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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

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AFTER HOUSE BURNERS.

Much Excitement Over Numerous Burnings Near Parksville S. C.—Narrow Escape of a Girl from Lynching.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 26.—The *News and Courier's* Parksville, S. C., special says: About a week ago Mr. Bert Cheatham's store house and contents wore burned while Mr. Cheatham was at supper. Mr. Tom Brunson who was visiting Cheatham, saw a negro run off. It was discovered later that the wall of the building had been kerosened.

On last Wednesday night Mr. Nick Brown's dwelling was robbed and fired in the neighborhood of Plumb Branch and the parties were arrested. One of them, a negro girl, confessed, implicating several other negroes The girl was brought here yesterday and made the statement before Trial Justice Brunson, who committed the girl to jail Judge Brunson sent the girl back to Plumb Branch, but some of the more law abiding citizens hearing that masked white men were congregating, sent the girl in charge of Mr. Will Wells to Parksville, to keep her from being lynched Armed men were scouring the country from the creek to the river and Mr. Wells came near falling into the hands of thirty or forty armed men, but dodged them and lay out with his prisoner all night and soon this morning delivered her to Justice Brunson, who hurried her off to Edgefield jail.

A ripple of excitement was created in the town last night. Two young men had been out calling and they were coming back when they met a crowd of armed men who were blackened, and not suspecting their purpose, and thinking them negroes, aroused the citizens and the members of the Capers Light infantry, who hurried to their armory for their guns In the meantime the leader of the armed force, while not disclosing his identity, told the young men that the people in Rehoboth and Plumb Branch neighborhood had been so thoroughly aroused on account of the recent burnings that they were determined to break it up by dealing summarily with those who had confessed their guilt. Fortunately for the girl the young men in charge of her evaded the would-be lynchers and started her on her way to the Edgefield jail.

The Charges Against Hon. John E. Massey.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 26.—Attorney General R Taylor Scott, arrived in the city to-night and proceeded at once to the Executive mansion, where he held a long conference with the Governor, touching the charges made by the Norfolk *Pilot* that Hon. John E. Massey, a member of the State board of education, had been bribed to put the books of the American Book company upon the public school list, and that the other members of the board had been guilty of neglect of duty in permitting a corrupt contract to be renewed The Governor when seen to-night said he had nothing further to give out at present regarding the matter

A telegram received from Mr. Massey to-night announces that he denies absolutely the *Pilot's* charges and intimates that he will make a detailed statement after conferring with the other members of the board.

Good Results from Anti-Toxine.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26—Dr. W. P. Warring, health officer, has made a report on the use here of the diphtheria remedy, anti-toxine, The serum has been used in thirty cases, In all, except four, the patients recovered and in the four cases where death ensued, the officer says the lives of the children could have been saved by the earlier use of the discovery. In his report Dr. Warring says:

"As medicine must go along in the progress and advance of this scientific and inventive age, when it has been demonstrated by indisputable evidence that of this dread disease children need not die, any one, unless he can show extraordinary reasons for his opinion, had better hesitate before he condemns or stands in the way of a cure for such a dread disease as diphtheria has proved to be."

THE STATE GUARD.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

He Recommends a Permanent Encampment—James H. Yarboro Found Dead in His Bed—Christmas at the Soldiers' Home—A Sad Accident—A Christmas Treat for the Insane.

MESSENGER BUREAU, RALEIGH, Dec. 26.

The annual report of Adjutant General Cameron for 1894 shows that the efforts to perfect the organization of the State Guard, as well as its efficiency, are satisfactory, considering the meagre resources. The arms and uniforms are in serviceable condition. During the year seventy eight enlisted men were honorably discharged and twelve dishonorably discharged. That there is a decided and steady military spirit in the State is shown by the fact that since February, 1893, no less than twenty six applications for permission to organize companies have been received. This increase is despite the abolition of fancy uniforms and fancy soldiering. The adjutant general earnestly recommends that the troops when in camp be rationed and that some compensation be also allowed.

