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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The report that Secretary Foster offered to certain New York bankers for the Treasury Department to issue a number of bonds but was stopped by the President, is denied at the White House.——The striking miners in Rhenish, Prussia, are becoming riotous.——At Gardensville, Ky., on Tuesday night last a man named Barnes killed his wife and then he and his wife's brother kill each other with knives.——The Supreme court of Wyoming has declared practically that the recent election in that State was void.——Governor Flower has signed the commission of Isaac H. Maynard as Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals.——The walls of the building in Dublin in which the explosion occurred are so damaged that the building can not be occupied.——There is some doubt now as to whether the explosion in Paris was by Anarchists or not. Since it occurred the Anarchists have issued a very revolutionary manifesto.——The Umbria was spoken on December 26th. She was laying to, with three sea anchors out, mending her shaft. All were well.——Washington City politicians are stirred up over the stay of Speaker Crisp in New York and Senator Carlisle's departure for that city.——The Falls of Neuse cotton mills at Swepsonville, N. C., were burned yesterday—loss $125,000; insurance $80,000.——Two negroes in jail at Greenville, Ala., charged with the murder of Sheriff Armstrong, were taken from jail and hanged Thursday night.——The machine harvested bale of cotton was sold in New York yesterday at 77½ cents a pound.——Forgey, the Huntington, W. Va., train robber, was yesterday convicted of murder and the jury fixed the penalty at life imprisonment. There is much dissatisfaction among the people at the light sentence.——The authorities as soon as Forgey was sentenced shipped him and Collins, the train robbers, on the train and took them to the penitentiary to prevent their being lynched.——The cholera continues to spread in the north of France. Several fresh cases and deaths have recently occurred in a town near Calais.——A Michigan farmer, who was shot by his son during a quarrel, before dying, made his will and signed it with his own blood.——Governor Holt will call a State road congress to meet in Raleigh about January 19th next, to discuss the question of improvement of our public roads.——Deacon S. V. White yesterday paid up his last debt made in his attempt to corner corn in 1891.——Arrangements have been made to fund the debts of the Georgia Midland and Gulf railroad.——A man, sentenced to be hanged for murder next Friday, escaped from jail at Isabel, Ga., Thursday night.——The failures in the United States during the year ending to-day numbered 10,344, being less than in any year since 1886. The average liability of the traders failing was $11,000, being the lowest since 1878.——Yesterday an unknown man was drowned while skating on the Potomac river at Washington.——Dun & Co report last year the most prosperous one the business of this country has ever experienced and say the outlook is brighter than ever.——The heads of the Jewish community in Berlin will petition the Emperor on the subject of the anti-Semitic excesses.——German officials warn the people against disregard of the possible appearance of cholera.——Two Germans fought a duel Thursday over a notorious woman. One was killed.——The New York Presbytery acquits Dr. Briggs.

Cotton Mills Burned.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 30.—[SPECIAL.]—To-day the Falls of Neuse Manufacturing company's cotton spinning and weaving mills at Swepsonville, Alamance county, were burned. It is estimated that the loss is $125,000 with $80,000 insurance. The company's offices are here.

DEACON S. V. WHITE

Pays Up His Last Creditor from His Failure of 1891—Funding the Debt of the Georgia Midland and Gulf Railroad.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Deacon S. V. White says he to-day mailed the last check due his creditors. White failed September 22, 1891, owing $1,750,000. He attempted to corner the corn market, but was not successful. His creditors will receive the principal with legal interest.

Arrangements for funding the bonds of the Georgia Midland and Gulf Railroad company have been perfected. The plan provides for the issuance of 4 per cent. bonds and a series of incomes. The bonds now bear 6 per cent. interest. The total issue is $1,494,000.

Three New Cases of Typhus.

Mrs. Fanny Feldstein, 68 years old; Daniel Feldstein, her son, 39 years old, and Johanna, daughter of the latter, 5 years old, were suffering from typhus fever at their home, No. 78 Division street, yesterday, and were removed to North Brother Island.

The case was reported to the health officials yesterday as typho-pneumonia. When a health inspector visited the place he pronounced the three patients to be suffering from typhus fever. They were at once removed to Riverside hospital, the bedding used by them was burned and their apartment fumigated. The tenement is now under the surveillance of a sanitary inspector.

