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KAISER A CREDITOR.

Allows Turkey to Buy Large Bill of Armor and Ammunition.

DESIGNS ON TURKEY.

Thought that Kaiser Wants a Pretext to Seize Ports of Asia Minor.

By telegraph to The Times.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26.—Amazement has been caused in diplomatic circles by the announcement that the Sultan has just placed orders for arms and ammunition with German firms to cost one million Turkish pounds. The orders were given upon the direct solicitation of Emperor William and, as the bankrupt condition of the Turkish treasury is notorious, the Kaiser's action is interpreted as a scheme to obtain heavy financial claims against the Sultan. In collection of these no nonsense on Germany's part need be expected and in default of payment it is believed she will seize Beirut and demand other heavy concessions in Asia Minor.

The first item of the Turkish order is the transformation of the ancient cruiser "Assan Teufik," in the Kiel ship yards, at a cost of 27,500,000 marks.

STOPPED BY A MOOSE

Locked His Horns in the Pilot, and Held up Train.

By telegraph to The Times.

BRANDON, MANITOBA, Dec. 26.—The Pacific express, which was half an hour late in arriving, reported that the delay was the result of an encounter with a moose. The train was travelling along at a slow rate and had just reached the brandon mile board, when the engineer saw a giant bull moose standing on the track. The "King of the Forest" refused to move, tossing his antlers high in the air in a most most defiant manner. The bull dashed toward the engine. It's horns became wedged in the pilot. The train stopped until the mangled remains could be cleared away.

PEKIN, Dec. 26.—(Delayed in transmission)—English officers are intensely irritated over the action of the German troops in operating in the districts under British protection, and threaten to withdraw from the allied command of Count von Waldersee.

MAGYAR COLONY LOST.

Started for Louisiana, Landed in New Hampshire.

By telegraph to The Times.

NASSAU, N. H., Dec. 26.—Thirty Magyars, in their picturesque costumes escaped near here. They are part of one hundred who landed in New York a week ago with scarcely money enough to escape the exclusion law and who gave the officials no end of trouble. They started for Louisiana. They had not money enough for their fare, but were provided with certs in which they packed their goods and babies and started on foot. Some one misdirected them and they did not find out their mistake until they were within sight of the snowy peaks of the White Mountains.

MYSTERIOUS WRECK.

Sunken Schooner Found on Coast of Maine.

By telegraph to The Times.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 26.—Miss Maria Herrier, 80 years old, was burned to death early this morning at her home, No. 227, Broad street. She had ignited a match to start a fire when the flame came into contact with her clothing, and in a moment she was a mass of flames.

Richard Bloemke, her nephew, tried to extinguish the flames, but failed. He received painful burns in his attempts.

BATTLE WITH BURGLAR.

Stabbed Him in the Neck, and Burglar Carried Off Dagger.

By telegraph to The Times.

SOUTH BEND, IND., Dec. 26.—Wm. Wood, who gained notoriety through his connection with the Pearl Bryan case several years ago, and is now residing in [illegible] had a desperate encounter with a burglar Monday night. On returning home Wood found a man in his room, and grappled with him, succeeding in getting possession of a dagger which the burglar had drawn, and in the struggle that followed Wood drove the blade into the back of the man's neck. The fellow made his escape with the knife sticking in the wound.

CANADIAN STOVE TRUST.

By Telegraph to The Times.

TORONTO, ONT., Dec. 26.—After nearly a year's work, Promoter McCulley, of Chicago, has got all the Canada stove makers to form a syndicate. The capital is placed at $6,000,000 and the works will eventually concentrate at Hamilton and Toronto.

THE "ANTILIA" SAVED.

By Telegraph to The Times.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The British steamer "Antilia," Captain Mentell, from Nassau, N. B., which went ashore in a fog off Great Egg Harbor Bay last Monday, and was pulled off by wrecking tugs after being stranded for twenty-fours hours, arrived here this morning, apparently not much damaged.

ENVOYS OF CHINA.

Ching and Li Hung Chang Duly Received.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Secretary Hay received a message from Minister Conger dated yesterday, which stated that on Monday the envoys of the various powers had a meeting in Pekin which was attended by Prince Ching, who presented his credentials and those of Li Hung Chang, as official representatives of the Chinese Empire, which were received and approved. Thereupon the agreement of the powers was formally presented to Prince Ching.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—A special to The Times, from Vancouver, B. C., says: News of a terrible massacre of the reform forces in China and the beheading of twenty-seven of its leaders was received here today in a cablegram to W. A. Cumrow, secretary of the Chinese Reform Association in America.