The First regiment, eight companies, has an effective strength of 334; the Second, with seven companies, has 356; the Third, with seven companies, 337; the Fourth, with eight companies, 339; the cavalry troop and the unattached infantry company (the latter colored), 83; three divisions naval reserve, 155; brigade staff, 8 general staff 18; total, 1 620, or 235 less than in 1893. Eighty eight per cent of the troops were present at inspections. Good work was done at the camp by the Third and Fourth regiments of infantry.

The general Government gives all the arms and uniforms The annual allowance is $9 0=8 There is a fine camp equipment, with tents for the whole brigade, and 1,200 blankets have just been added. The Guard is now ready to take the field at a point on the border of the State in twenty four hours, ready for service in the field. The inspector general says a permanent camp ground is needed.

Paymaster General Carr disbursed the State funds as follows: adjutant general's department, $700.16; quartermaster general's department, including transportation of troops, $2,600 47; inspector general's department, $372 05; annual appropriation to companies, $7,500, and to regimental and brigade headquarters, $500; encampment, $5,000; total $16,672.65. The health of the troops in camp was good. A hospital corps is warmly recommended by the surgeon general, also a medical corps. Four times during the year troops were called on to aid the civil authorities by guarding jails, etc. Company B of the First regiment, company F of the Third regiment, and companies G and C of the First were thus called on and in all cases the response was prompt. There were two occasions where the troops were a guard at executions. The naval reserves are equipped with Lee magazine rifles and have also a Gatling and four howitzers.

Col H. A. Dowd, formerly of Tarboro, is now a resident of this city. He has been sick three weeks. An old wound causes the trouble.

Christmas morning at 11:30 o'clock the body of James H. Yarboro was found in bed at a hotel here. Life was just extinct. Two doctors were sent for, but there was some delay in their arrival and all efforts were in vain. Yarboro was eight years ago sentenced to the penitentiary for life in Ohio for killing a man. He was tried for murder, but was given the life sentence. A year ago a great petition was sent from this State to the Governor of Ohio, asking for his pardon. Last August this was granted and Yarboro came home. He came here last Friday and drank heavily He was watched Thursday night at the hotel and at 10 o'clock yesterday, when a friend left him, was propped up in bed with pillows. The friend went away and when he returned found Yarboro lying face downward, with his face pressed into a pillow The doctors said death was due to suffocation; that the poor fellow had fallen over and was not able to raise himself. There was some talk of suicide, but the physicians did not appear to believe this. The case was a very sad one. The family of the dead man is a prominent and very popular one His body was sent from here last night for burial.

Christmas was delightful here. The holiday trade broke the record Everybody was in good humor. There was only one accident of moment. This was due to the explosion of a little cannon, which destroyed the sight of a 15-year-old white boy named Sater.

The old soldiers had a grand time at the Soldiers Home Friends remembered them. Mr. George Crabtree, a commercial traveler of Baltimore, sent them $25, as he does each year.

The inmates of the insane asylum had a memorable time last evening—their first Christmas tree. Your correspondent went there and certainly enjoyed the affair There was a concert in which Mr. Blount and Miss McKinnon, of Fayetteville, and a number of Raleigh musicians took part. Singing, skirt dances by girls, and a contortion act by Will Wynne made up the first part of the programme. Then the Christmas tree, a large holly, was unveiled. It was loaded with gifts, all paid for out of a fund annually given by Mrs. E Burke Haywood, of this city. Dr. Kirby and the assistant physicians and Steward Crawford, were assiduous in their exertions The 365 patients present were well behaved and delighted. It was a sight to see them.

The per capita cost of the patients at the insane asylum this year was only $170.80.