Dr. Roberts, of the Bureau of Contagious Diseases, said yesterday that he could not account for the Feldstein typhus cases.

"The last case of typhus we had," said he, "appeared on December 8th last. I cannot conceive where the Feldsteins got the infection. None of them had been beyond their immediate neighborhood for several months. There must be a new point of infection somewhere. We intend to do all we can to locate the source of the contagion."—New York Herald.

Burglars Break Into a Penitentiary.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Burglars broke into the Onondaga penitentiary early yesterday morning. They scaled the wall with the aid of a ladder, got into the office of the bolt shop and opened the outer doors of the safe, but could not get the inner doors open. There was $150 in the safe. After ransacking the drawers for the safe they took a cheap clock and left.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

STATISTICS FROM THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S REPORT.

Report of the Teachers' County Institutes—Public School Expenditures—Failure of Another Alliance Store—The Temperature Still Lower—Fuel and Food for the Poor—Mr. Williams to Contest.

MESSENGER BUREAU,
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 30.

At the central office of the State weather bureau, officer von Herrmann said yesterday that to-day would be warmer and that a warm wave was on the way here. He missed it once, for the mercury this morning at the ground level registered a temperature of 8 degrees; in some cases 6. The official thermometer, over the roof of the agricultural building, some sixty feet from the ground, registered 11 degrees. In the western part of the State the temperature was below zero at several stations. This is the coldest weather since January 12th and 13th, when it was 5 degrees above zero here. At Lenoir at that time 12 degrees below was recorded. The skating to day was fine and sales of skates were brisk. There are quite a number of sleighs here, some handsome ones, and these were all in use. Hundreds of boys on sleds continue to make things lively. The snow is yet over ten inches deep.

The directors of the North Carolina railway and president W. F. Kornegay, met this afternoon at the executive office, at Governor Holt's request, and all held a conference.

The Y. M. C. A. will give a New Year reception Monday evening, followed by a supper, which the ladies will serve.

A number of car loads of wood arrived to-day for free distribution to the poor. The mission rooms are kept open all the time and give much food and clothing.

Mr. Malcolm Harrison, who during the war served in the Forty-seventh regiment, died last night. He was an applicant for admission to the Soldiers' Home. The mortality during the past eight days has been considerable.

Revenue collector White to-day received a report of the seizure, near Lamont, Guilford county, of an illicit distillery and a quantity of whiskey. No arrests were made.

In looking over the advance sheets of the Railway Commission's reports, (from which your correspondent has made many extracts which have been widely copied) some interesting facts are found relative to the average cost of construction per mile of the sixty-three railways in the State. Here are the highest figures: Western North Carolina, $51,383; Petersburg, $52,252; North Carolina Midland, $40,000; Oxford and Henderson, $40,649; Statesville and Western, $40,000; Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina; $33,568; Seaboard and Roanoke, $31,378; Yadkin, $30,243; Oxford and Clarksville, $30,975; Cheraw and Salisbury, $30,147; Atlantic and Danville, $40,870. The others are under $30,000. Here are some of what may be termed the inexpensive roads; Hamilton, $558; Cashie and Roanoke, and Jamesville and Washington, $1,000, Cashie and Chowan, $1,857; Carthage $4,140; Atlanta and Charlotte Air-Line, $4 282.

As to the number of persons employed, the Wilmington and Weldon has 1,224, the Carolina Central 657, the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley 645, the Georgia, Carolina and Northern 834 (of course few in North Carolina), the Western North Carolina 779, the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta 857 (few in North Carolina).

The reports of the county institutes, as embodied in the report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the past two years shows that at those held by Professor C. D. McIver there were in attendance 2,200 teachers and 15,000 citizens. Professor McIver made addresses to 8,000 other persons. Professor E. A. Alderman's institutes were attended by 2,272. Eighty-six per cent. of the teachers attended; the same as in the two years ending in 1890. These careful observers, in making their reports declare their belief that the public schools can not be very materially improved until the Legislature makes it easier for a community to call an election for increasing its school fund by a local tax. Many men would vote for an increase of taxes for the school fund who would not petition the county commissioners to order an election for it.

