-The BRYAN GOES TO SOUTH AMERICA houses of several people, cursing and captured Zelaya army is actually in a three Wardlaw sisters have been indicted in New York for the murder of Democratic Commoner Better and on ing a knife upon several women who The actual situation at Bluefields is Mrs. Ocey Snead, and evidence of a Ocala, Fla., Dec. 24.—Fire which dared to remonstrate with him about explained in a telegram received by suicide pact between all members of Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 24.—Hon. started at 4 o'clock this morning at his conduct. When he reached 'Squire the Secretary of the Navy from Cap the family has been discovered-In William J. Bryan, who has been ill Crystal River near here, completely McMillan's house, the magistrate de tain Shipley under yesterday's date re- the Brokaw divorce case in New York for several days at the home of his cation were interrupted. Belgium sur- the Chulitaliver. This makes intellidestroyed the Dixon Cedar Pencil far- manded that he keep the peace and ceived here today. It says in part: yesterday, the husband declared his cousin, ex-Governor William S. Jen- fered heavily from wind and flood, gent criticism impossible, he declares. tory, entailing a loss of half a mil- received a blow in the face which "Splendid work is being accomplish- love for his wife, and is willing to take nings here, left at 4 o'clock this afterlion dollars. The fire spread from the Dixon plant to nearby buildings two other magistrates came up and later than the Dixon plant to nearby buildings to nearby buil and late this afternoon was threat the young man was overpowered and were treated last night. So far, one were probably killed by a locomotive ba, later going to South America. Mr. ening to destroy the entire town. Mes placed in a wagon in which he was hundred and fifty wounded have arriv- explosion yesterday at Shawnee, Okla- Bryan was feeling very much better sages asking for aid were received hauled to town and thrown into jail ed. Hospital facilities assure adequate homa—There was a \$500,000 fire when he left the city, but was still near Ocala, Fla., yesterday-The suffering from a severe cold. Nearly one thousand men were kill- week end in New York finds the bulls to the scene of the fire on a special FIFTY WERE INJURED IN WRECK, ed but the number may total more. I taking a firm stand, with statistics and TURMOIL IN NEGRO REPUBLIC. terial damage is considerable no loss ported that he attained the summit of witnessed the arrival of prisoners trade in their favor, while the bears dea message was received stating that Train Conveying Christmas Travelers whose condition was pitiable. They pend on the belief that higher prices News From Santo Domi were lame and near starvation. Many will lead to a record breaking crop the being destroyed; that the Ocala fire- Winnipeg, Mann., Dec. 24.—A were boys 11 to 12 years old. Some coming season—Dun & Co., report San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 24.—A men were working hard with the citi- spreading rail caused a Canadian pas women and small children were trade as generally bright, with cotton News from Santo Domingo by persons Another Operation New Deemed Imperzens in their efforts to check the fire.

The fire started in the boiler room of the Dixon factory. Reports received here at 4 o'clock this afternoon state that the efforts of the fire state that the state at the efforts of the fire state that the state that the fire state that the fire state that the efforts of the fire state that the fire state that the efforts of the fire state that the fire state th state that the efforts of the firemen have been directed towards saving nearby properties, principally the Dix on Hotel. No fears were then felt for the business section, though the business section, though the business section, though the fire was burning rapidly.

William, Ont., today and fifty persons of the firemen a residence which properties. Start and the state author of the appendix caught on fire from a lamp—New is declared that President Caceres whole the gravest anxiety in court circles. Money on call firm and longer hold out against the from U. S. Consul Moffat, at Blue-for the guise of departure on a hunting for the guise for the guise of departure on a hunting for the guise for the guise of departure on a hunting for the guise for the guise of departure on a hunting for the guise for t oners, which called for immediate ac-oners, which called for immediate ac-oners, which called for immediate ac-oners, where the operation will be ing to the experienced mountaineer but that under analysis it becomes incredition. To this Acting Secretary Windelivered; oats dull, mixed 47; turpen-throp replied by sending the following tine quiet, machine barrels 47; rosin

Wardlaw Sisters Must Answer for Mysterious Death of Young Woman-Evidence of Suicide Compact Discovered.