An engagement took place in the province of Cichili, a populous section of the Yang-Tse valley, in Central China. It resulted in the killing of 1,500 men and the complete demoralization of the reform forces. The battle, into which the reformers were brought by treachery, occurred on December 18, and the work of the movement has as a consequence been dropped in all that part of the country. The Chinese here are loud in their expressions of disapproval of the conduct of the campaign by the leaders. But few details given in the cablegra.

CELEBRATE NEW CENTURY.

Pope Leo is Writing an Ode of Greeting.

By telegraph to The Times.

ROME, Dec. 26.—Dr. Lapponi, the Pope's physician, is opposed to having His Holiness celegrate midnight mass on December 31st, but the latter is most eager to perform the ceremony, and will probably prevail over the wishes of his physician.

The Pope is writing a Latin Code of Greeting to the New Century. The Osservatore Romani, tonight publishes the Papal bulletin, proclaiming six months' jubilee in every diocese.

BURNED IN A CHURCH.

Bashi-Bazouks Cremate Albanian Christians.

By telegraph to The Times.

VIENNNA, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Extrapost from Salonica says a body of Bashi-Bazouks surrounded a Greek church at Bania, in Albania, recently while service was in progress and, after smashing the windows, set fire to the edifice. When the worshippers tried to escape they were driven back into the flames and twenty of them were incinerated. Many of the Christians were wounded by stones and knives.

PARDONED BY PINGREE.

By telegraph to The Times.

LANSING, MICHIGAN, Dec. 26.—Governor Pingree last night granted a pardon to Clifford Hand, who was sent from Washtenaw, to Jackson prison for life for the murder of Jay Pulver. The evidence was purely circumstancial and the Governor states that it is just as consistent with the theory of innocence as of guilt.

RAILROADS INTERRUPTED.

By Telegraph to The Times.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Cape Town says the railroad traffic has been interrupted by the Boers on all lines running north from the coast.

KENNEBUNKPORTE, MAINE, Dec. 26.—A sunken vessel, apparently a schooner of about seventy tons, was found three miles southwest of Cape Porpoise yesterday. The wreck was almost entirely submerged. No particulars as to the identity of the craft or how or when she came in can be learned.

WANDERING IN LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A woman giving the name of Elizabeth Blake, who says her home is in New York city, was arrested here today while wandering about the streets. She was unable to give an account of herself, and appears to have become suddenly deranged. The American embassy is investigating the case.

LORD BERESFORD ILL.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Lord Wm. Beresford, perhaps the best known patron of the turf in England, is ill with peritonitis and fears are expressed that he cannot recover.

WARM WEATHER

The forecast for Raleigh and vicinity of the weather bureau says: Fair tonight and Thursday; warmer.

The barometer is highest over the Southern States and lowest over New England and Montana. The appearance of a new depression in the extreme northwest gives promise of continued moderate temperatures in the south. The weather is generally clear throughout the southern half of the country, but cloudy and threatening throughout the north from the Missouri valley eastward to the New England coast. Snow is falling in the lower lake region.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—D. H. Bacon, president of the Minnesota Iron Company, will resign that position this week and accept a position of chairman on the board of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. He will enter into his new position January 1.

Christmas Trees.

The Church of the Good Shepherd will hold its Christmas tree in the parish rooms at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Miss Lottie Linton, of Charlotte, is spending the holidays at the home of her father, Capt. S. E. Linton.

Prof. Marcus B. Day, of Union county, is here to attend the Association of Academies which meets tomorrow.

PRETTY MARRIAGE

Mr. Rhodes and Miss Ferrel Married by Justice Womble

IN YARBORO PARLORS

The Times Editorial Staff Tendered Them a Reception and Wedding Dinner.

A marriage was celebrated this afternoon shortly before three o'clock in the parlors of the Yarborough House under the auspices of The Raleigh Times. The contracting parties were two of Wake county's popular young people and after the ceremony they were warmly congratulated and dined at Yarboro House with the editorial staff of this paper and invited friends.