The same report of the State Superintendent gives the figures as to the expenditures for the public schools in 1892. For whites these were tuition $390,325; houses and sites, $58,711; county institutes, $1,584; while for negroes there were as follows: Tuition $193,496; houses and sites, $21,092; institutes, $525. The total, in which are city schools $26,972, treasurers' commissions, $14,596; county superintendents, $19,115, etc., is $760,991.

The Farmers' Alliance store here, managed by Capt. R. Jones Powell, has assigned. The liabilities approximate $5,000; assets not stated. A number of the Alliance stores in the State have closed. They sold goods so cheap that there was no profit for maintenance. On Capt. Powell's account the failure is regretted. He is a clever and justly popular gentleman.

The first set of designs for the pavilions, cases, showcases, etc., of this State's beautiful exhibit at the World's Fair, arrived to-day from Chicago. Another set of designs will come in and then a selection will be made by the executive committee of the State Board of Managers.

To-day the citizens' committee here had a meeting to make preliminary arrangements for the inauguration of Elias Carr as Governor—that is for the reception and ball. The committee will of course co-operate with the Legislative joint committee, as was done four years ago.

Some of the negroes here appear to be inclined to cause trouble regarding their exclusion from the ladies' waiting room at the passenger station. Some were ejected from it the other day. Now they talk of a law suit. There is a growing demand for separate cars for the races. Perhaps the Legislature will take up that matter.

Hon. A. H. A. Williams serves formal notice upon Thomas Settle that he will contest before the United States House of Representatives his right to the seat from the Fifth district.

Returned to Their Old Love.

[Richmond Dispatch.]

WINDSOR, N. C., Dec. 28.—Thomas P. Smallwood, a prominent merchant of Windsor, and Mrs. Maggie Raynor were married yesterday evening at the residence of the bride, at Mill Landing, in this county, by the Rev. Zachary Taylor Harrison. Mr. Smallwood and Mrs. Raynor were engaged to be married about ten years ago, but they had a lovers' quarrel and she married the late James Thomas Raynor. A short while after the death of Mr. Raynor they renewed their vows, which culminated in the marriage last night.

Cotton at 77 1-2 Cents a Pound.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—At the Cotton Exchange today the highest price since the war was reached for a bale of cotton sold for the benefit of the building fund of the Press club. The Exchange bid it in at 77½ cents per pound and then redonated it to the Press club.

A DOUBLE LYNCHING.

Two Negroes Charged With the Murder of Sheriff Armstrong Taken From Jail at Greenville, Ala., and Hanged.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 30.—When the citizens of Greenville, Ala., arose this morning they saw two dead bodies dangling from the court house steps. Late last night two strangers went to Jailor Bergain's house and arousing him told him they had a prisoner. He went with them to the jail where he was met by a mob of 100 armed and masked men, who were hidden behind a fence. They demanded the keys, which Bergain surrendered. The cells of John Hipp and Charles Kelley, alleged murderers of Tax Collector C. J. Armstrong, of Butler county, were opened and both men were taken out in their night clothes and hurried to the court house yard with ropes about their necks. Without being allowed time to pray, they were hanged to the court house steps. The mob then quietly dispersed. The verdict of the coroner's jury is that the men were hanged by unknown persons.

Armstrong, while collecting taxes was murdered from ambush and robbed of $2,000 on December 17th at Panther Creek bridge. John Hipp a noted desperado, was arrested a week ago after a desperate fight with the sheriff's posse, in which Hipp was seriously wounded. Last Sunday Kelley was caught in Monroe county. The evidence against both was deemed to be conclusive, and, as it was ascertained that these men had been guilty of several murders they were lynched.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Stocks in New York Yesterday—The Grain and Provision Markets of Chicago.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The stock market displayed considerable strength again to-day. At the opening of business Manhattan and Lackawanna advanced 1½ per cent. to 152 and 155½ respectively, while the general list improved ¼ to 1 per cent. The upward movement received a temporary check when it became known that $500,000 in gold had been engaged for shipment to Europe by the steamship La Normandie to-morrow, this having served as an excuse for an advance for the rate for call loans from 6 to 10 per cent. Manhattan gave way 3¼ and Lackawanna 2¼ per cent., but the general list was not materially affected, as it soon transpired that the gold shipment was made on a special order and that the banks and trust companies were willing lenders of money, the rate for which declined to 3@5 per cent., and the extreme decline outside of the stocks named was 1½ per cent. In Reading, which sold down to 52. The subsidence of the fears about a serious flurry in money over the annual settlements was reflected in a decided strong, if not buoyant speculation near the close. Manhattan was the special card and sold up from 148½ to 152½@153½. American Sugar was also prominent, selling from 109⅞ to 110⅞ on enormous transactions. One firm took over 130,000 shares. Chicago Gas, Northern Pacific, preferred, Missouri Pacific and Western Union ranked next in importance, but, as a matter of fact, the whole market closed strong with an advancing tendency. Sales of listed stocks were 227,000; unlisted, 38,000.