The Sun's Cotton Review.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—The *Sun's* cotton review says: Cotton advanced 5 to 6 points, then reacted and closed steady at a net improvement of 3 to 4 points. Sales were 87,000 bales. There was holiday in Liverpool. Spot cotton here was dull and unchanged. Middling uplands was 5 11-16c, sales were 61 bales for spinning. Norfolk and St. Louis declined 1-16c. In New Orleans futures advanced 4 to 5 points. Port receipts on Monday were 74,893 bales, against 78 311 on the same day last week, and 41,143 last year; on Tuesday 49,849 bales, against 62 614 and 38,263; to-day 25,677 bales, against 47,859 and 69 568. Augusta received for two days, 8 9 bales, against 1,427 this day last week and 1,069 last year; St Louis, for two days, 1,998, against 1.777 and 2 229. Houston, for two days, 3,335, against 10,914 and 17,666. New Orleans receipts to-morrow are estimated at 16,000 to 18,000 bales, against 14,739 this day last week and 12 892 last year. Some decrease in the receipts, reports of rain in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and the Carolinas, together with some demand to cover, caused the advance. In the absence of Liverpool advices, it was largely a half holiday market.

SENT TO STATE'S PRISON.

Ex-Police Capt. Stephenson Gets a Sentence of Three Years and Nine Months—The Lexow Investigation Near Its Close.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Ex-Police Capt. John T. Stephenson was sentenced to three years and nine months in the State's prison and to pay a fine of $1,000 by Judge Ingraham this morning. A motion for a new trial was denied, but the matter will come up again on Monday next. Stephenson was convicted December 12th on the charge of bribery in receiving four baskets of peaches from Martin N. Edwards, a produce dealer at No 153 Duane street, a partial consideration for allowing Edwards to violate the law by occupying the side walk to facilitate the transaction of his business.

Policeman Thorne was mentioned as the go-between for Stephenson, and was indicted. Subsequently Thorne made a confession in which he stated all he knew of police corruption and blackmail. At the trial of Stephenson before the board of police commissioners Thorne denied any part in the blackmailing transactions of Stephenson. In his confession, however, he said he had perjured himself before the board and declared that Stephenson had endeavored to make him re-perjure himself at the trial of Oyer and Terminer.

As the sentence was pronounced Stephenson shut his teeth hard together and turned quickly from the bar to be led back to the Tombs. He was surrounded by his friends as he started from the court room and was shaken warmly by the hand. His brother whispered to him to keep up his courage; that there was yet hope of a better outcome. Stephenson remained silent. His eyes were cast down as he was taken to the Tombs.

The district attorney has practically dropped the cases against Capt Creedon and Schmittberger The two men are understood to have received assurances of a sufficiently definite character to warrant them in feeling easy as to criminal proceedings against them.

The latest development in the Lexow committee is the subpoenaing of three police inspectors and nine captains There seems to be some doubt about the subpoenaing of the superintendent himself.

Dr. Parkhurst is very anxious to have Superintendent Byrnes handled without gloves, and objects very strongly to examining him as an expert witness on police.

Chairman Lexow gave it as his opinion to-day that the proceedings of the committee would wind up on Friday next.

A DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

To Consider the Currency Bill—The Treasury Balance—Official Notification of the Porte's Action.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A caucus of the House Democrats to consider the pending Banking bill will probably be held immediately after the reassembling of Congress on the 3rd proximo, Mr. Springer, the chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency stating today that he would strongly favor the suggestion of having a party caucus. While the caucus might not be binding upon those present, the general effect would be good and it would be better, in his opinion, he said, that the merits and demerits of the bill should be fully discussed in private before it is brought to a vote. He said he had no doubt that the substitute reported by him last week would pass the House by a fair majority.

The State treasury balance to-day was $153,857,154, of which $89,069,651 is in gold.