The Yarborough parlors had their Christmas decorations in holly, cedar and mistletoe. According to the arrangements made by The Times, Justice E. A. Womble, Business Manager of this paper, stood just north of the window. Rev. G. T. Adams, of the Central Methodist church and Rev. W. D. Hubbard of the Raleigh Baptist Tabernacle, as invited guests, stood on either side of Justice Womble during the ceremony. Mr. John Wilbur Jenkins, editor of The Times, and Mr. Willis Grandy Briggs, city editor of The Times, were the attendants and occupied places on either side of the bride and groom, who entered from the door on the right. The parlors were filled with friends, the ladies from the Yarboro and other well-wishers being present.

The contracting couple was Mr. J. E. Rhodes, of McCullers, Wake county, and Miss Loula Ferrell of the same place. Mr. Rhodes is a prosperous young planter, with a host of friends, and the handsome bride possessed a grace and modesty which won the hearts of all the witnesses.

Mr. Rhodes is a son of Mrs. Bettie Morris, of this city.

'Squire E. A. Womble conducted the marriage in a solemn and appropriate manner, the ceremony having been prepared by a minister of Raleigh. When the young people were pronounced husband and wife all present hastened to bestow on them their best wishes for a long and happy life.

Previous arrangements had been made for a dinner at the Yarboro, and Manager Brown did himself proud in honor of the occasion. A special Times table was set and there [illegible] the wedding dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, the bride and groom, 'Squire E. A. Womble, Rev. G. T. Adams, Rev. W. D. Hubbard, Editor Jno. W. Jenkins, and City Editor W. G. Briggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes left for McCullers, their future home this afternoon accompanied by the best wishes of The Times.

WEST VIRGINIA CANDIDATES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Senators Elkins and Scott, of West Virginia, called at the White House this morning and held a long consultation with the President. "We were just talking over a few matters relating to our own little West Virginia family of constituents," replied Senator Elkins as he left the executive residence. "There really is not a thing in it all that would interest the outside world. If we are given what we are anxious to get, we may tell you." It is understood that Elkins and Scott presented the names of West Virginians whom they would like to see appointed Auditor and Deputy Auditor for the War Department in the vacancies made by the death and resignation, respectively, of Frank H. Morris and Daniel Grosvenor.

MURDER.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—"You might as well be dead as sick on Christmas day" said Simon Bair to Henry Gunther, who lay in bed helpless from rheumatism. Suiting the expression to the action he drew his pistol, placed it against the sick man's left temple and fired, killing Gunther instantly.

The murder occurred at 6:30 o'clock last evening in Clifton. The two men were laborers and lived in a small shack together. When Bair was arrested he said the killing was an accident.

JACKSON CHANGES BASE.

Jackson Weaver, who has been for so long a fixture at the Capital Club, and who is well known to society men all over the State, is to leave the club. Mr. Bryan Grimes, the new Secretary of State, has appointed Jackson the official messsenger in the Secretary's office. Jackson is much pleased at his promotion.

TURN ON THE HOSE.

The Times staff was the recipient of a most practical and useful gift Christmas, when Mr. S. A. Ashe, Jr., of the Raleigh Hosiery Company, sent down a box of the Standard Knit half-hose made by this company. They are excellent examples of the fine grade of goods made at this Raleigh factory and they should have a large sale here.

PRESENTED TO MR. McRARY.

The renters of stalls in the city market on Monday evening presented Keeper of the Market J. N. McRary with a beautiful rocking chair as a Christmas gift. Every one in the market joined in and Mr. C. O. Ball made the speech of presentation. Mr. McRary greatly appreciated this kind thoughtfulness.

NORMAL SCHOOL DEDICATED.

MACOMB, ILL., Dec. 21.—The new Western Illinois Normal School was dedicated here today. The school house cost $200,000. Gov. Tanner and staff officiated. Governor-elect Yates and the State Senators and Representatives-elect were present. The school accommodates 1,000 pupils.

ODD FELLOW'S HOME

Report of the Work at the Orphanage in Goldsboro.

Grand Secretary B. H. Woodell, and Mr. C. B. Edwards, one of the Trustees and Treasurer of the I. O. O. F. Orphan Home, returned from Goldsboro this morning. They went down yesterday to spend Christmas with the Home family, and report having had a delightful time. The Superintendent and Mr. D. A. Coble, and the acting Matron, Miss Virginia Barbee did everything that could be done to make their stay pleasant.

There are now thirty-eight childrens, when all are present at the Home, but twelve of these had been permitted to return to their former homes to spend Christmas. All are in fine health and seem to be happy and contented.