It is thought that very little business will be transacted at the exchange to-morrow. The members have subscribed liberally to the fund to carry out the usual New Year's festivities. They have secured a Christmas tree twenty-five to thirty feet high and laden with presents that are considered appropriate for leading members of the exchange. A brass band has been engaged to enliven the proceedings and the fun is expected to begin about 10:15 o'clock. If the programme is carried out as intended the day will practically be a dies non at the board.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The annual jubilee interfered with business to-day. Outside orders were scarce in the wheat pit. Fluctuations were confined within a ⅛c range and the closing was about ⅛c lower than the closing price of yesterday.

In corn the feeling was steadier and values ruled somewhat higher. Initial trades were at about the final quotations of yesterday, were easy and sold off a fraction more, when the demand improved and on buying by brokers supposed to be acting for parties from the country, the price advanced ⅛c, eased off slightly, ruled steady and closed a shade higher.

The demand for oats was sufficient to absorb the supply and cause an advance of ⅛c. After a slight reaction the market closed steady at about the top figure.

The provision market was strong and from 10 to 25c higher for pork, 2½ to 5c higher for lard and from 7½ to 15c higher for ribs.

The Wyoming Election Void.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 30.—The Supreme court yesterday, Chief Justice Groesbeck dissenting, in the couse of a long decision, practically decided that the defects in the certificates of nomination under the Australian Election law were a bar to an officer taking his seat if elected. This was an attempt of the two Democratic candidates from Carbon county to get certificates as members of the Legislature from the State Canvassing Board, which accepted the returns from the county clerk admitting a precinct which elected these two men and rejected the returns of other two members of the board which included the precinct in question. The court allowed the attorney for the Carbon county men to file a reply.

A Ghastly Discovery.

GARDENRSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—John Barnes and his brother-in-law, James Kerr, went to the Ohio river Monday, ostensibly for supplies. They returned late Tuesday night very drunk, and nothing more was seen of them until a neighbor called yesterday evening. Finding the door ajar the neighbor walked in and found Mrs. Barnes lying across a bed dead with her head crushed, while Barnes and Kerr were lying in a corner of the room, a so dead, frightfully slashed with knives. Each grasped a knife in his hand. The surroundings showed that the battle had been long and terrible. It is thought that Barnes struck his wife with a jug for scolding him for coming home drunk and that her brother then attacked Barnes.

Three Millions Capital for Boxing.

(Baltimore Sun.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Arthur T. Lumley, editor of the Illustrated News, is responsible for the information that an athletic club will soon be organized in this city, with a capital of $3,000,000, for the purpose of promoting athletics and especially boxing. Purses will be offered for contests between the best men in their class.

James J. Coogan, who ran for mayor of this city on the labor ticket and was defeated in 1888, is the promoter of the new club, and Arthur Lumley has been selected to manage the boxing contests. Mr. Lumley said that many of New York's business men are connected with the new club. It is the intention of the members to build a spacious club house with an area that is expected to seat 8,000 people.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

THE CHOLERA CONTINUES TO INCREASE IN THE NORTH OF FRANCE.

Prussian Strikers Riotous—The French Anarchists—A Blood-Thirsty Manifesto—Doubts as to the Origin of the Paris Explosion—Jews Petition Emperor Williams—Suffering Among English Strikers.