Secretary Gresham has learned officially from Mr. Terrell, of the decision reached by the Sultan, refusing to accede to President Cleveland's suggestion that Consul Jewett accompany the Turkish commission to Armenia and make an independent report, and that the Sultan has informed Minister Terrell that the matter may be considered ended. It will be remembered that the United States, as a neutral power, was warmly urged by the Sultan in the first instance to appoint a member of the commission and that President Cleveland, in declining to accept this invitation, conveyed the intimation that he would consent to appoint a representative in an independent capacity, whose report would be made to this Government instead of to the Turkish Government, and in anticipation of the acceptance of this proposition by the Sultan, Consul Jewett was named. It appears from the latest despatches, however, that France has consented to supply the third member of the commission, the other two being Turks As no rumor or evidence has been presented that American citizens have been massacred, it is said in official circles that the United States would hardly be warranted in demanding that Consul Jewett be given the necessary escort to enable him to pursue an independent investigation. It was in the general interest of civilization alone that the matter of American participation in the inquiry was considered.

REV. JOSIAH TYLER.

Shaw University Confers Upon Him the Degree of Doctor of Divinity.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 26.—Yesterday, at the suggestion of President Meserve, Shaw university bestowed the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. Josiah Tyler, of St. Johnsbury, Vt. Dr. Tyler comes of a distinguished family. His father was for some years president of Dartmouth college and for many years was one of the leading Congregational clergymen of New England. He is well known throughout the United States as the author of "Forty Years Among the Zulus." He is a returned missionary of rare culture and Christian graces, advanced in years and seeks relief from the severe weather of the North in the genial climate of the South The bestowal of the degree is especially fitting from the fact that Shaw university is a missionary institution. It is also unique and interesting, inasmuch as it is bestowed by a Baptist institution upon a prominent Congregationalist.

To Attach Receipts at Col. Breckinridge's Lectures.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26—An afternoon paper prints the following: It is said on good authority that the attorneys for Madeline Pollard contemplate following Congressman Breckinridge on his lecturing tour throughout the country in an effort to attach the receipts in payment of Miss Pollard's verdict for breach of promise. This will be done, it is said, by filing a transcript of the judgment had in Washington in each place the colonel lectures, and basing a creditors' bill upon that. The colonel lectures in this city to morrow night, when the opening gun will probably be fired.

Death of Gen. Montague.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Gen. C P. Montague died at his home near Ilchester, Howard county, this morning He was 65 years of age. He was a native of Richmond, Va., but came to Baltimore when a young man. He was appointed appraiser of the port of Baltimore by President Lincoln in 1861, but his sympathies were so strongly with the South that he resigned his commission.

CONVICTS REVOLT.

A BLOODY RIOT IN THE OHIO PENITENTIARY.

One Prisoner is Killed, Another Wounded and a Guard Badly Injured—A Long Series of Insubordination Culminating in an Attack Upon a Guard for Reporting Violation of Rules.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 26—The epidemic of assaults upon guards at the Ohio penitentiary which began about six months ago, culminated this morning in a bloody encounter, in which one prisoner was shot and instantly killed, another dangerously wounded with a pistol ball in his leg and a guard seriously injured by being beaten over the head with a bar of iron.

The shooting occurred in Reynold's foundry, and only a few moments after the men had marched to the shops for the day's work. The convicts who participated in the affair were: Jos. O'Day, a Cuyhoga county prisoner, serving a two years' sentence for forgery; John Burk, a Lorain county prisoner, serving two years' for robbery, and John Bird, serving one year from Franklin county for shooting to wound.

The mounting room in the foundry has for sometime been in a state of terror, or, in other words, the prisoners have had full sway and were in the habit of doing as they pleased. The officials decided to put a stop to this, and on last Saturday Guard S J. Temple, of Columbiana county, was placed on duty in that department. Several of the bolder prisoners in the shop began at once throwing out hints to the guard that if he wanted to retain his residence in Columbiana he had better not attempt to enforce the rules.

Guard Temple is rated as one of the bravest and most efficient guards at the penitentiary and, consequently, these little bluffs did not scare him in the least from performing his duty. He sized up the men he had to deal with, and saw at once that O'Day, the Cleveland prisoner, was the leader of the gang.