At night there were other visitors present, notably Mr. W. A. J. Peacock and Miss Maud, his amiable and accomplished daughter, Mr. C. G. Smith, wife and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Harrison, and Rev. Dr. F. D. Swindell, of Goldsboro, Mr. Dey, of Beaufort, and Miss Lititia Evans, a former ward of the Home, but now at Greensboro Female College.

Short exercises were held in the auditorium. Dr. Swindell, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Woodell making remarks, when all were invited to the library room, where there was a beautiful and well-filled Christmas tree waiting to be unloaded; every one present having been remembered. Many of the presents were very pretty and quite useful.

The children were made glad and the older children were happy too.

NEED A GUARDIAN.

Castellanes' Counsel Pleads for Protection.

By Telegraph to The Times.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The Castellane-Worthheimer case was resumed in the Civil court today. Worthheimer, who is a London bric-a-brac dealer, is suing the Count and Countess de Castellane for 12,946 francs. It is a test case and the total sum involved being some 400,000 francs. The Castellanes filed a counted suit for damages, alleging they were charged exorbitant sums for articles, many of which were imitations. In concluding the argument for the plaintiffs in the counter suit today, Maitre Bonnet said the young couple were the victims of a swindling conspiracy, and he confided them to the protection of the court. Maitre Foucaut, counsel for Worthheimer in replying, denounced Castellane as a bigger knave than fool, and threatened to institute prosecution. He urged the court to order immediate payment of the indebtedness. Decision was reversed.

ALVORD DIDN'T APPEAR.

By Telegraph to The Times.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Judge Thomas, of the United States Circuit Court, this morning postponed until January 9, all criminal cases docketed for today. The case of Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., the defaulting bank teller, who stole $690,000 from the First National Bank, went over with the rest. Judge Thomas had notified the district attorney's office of his intention to hold over temporarily these criminal cases, as the big bank defaulter was not brought out of his cell in Ludlow Street jail.

RESERVED SEATS FOR BROWN GLEE CLUB.

Will be on sale at King's drug store Friday morning, December 28th. Holders of seanson tickets in The People's Popular Entertainment Course can get reserved seats on presentation of coupons.

PHILBIN TAKES CHARGE.

By telegraph to The Times.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Eugene A. Philbin, appointed district attorney of New York county by Governor Roosevelt, took charge of the office today. Asa B. Gardiner, deposed by the Governor last Saturday, turned over his entire staff to Mr. Philbin, and gracefully wished him success in his new office.

HUNTING THE KIDNAPPERS.

By Telegraph to The Times.

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 26.—Local authorities are anxiously awaiting word from St. Joseph, Mo., where it is said Pat Crowe, who is suspected of kidnapping Eddie Cudahy, is hiding. The police are confident that Crowe is in Missouri City, where he has many friends. Mr. Cudahy and Chief of Police Honahou continue to receive letter from unknown men and women offering to locate the kidnappers for a consideration.

THE KENNTNISS CLUB.

The Kenntniss Book Club, which usually meets Thursday afternoon, will meet with Miss Rosa Battle, on North Wilmington street Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

OFFCERS ELECTED.

Manteo Lodge, No. 8, elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

W. H. Blalock, Noble Grand.
A. H. Haynes, Vice Grand.
Geo. Tomnofski, Recording Secretary.
W. D. Smith, Financial Secretary.
C. H. Beine, Treasurer.

ROBERTS AT MADEIRA.

FUNCHAL, MADEIRA, Dec. 26.—The transport "Canada," on which Lord Roberts is returning to England, arrived here today and sailed for Gibraltar.

"BOXING DAY" IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—This is "Boxing Day" in England and a holiday. All the stores closed. Every one goes to the theatre on "Boxing Day," and special matinees are being given at fifty-three play houses. Pantomime is the great attraction.

THE WEATHER TO-MORROW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Forecast for North Carolina and Georgia: Fair tonight and Thursday; variable winds.

There is complaint about some of the gas lamps not being lighted at night. The city authorities should give it attention.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS

The Day Spent in Innocent Amusement in Raleigh.

ONLY TWO ARRESTS

Some of the Features that Attended the Observance of Christmas.

December 25th, 1900, will be remembered here as one of the most enjoyable Christmases in Raleigh's history. The day was spent in gaity, everyone was in a good humor and seemed to be having a fine time, but there was very little rowdyism and drunkenness. The noise Monday night and Tuesday was something terrific on Fayetteville street and the stores were jammed and packed until late Christmas eve night but the crowds were bent on expending their energy in having a big time with horns and other melodious (?) contrivances and not in brawls or fights. In fact the police and the saloon men assert that there was little heavy drinking Monday, the saloons were not crowded but every one was out on the street blowing a horn.