Co's weekly Review of Trade tomor- Zelaya, who three days ago relinquish- Twain's invalid daughter, Jean, met phraseology in the indictments against ed the presidency of Nicaragua to Dr death tragically this morning while the Wardlaw sisters, charged with Holiday trade has been on the Jose Madriz-the same day his army at the bath, bringing poignant grief the murder of Ocey Snead, was made whole, very satisfactory. The colder met defeat by the revolutionists at at Christmas time to Stormfield. She public today in the arraignment of for a week she was very loving and of Casper Whitney and Anthony Fiaweather has contributed to more Rama—has fied the capital and to was his youngest daughter, endeared Msr. Caroline W. Martin, the victim's affectionate. Everything was lovely." la, polar explorer of note, both personwholesome trade conditions in sever- night is in Corinto surrounded by his to him not only by long companion- mother and Mrs. Mary Snead, an aunt, ports have been received of a better al. lines. The general business situa- body guard and a few faithful friends, ship, but by her frail health caused in the Tombs police court when they set his servants to spying on his wife that it undertook its investigation onby recurrent attacks of epilepsy. Her were re-committed to the Tombs for or that he was jealous of her physi- ly after first apprising Dr. Cook of death leaves Dr. Clements without 30 days, pending extradition to New cians. He never suspected, he said, its purpose which he approved in per-

> strangulation due to an attack of epi is charged that they did "take the said, the doctor was too effeminate. body was found in the bath tub with said Ocey Snead with both their hands, and cast, throw and push said Miss Clemens had evinced physical Ocey Snead into a certain bath tub weariness of late, but yesterday after- where there was a great quantity of trangement. He only knew that a In addition to the findings of the noon she rode her favorite horse to water, and by means of which said man had slept in his bed-what man committee as a whole, individual signthe postoffice to get the early Christ- Ocey Snead was choked, suffocated he could not find out. and drowned.' fully prepared a Christmas tree which Another count charges that Mrs. AWFUL TRAGEDY IN OKLAHOMA lumbia, and Belmore Brown, both of

she had planned to distribute gifts Martin and Mrs. Snead did incite, pro-When she arose this morning she Virginia Wardlaw to do and commit went to the bath room where her life murder upon the body of Ocey Snead.

Mark Twain is bearing up bravely. Further complications in the maze go, Rock Island and Pacific railroad. Hundreds of messages of condolence of contradictory evidence which the Though railway officials say that a partner with Dr. Cook in the McKinthe insurgents who were injured in the are arriving from throughout this investigation of the case was unearth- only two are dead, fragments of bodies ley expedition, both physically and fibattle near Rama, the United States country and abroad. Death has al ed, developed today with the discove- found in the wreckage make it almost nancially. Dr. Cook assumed the lead ready taken from him his wife and ry of additional documents. They certain that five were killed. Employes with a plan which proved unfeasable \$5,000 worth of staple supplies secured | Jean Clemens was about 30 years the Henry street house once occupied known dead are: by funds of the American Red Cross old, and was her father's close com- by the Wardlaws and imbued the de- Robert Kerr and John Johns. Five Professor Parker, "that after the mistectives, with the belief that the en- of the more seriously injured are in a adventure all further attempts were

Way to Cuba.

Disconcerting Just Now.

# W. GOULD BROKAW STILL LOVES WIFE

Is Willing to Take Her Back to His Arms And Forgive.

# SHE PREFERS \$60,000 A YEAR VOTE TAKEN WITH BOWED HEADS

In Divorce Case Husband Declares He Had Only One Week of Happiness in Married Life-Desires Conciliation.

seems to prefer separation and \$60,000 on the public. a year alimony.

with other women and that she will its disapproval thus becomes cumulastop calling me names. If she makes tive. that promise I will wish her a Merry

today. But her counsel was disinclin. of Mount McKinley. okaw means what he said.' commented Mr. Baldwin to the court, nothing more than a well planned as unworthy of credence.

sisted and won.

kaw off my mind," he explained, "and en to statements made by him." presence in a house party at Great tions, or question of financial interest Neck, L. I., precipitated the final es. to dim the integrity of its verdict.

cure, abet, counsel, hire and command Five Killed and 17 Injured by Locomo- Kinley expedition; and by Charles tive Explosion.

wreecked the repair shop of the Chica- view to the possibility of its ascent.

Governor Haskell to preserve order, the expedition."

## EUROPE STORM SWEPT.

All of Southwest Suffered Heavily by that of all the party Dr. Cook and Bar-Winds and Floods.