DUBLIN, Dec. 30.—The walls of the offices in the Exchange court, the scene of the explosion Saturday, have been found to be so badly damaged by the shock of the explosion that the buildings are not believed to be habitable. At midnight it was found that the walls of the detective's office would fall. The detectives who were asleep were awakened and everybody left the building as quickly as possible. There are no new developments in the case and no clue to the perpetrators of the outrage.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—It is doubtful whether yesterday's explosion in the Prefecture of Police was the work of Anarchists or an act of private revenge by a discharged employe. Whatever the truth of the matter may be, the Anarchists have taken advantage of the occasion to issue a manifesto couched in the usually ferocious style of those documents. The wrongs of the people, fire, blood and dynamite are expatiated upon at length, but the substance of the manifesto is that the time has come for the people to rise in their might, and strike for freedom. Striking for freedom in Anarchist style, however, is not apt to occur just at present, as the police buildings are closely guarded and out-of-the-way recesses are carefully searched for hidden dynamite or other bombs.

Eclair to-day publishes an interview with Louise Michael, an aged Anarchist, who is now in London. She declared that she did not know the authors of the explosion at the Prefecture but she thought it a good piece of work. She regretted that the higher officials had not been present when the explosion occurred, as they might have been killed. Their deaths, she thought, would be a blessing to the people. Eclair adds that it is the intention of Louise to go to Chicago shortly to spread Anarchist propaganda.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The trouble caused by the strike of lead and iron miners at Saar Louis in Rhenish Prussia threatens to have serious results. The strike now extends through the whole district and the men are displaying very unruly dispositions. To-day a number of men, who have refused to join the strikers, were compelled to quit work by a number of strikers armed with revolvers, who threatened to shoot them if they did not at once quit the mines. The Gendarmes have been called upon to preserve order and further trouble is apprehended.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Cholera continues to spread in the north of France. In the town of Graveliner, near Calais, three deaths and one new case were reported on Wednesday, and three deaths on Thursday. Several streets in which the disease is especially prevalent have been closed by the town authorities.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Berlin correspondent of the Times says: "The heads of the Jewish community contemplate sending a petition to the Emperor on the anti Semitic excesses, considering that the constitution guarantees equal treatment to Jews and Christians. It is difficult to see what the Emperor could add to Chancellor von Caprivi's outspoken denunciation of the anti-Jewish excesses.

The Ministry of the Interior has issued a notice severely censuring the public disregard of a possible reappearance of cholera and insisting that it is important that every suspected case be promptly reported to the board of health."

BRUSSELS, Dec. 30.—Maj. Gliedin, of the Guards, and Eugene von Derbergen, Krupp's resident agent, fought a duel in a private garden on the Bois de Lacombre last night. Von Derbergen was shot through the heart and died instantly. Jealousy of a notorious woman was the cause of the quarrel.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Owing to the improved outlook for cotton goods on account of the stiffer market, and the great distress among the cotton operatives attendant upon the lock-out, negotiations have been resumed between the masters and the operatives looking to a settlement of the struggle. It has been suggested as a basis of agreement that the operatives should accept a reduction of wages along with concurrent general short time until the condition of trade will justify full time and full wages. It is probable that a conference will be held at an early day between representatives of the masters and the operatives on the basis stated. The suffering of the non-unionists has increased greatly within a week. It is calculated that there are about 40,000 work people outside the union and, for the most part, they have absolutely exhausted all their available belongings to buy food. In some districts groups of men are now promenading the streets accompanied by bands of music soliciting charity for their wives and families, while others are making house to house visitations with subscription cards for the same object. The severe weather has naturally intensified their sufferings. Boards of Guardians are doing what they can to alleviate the distress, but many of the operatives have too strong a repugnance to taking parish relief that they would prefer to suffer the last extremities rather than do so.

Forgey to be Imprisoned for Life.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 30.—The jury in the case of Burell Forgey, under trial for the murder of Oscar Tegk during an attempted train robbery at this place on the morning of the 14th inst., returned a verdict this morning of murder in the first degree, affixing the penalty of life imprisonment. This is the same penalty accorded to Tom Collins, his companion in the crime. There is general dissatisfaction, especially among railroad men, over the results of these trials. Public sentiment was largely in favor of hanging, and but for the belief that the trials would result in that, there would probably have been a lynching bee.