Monday morning Temple had occasion to report O'Day for violating the rules. O'Day and his pals at once threatened vengeance, and Christmas morning when the men were at breakfast, Temple was informed that a plot had been hatched to kill him, and he was advised by friends to arm himself and be prepared for the attack Prior to this time Temple had never carried a weapon of any kind, but decided to act on the advice, and purchased a Smith and Wesson revolver of the best make. He hardly expected that the men would carry out their threat and when he reported at the foundry for duty this morning, he had almost dismissed the subject from his mind. But the prisoners had not given the plot up by any means, but, on the other hand, were more determined than ever of ridding the shop of an official who dared to do his duty.

Temple marched his company in at 7:30 o'clock as usual and just as he stepped inside the building, O'Day, Burk and Bird grabbed him and proceeded to carry out their threat of doing him up." Burk caught Temple by the throat. Bird held his hands and O'Day struck him on top of the head with an iron bar

Temple succeeded in getting his hand on his revolver, but the prisoners prevented him from taking it from his pocket. A desperate struggle then ensued between the prisoners and guard, each striving to secure possession of the weapon.

"Give me a knife, somebody," shouted O'Day, "and I'll cut his throat."

Several of the guards in the department heard the scuffle and ru hed to Temple's rescue. Guards Fulton and Butler were among the first to arrive and they threatened to club the men, and in this way succeeded in dragging them off of Temple, who by this time was covered with blood, which flowed from the wound on his head. In the meantime Temple had fired two shots from his revolver, having aimed them at Reuben Gardner, a Wood county prisoner, from whom O'Day had asked to get a knife. One shot struck Gardner in the leg and passing through, came out on the other side, producing a very painful wound Temple fired the shot without taking his revolver from his pocket, and, when a few minutes later the guards came to his rescue he took the revolver out, and deliberately aiming it at O Day, shot him dead. Temple claimed that when he fired the fatal shot. O'Day had turned to renew the assault on him.

Consternation reigned supreme. Prisoners ran in all directions and the guards were at first afraid to take a hand in the affair for fear of being shot.

Temple stood in the middle of the floor with the smoking revolver in his hand and refused to give it up He was dazed by the severe blow he received on the head, and it was only after the weapon had been taken from him that he could be induced to go to the hospital Dr. Ireton examined his injuries and found him to be suffering from a severe bruise on the top of his head, but nothing to indicate that his injuries will prove fatal.

O'Day, who had already been pronounced dead, was carried to the hospital, and Coroner Herbst held a post mortem examination and found were the bullet had entered the left side, passing through the fifth rib, and, piercing the lung, lodged just under the skin on the right side.

O'Day was rated as a bad prisoner, having been in several different scrapes He had sixty days of his good time taken off last May for assaulting a guard. He was 23 years old and the place of his nativity is given on the prison records as Deadwood, S. D.

Lord Randolph Churchill Growing Weaker.

LONDON, Dec 27.—At 8 o'clock last evening a bulletin announced that Lord Randolph Churchill was weaker. Another consultation of physicians was held at midnight. The patient's condition alternates between coma and partial consciousness. Many members of royal families here and on the Continent have requested that the bulletins be sent to them. Hundreds of telegrams of inquiry and sympathy have been received from Great Britain and France

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Peter C. Hollis, president of the National Bank of Commerce, of this city, and who was identified with the management of numerous railroad and other corporations, died at his home in West Philadelphia to day, after a protracted illness. He was 71 years of age.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