Paris, Dec. 24.-All southwestern arduous mountain climbing. Europe was swept by destructive Belmore Brown, in the main constorms and floods today. In southeast firms Professor Parker and says also France forests were devastated, build- that in Dr. Cook's book there is not ings demolished and lines of communi- one date given from the time he left many factories being forced to close He asserts further that he never say floods in 50 years. Many towns suf- Confirming a charge that has previfered serious damages, but no loss of ously been made, he says Dr. Cook was life is recorded. The rivers of Portu- known to be in serious financial straits gal were raging torrents from an ex- and would have had great difficulty in traordinary rainfall. Although the ma- getting out of Alaska if he had not reof life has been reported.

### KING ALFONSO'S CONDITION

Gaylord will sell firework until 11 o'clock today.

# GRAND BOUNCE FOR DR. COOK

Fake Explorer Expelled From Explorers' Club in New York.

Board of Managers Declare Explorer Unworthy of Belief-He Deceived and Falsified About Ascension of Mt. McKinley.

New York, Dec. 24.-The board of New York, Dec. 24.—One week of governors of the Explorers' Club met. happiness in two years of married life, today in executive session and, standwas the best W. Gould Brokaw could ing in silence, voted with bowed heads get out of his bargain, he testified in that Dr. Frederick A. Cook be droppcourt today. And yet he is willing to ed from the rolls of the club for take his wife back. She, however, frauds practiced on its members and

Coming hard upon the heels of the "I bear absolutely no rancor towards crushing verdict lately rendered by my wife", he volunteered in his testi- the University of Copenhagen, the acmony today, "and if she will promise tion of the Explorers' Caub today is to be good, I will take her back in my the result of independent investigaarms. All I want ner to promise is tions which in no way touch upon the that she will not accuse me of going polar controversy and the weight of

Preliminary to its vote of expulsion. Christmas and a Happy New Year." the board met to pass upon the report Mrs. Brokaw was not present to of its committee which has been inhear her husband's offer of reconcilia- vestigating the validity of Dr. Cook's tion. A severe cold kept her housed assertion that he reached the summit

ed to credit Mr. Brokaw's sincerity. This committee in concluding an exhaustive report. there is no reason why they should the summit of Mount McKinley in not be reconciled, but I believe it is 1906 be rejected by the explorers' club

scheme to create favor for the defen- The committee's recommendation was based on its finding that "Dr. At the resumption of hearings today |Cook had repeatedly made statements Brokaw was asked to describe the that have not been in accord with the single week of wedded bliss he would facts, and that he had entered into allow. He was sick at the time and agreements which he has failed to quarrels and worry were not good for keep and that the misstatements and him, he said. His physicians advised broken agreements deal not only with him not to see Mrs. Brokaw but he in- the matters appertaining to discovery, but to ordinary financial transac-"I could not seem to get Mrs. Bro. tions, so that no credence can be giv-

finally the doctors said she could visit Among the seven signatures apme. I drove half way to meet her and pended to this arraignment are those Mr. McIntyre, Brokaw's counsel, al friends of Dr. Cook. The commitbrought out denials that Brokaw ever tee is further explicit in its statement that Mrs. Brokaw would elope with son; and that it has disregarded enone of the doctors whose name has tirely the testimony of Edward Barfigured in the suit, because, Brokaw rill, Dr. Cook's guide, and of Frederick Printz, his packer, although such He never heard his wife mention testimony was before them-because the name of "Bunnie" Wells, whose it wished no cloud of partisan conten-

ed reports are submitted by Herschel C. Parker, professor of Physics at Cowhom were members of the Cook-Mc-Sheldon, who had recently returned Shawnee, Okla., Dec. 24.-Five work- from a year's residence on the slope of less body was found later. Her fail- As heretofore told, the grand jury, as men, it is believed, were killed and 17 Mount McKinley, where he went for an additional precaution, charges all others were injured today by the ex- the express purpose of studying the ing on the door revealed her death three with aiding and abetting the plosion of a locomotive boiler that configuration of the mountain, with a

> Professor Parker reports that he was were found by the Brooklyn police in say that twenty are missing. The and the party escaped with their lives. "It was perfectly understood," says tire family haft made a suicide pact hospital. Company C. of the Oklahoma abandoned for the season. Otherwise which was only partly fulfilled by the National Guard is on duty by order of Professor Parker would not have left

> > Professor Parker, no instruments capable of measuring the altitudes he says he attained. Moreover, he adds. the Summer's experience had shown rill were the least fitted physically for

Mount McKinley. Furthermore, in none of the pictures published in Dr. Cook's book does a climbing rope ap-

Brown and Sheldon also represents various photographs in Dr. Cook's book

"That he entered into a secret finan-cial agreement with a publisher which