Since the verdict imposing life sentence instead of hanging upon Forgey, there has been loudly expressed dissatisfaction and the officials quietly slipped both Forgey and Collins on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad train and started with them at 4:08 p. m. for the penitentiary. Had this not been done there is no doubt there would have been serious trouble to-night.

The Umbria Again Spoken.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Capt. Duck, of the steamer Manhansett, which arrived from Bristol this morning, reports that December 26th at 1:30 o'clock p. m. in latitude 42:50, longitude 57:45, he spoke the Cunarder, Umbria, laying to with three sea anchors out repairing her shaft. She expected to finish the repairs the next day and wished to be reported all well.

Telegraphic Sparks.

ALBANY, Dec. 30.—Governor Flower has signed the commission of Isaac H. Maynard as Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals from January 1st next, to succeed Charles Andrews, who was elected Chief Judge of the court.

A STATE ROAD CONGRESS

Governor Holt Will Call Such Congress to Meet in Raleigh About January 19th, to Discuss Road Improvements.

RALEIGH, Dec. 30.—[SPECIAL.]—Governor Holt to-night announces that he will call a State road congress to meet here about January 19th, to discuss matters pertaining to the improvement of the public roads in North Carolina. All the boards of county commissioners will be asked to appoint three delegates to represent each county. It is desired that the commissioners discuss the matter and appoint delegates at their coming January meetings. The mayors of towns will also be asked to appoint delegates.

MURDER IN WILSON.

One Young Man Kills Another About as Simple a Thing as a Bridle.

WILSON, N. C., Dec. 30.—[SPECIAL.]—On last Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock Frank Howard was shot by Ad. Amerson at Saratoga, in this county, and died in a few minutes thereafter. Howard was a young man about 27 years old, and universally esteemed for his high character and universally esteemed for his high character and peaceable habits. He was a son of B. A. Howard, a merchant of Saratoga and one of the most influential citizens of his section of the county. The killing was the result of a quarrel between the parties about the return of a horse bridle which Howard had loaned to Amerson and which the latter claimed he had returned. Amerson fled soon after firing the fatal shot and has not yet been found, though a warrant has been issued for his apprehension and a description of his appearance telegraphed to all neighboring towns. The unfortunate occurrence is deeply deplored here, as the slain man had many friends throughout the country.

WASHINGTON CITY.

The Story of the President Interfering With the Secretary of the Treasury Denied—Politicians Stirred Up—Drowned While Skating.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—In regard to the story published in New York that Secretary Charles Foster, when in New York recently, submitted to certain bankers a proposition to issue fifty or a hundred millions of bonds but was halted by a telegraphic message from the President, it is authoritatively stated at the White House that the President was not informed of the intention of the Secretary of the Treasury to visit New York and has not communicated with him or heard from him in any way. He has not been unobservant of the financial situation and does not think the Treasury will find it necessary to adopt any new policy. He has said several times publicly that he would maintain the parity of all our money issues and that declaration stands. There is no disagreement between the President and the Secretary as to the management of the Treasury.

A telegram was received here to-day from Speaker Crisp saying that he would not return to Washington until to-morrow evening. Contemporaneously with this announcement it is ascertained that ex-Mayor Grace, of New York, arrived in Washington yesterday and dined with Senator Carlisle, and that both left for New York last night. The stay in New York of the Speaker and the departure of Senator Carlisle for the same city has stirred up much speculation among politicians in Washington.

To-day on the Potomac river, near the Long Bridge, while more than 200 skaters were enjoying themselves, one of them, an unknown man about 35 years old, disappeared through an air hole and was drowned without anyone being able to help him.

Dr. Briggs Acquitted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The New York Presbytery to-day reached a vote on the charges against Professor Briggs and the result was in his favor on all the counts.

On the first charge, accusing him of teaching that Reason is the source of Divine authority, the vote was—to sustain the charge, 60; against sustaining the charge; 68.

On the second charge, which accuses him of teaching that the Church is the source of Divine authority, 55 votes were cast in favor of sustaining the charge and 71 against.

The third charge was that he taught that the Scriptures contained errors of history and fact. On this charge the vote was—to sustain the charge, 61; against, 68. After this vote had been taken two or three of the anti-Briggs men left the court and then refrained from voting on the last three charges.