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

NEW YORK, Dec 26.—Without much pressure to sell, the stock market to-day sank to a lower level. At the opening Distillers, Chicago Gas and Reading showed firmness, Distillers rising 1½ per cent. to 11⅜, Chicago Gas 1¼ to 72⅝, Reading ⅜ to 16¼. Chicago Gas was strengthened on dividend talk, and Reading improved on the announcement that the reorganization plan was making rapid progress Subsequently there was a moderate selling movement in the Grangers, the St. Paul statement for the third week of December and for the month of November having proven more unfavorable than expected This revived the talk about the dividend, and it was contended that unless there was a material improvement soon, stockholders would stand but a poor chance of getting anything St. Paul declined to 56⅝. Northwestern to 96⅝ and Burlington to 70⅜ and Rock Island to 61½. The Anthracite Coalers were also weak late in the day, Jersey Central dropping from 93½ to 90½. Delaware and Hudson fell 1⅝ to 125, while Reading lost its early gain and receded to 15½ to 15⅜ As the time approaches, dividend on Jersey Central rumors about a reduction of the rate are being revived. Atchison securities were all weaker and lost ⅜ to ½ per cent It is now announced that the plan will not be made public before the middle of January. The Cordage stocks were the weakest among the industrials, and the common dropped 1½ preferred 3 to 8¾ and guaranteed 3⅜ to 16¾. Absence of support, stop orders and the closing out of longs account for the drop It was again stated that the company has the funds necessary for its interest due January 1st There were moderate liquidations in Lead, Cotton Oil and Bay State Gas and these stocks declined anywhere from 1⅛ to 2½ per cent. The holiday in London added to the prevailing dullness. There was no news of special importance except perhaps the St. Paul's statement Exchange ruled a shade firmer, but there was less talk about gold exports Speculation closed irregular and in the main weak. The bond market was weak Sales of listed stocks aggregated 130,000 shares; unlisted, 26,000.

CHICAGO, Dec 26.—Christmas did not seem to be over on the Board of Trade to-day, judging from the lack of interest exhibited. Notwithstanding the dullness, however, prices succeeded in making a slight gain in wheat, corn and oats, whilst product lost in value In wheat, the Northwest set the example and Chicago followed. Cash wheat was steady at unchanged prices.

First transactions in corn to-day were with the large receipts, 1,299 cars, in view, but the spirit of the traders understood a change very soon after the opening, the responsibility for which was credited to the weather and prospects of snow. The visible supply increase of 1,068 000 bushels showed prices off when it was announced, but in the last hour another gain was made, the estimate for to-morrow's receipts being smaller. Cash corn was soft early, but soon firmed under a good demand, although prices showed no essential change.

Oats were firm. The strength of the other grains were of the greatest benefit to prices. Cash oats were steady.

Either by accident or design the packers were all on top of product to-day, while the demand was neither important or influential. The hog market was a weakening factor, prices at the yards having a downward trend At the close 25c had been taken off the price of January pork, 10 to 12½c off January lard, and 10c off January ribs.

TO SEND CORN TO NEBRASKA

The South to Send a Train of Corn and Meat to the Needy Nebraska Farmers.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26—The suggestion sent out Monday evening by the *Manufacturers' Record*, that in view of the great suffering reported in Nebraska because of the short corn crop, the South, which has such an abundant corn crop this year, should send a solid train of corn and meat to Nebraska for distribution, has met with very cordial reception Mr. W. H. Baldwin, vice president of the Southern railway, telegraphs the *Manufacturers' Record:*

"I note with deep interest your plan to send corn to Western Nebraska to save the destitute people of that State. I have been privately informed that the condition existing is very bad. I am confident that all railways in the South will arrange to collect all shipments and forward them free."

President Hoffman, of the Seaboard Air Line, authorizes the *Manufacturers' Record* to say that his road will be glad to receive all contributions made from any point on its line or from any connecting lines and arrange for free shipment to the West

Fifty-four Election Fraud Indictments.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—The grand jury to-day made its final report, returning 173 indictments, fifty four of which are for alleged election frauds. Henry Troll, sheriff elect, is indicted for alleged bribery in paying money to influence election judges. The other indictments are mainly against the lower element, and much surprise and disappointment is expressed that the grand jury did not gather in its net higher and more important game The grand jury report that the city institutions are unfit for human habitation The city jail is especially unclean and a menace to the health of the city.