On the fourth charge, accusing him of teaching that Moses was not the author of the Pentateuch, the vote was—to sustain the charge, 53; against, 78.

The vote on the fifth charge accusing him of teaching that Isaiah did not write many of the chapters in the book bearing his name, was—in favor of sustaining the charge, 49; against 70.

The vote on the sixth charge, accusing him of teaching that sanctification is progressive after death, was as follows—to sustain the charge, 57; against, 69. The case will be appealed to the General Assembly, which will meet in Washington early in the spring. The Assembly will appoint a commission consisting of fourteen unprejudiced members to act on the appeal.

The friends of Dr. Briggs were greatly pleased with the result. They had calculated on a majority ranging from four to six.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 30.—A. J. Haspeth was executed at Harrison, Ark., to-day for the murder of George Watkins in 1887.

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THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

R. G. DUN & CO.'S WEEKLY REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF TRADE.

The Closing Year the Most Prosperous Ever Known—Good Indications for the Future—Clearing House Settlements and Foreign Trade for the Year Exceeding Any Previous One—Exports Greater.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The most prosperous year ever known in business closes to-day with strongly favorable indications for the future. From nearly all points comes the report that the holiday trade has been the largest ever known, and while the wholesale trade is not unusually active at this season of stock taking, it is now remarkably large.

Settlements though clearing houses outside of New York in December were apparently the largest ever made in any month, exceeding last year by more than 10 per cent. For the year the volume is also about 10 per cent. larger than last year, and the largest ever known.

Railroad earnings in December show an increase of about 3 per cent. over last year and for the year, an increase of about 5.5 per cent.

Foreign trade has been smaller than last year in volume of exports at New York $7,800,000 in value for the past four weeks and at the cotton ports about $10,000,000 less, but imports at New York have been $3,000,000 larger and the month still shows great excess of exports. For the year the excess of merchandise exports has been not far from $70,000,000 with the largest imports and largest total of exports and imports ever known in any year.

In iron the trade is weaker, the demand for finished products being at present light, but steel rails have been reduced to $29 per ton and sales of 78,000 tons have followed. This great industry has been much affected by the market for securities, which has been depressed for some months by foreign selling and monetary uncertainty, so that the companies have been restricted in purchases of rails and supplies.

Bradstreet says Southern merchants report wholesale trade seasonably quiet, with the protpect for distribution in 1893 regarded favorably at New Orleans, Birmingham, Galveston, Memphis and Richmond. Atlanta dealers say retailers have small stocks. Some excitement exists among Charleston dealers owing to the new liquor law. The total volume of general trade at the South is believed to be in excess of that for 1891. Southern iron furnace stocks are the lowest for thirteen months and are regarded as a normal two weeks supply.

FAILURES FOR THE YEAR.

The Number Less Than in any Year Since 1886 and the Average Liability Less than in any Year Since 1878.

NEW YORK, Dec 30.—The number of failures occurring in the United States in the year 1892, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co.'s mercantile agency, is 10,344, being less than in any year since 1886, and showing a difference in favor of the present year as compared with 1891, of 2,029. The indebtedness of the failures of the past year was $114,000,000 against 189,000,000 in 1891, and nearly a similar amount in 1890. The largely augmented number of traders and the enormous increase in transactions in the year render these figures very significant. Only one in every 113 traders in the United States succumbed in 1892, as against one in every 93 in 1891 and one in every 102 in 1890. The average liability of the failures in the last year was $11,000, being the lowest average reported since 1878.

Rumored Secret Conference at Albany.

(Baltimore Sun.)

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 29.—A secret conference was rumored to-night as having been held to-day between Richard Croker, Edward Murphy, Jr., and Senator Hill. The Senator, who was the only one of the three to be found in the city to-night, was seen just before he left the Hotel Kenmore for the theatre. He said he had not seen Mr. Croker or Mr. Murphy to-day.

Lieutenant Governor W. F. Sheehan, with his wife, arrived here from Buffalo to-night, and is the first of the legislators to arrive preliminary to the organization.

Assemblyman Wm. Sulzer, of New York, has engaged the old Speakership canvass headquarters, room 454, at the Delavan, and will arrive here Saturday and open his headquarters. He expects no opposition. The members of the Legislature are not expected to arrive here in any numbers before Sunday night.

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