Interest and Dividend Disbursements

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The January disbursements for interest and dividends at this city are estimated at nearly $75,000,000; at Philadelphia at nearly $10,000,000 and at Boston about $9,000,000. Interest matures also on a large proportion of the National debt and the Government will pay the quarterly interest on the 4's, about $8,326,000, and also $1,938,705 semi annual interest on the currency 6's or Pacific railroad bonds.

A Normal College for Girls Burned.

BIRMINGTON, Ala., Dec. 26.—A special to the *Age-Herald* from Livingston, says: The Alabama Normal college for girls caught fire in the kitchen at 11 o'clock last night and the entire building was destroyed: loss, $15,000; insurance, $5,800. No one was hurt. Arrangements for temporary quarters have been made and the school will resume Monday next.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

AND STILL ANOTHER

BANK OFFICER ARRESTED FOR STEALING.

The Transfer Clerk of the National Bank of Commerce Confesses to Robbing the Bank for Nearly Twenty Nine Years—His Stealings Amount to $30,000—His Guilt Discovered by an Accident.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Another dishonest bank clerk fell into the hands of the police to-day. The prisoner is Edward R. Carter, 44 years old, of No. 246 Monroe street, Brooklyn, who has been employed for the past twenty-nine years as a transfer clerk in the National Bank of Commerce at No. 29 Nassau street, of which William W. Sherman is president. His stealings, according to his own calculation, aggregate $30,000. He declines to tell how he spent the money.

President Sherman sent a messenger to police headquarters about 1 o'clock this afternoon to inform Inspector McLaughlin that there was a man in the employ of the bank who, they had ascertained, had been stealing money The inspector sent a detective at once to the bank, where Carter was pointed out as the dishonest clerk He accompanied the detective calmly to the police court, where he was brought before Justice Ryan and remanded until to-morrow for examination.

He was then taken to police headquarters where Inspector McLaughlin had a talk with him. He said that his pilfering began within a short time after he secured his position with the bank and continued up to the present time His stealings, he said, were small at first, but increased, and, to use his own words went from bad to worse He did not tell in what manner he had got the money, nor explain in what manner or by what means he evaded detection for so many years He became reticent when questioned closely by the inspector and, after a short conversation, was taken down to his cell.

President W. W. Sherman, of the bank, made the following statement late to-day:

"The National Bank of Commerce has discovered a defalcation by its transfer and coupon clerk, Edward R. Carter, amounting to about $30 000. Carter has been in the bank twenty-nine years, beginning as messenger boy and being promoted from time to time till he reached his present position. Among his other duties he was required to receive and pay coupons and maturing or called bonds. On comparing a balance this morning the officers discovered a discrepancy of some $28,000 which he accounted for by claiming to have paid in error that amount of bonds before their maturity. When asked to produce the bonds he was unable to do, and admitted his guilt. It is not learned that he speculated or indulged in any vices. He claims to have used the money in his living expenses The loss, of course, is not a serious one, for the bank, which has a capital of $5 000,000 and a surplus and undivided profits of $3,500,000 more; but the defalcation is none the less distressing, as Carter had the confidence of all who came in contact with him and he has a wife and two children."

President Sherman said Carter concealed the defaulcation by covering into various accounts of railroads and corporations smaller sums which, of course, were not paid, but so cleverly hidden that it was only by accident that the defalcation was discovered. If it had not been for recent defalcations which put all bank officials on their guard, it is very probable that Carter's statement to the effect that he paid coupons ahead of time would have been accepted.

The defalcation can only be ascertained by an inspection of the books for a long period, but the amount is stated in Carter's confession.

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For Biliousness, Constipation and Malaria.

For Indigestion, Sick and Nervous Headache.

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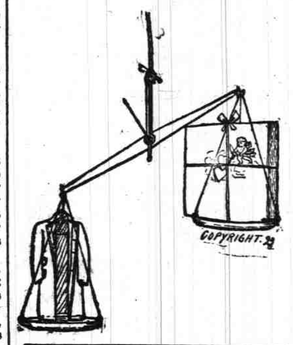

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