This morning when Mayor Powell opened his court there were only two cases for trial and this, considering it is the day after Christmas, was phenominal. Bettie Gill, a negro girl, was sent to the roads for assault on Effie Pullock, and Mr. Chas. Blaylock was fined $5.25 for being disorderly. Christmas increased the work of the police force very little. No arrests on charges were made yesterday, except the two above stated. Two or three men were kept in the station house for a few hours until they sobered up but this is such a frequent occurence that it can hardly be attributed to Christmas. Yesterday was in marked contrast with Christmas, 1899, when there was a great deal of drunkenness here.

Mayor Powell in reply to a question this morning stated: "Yesterday was the most orderly Christmas certainly since I have been mayor, and I do not recall better observance on any Christmas. The people enjoyed blowing the horns and raising a racket but the sobriety was remarkable for a holiday."

Chief of Police Mullins said: "There was less drinking to excess than on any Christmas in all the years I have been connected with the Raleigh police force. No drunken rowdyism, affrays or destruction and injury of property was reported by the force. The day was almost ideally observed in my opinion."

Surely these facts must be encouraging to the optimists and speaks well for this city. There were a few little affrays on the outskirts of the city, but they amounted to nothing serious.

Master Henry Porter met with a exciting accident. He was attired in an old tramper parading with a crowd of boys when the garment caught on fire and it came near being enveloped in flames, he escaped unhurt.

CHURCH SERVICES

Well Attended Religious Services Held Yesterday.

The religious services of the various churches yesterday were largely attended and the day was more generally observed as a commemoration of the birth of Christ than ever before. The music in all the churches was exceptionally fine.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Church of the Good Shepherd was beautifully and elaborately decorated in forest green. The rustic arches between the chancel and the church was something entirely new in church decoration here. Cedar and evergreen boughs were swung the entire length of the church on either side. The musical features of the service were especially good. The choir included:

Tenors—Mr. Anderton and Mr. Judewine. Bass—Mr. A. M. Hanff, Mr. S. M. Dean, Mr. Arthur Ball and Mr. Gerald Kendrick. Altos—Miss Lucy Battle and Mrs. Weihe. These were supported by a strong and excellent chorus composed of ladies, misses and boys. The following were the most noteworthy features of the musical program: Processional—"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Venite—Sheet 1. Te Deum—Dykes, in F Jubilate—Schnecker, E flat. "Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob?"—Mendelssohn, arranged by Dudley Buck.

Rev. J. McK. Pittinger, the rector, conducted the service and preached an appropriate sermon from the text "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." He contrasted this language with the account of the creation.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.

The service in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Catholic, was well attended. The first was was celebrated at 6 a. m. and the second at 7:30 a. m.

At the High Mass at 11 a. m. Mrs. C. Cheatham was organist, in the absence of Mrs. Williams. Robbins, Leonard's Mass in E-flat was rendered, and at the Offertory "Glory to God" was sung.

Father Griffin took the text, "Amen, I say unto you, unless you be converted and become as little children," etc. He showed the faith and lowly child-like virtues of the Son of God, and urged Christians to become even as little children.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

Christ Church was beautifully decorated for the feast of the Nativity, the combinations of holly and cedar being very effective. Dr. M. M. Marshall, the rector, conducted the services, and preached an able sermon from Second Corinthians, 9:15, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." He spoke especially of the importance of properly observing Christmas as a day of peace on earth, and good will to men. He spoke of Christ as the greatest of gifts of God to man, and said we express thankfulness for the supreme gift of God's Son.

The music was particularly beautiful and inspiring, the choir rendering some of the grandest anthems in the whole range of church music.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. A. A. Marshall in the First Baptist church used the text, "And a little child shall lead them." He spoke of the religious significance of Christmas day. The birth of each little child marks a transformation in some home.

In his sermon Dr. Marshall suggested that there is a happier way of observing the day than in noisiness and boisterousness. The true way to commemorate Christmas was in making others happy, where lies happiness for the giver.

After the sermon an offering was made to aid in supporting the two Yates' memorial missionaries in China.

At the conclusion of the service Mr. J.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Tabernacle Sunday School Visits Santa Claus' Home.

D. Boushall, superintendent of the Sunday school, distributed a Christmas souvenir and a box of confections to each of the Sunday school pupils. As the children came up to receive their gift each one deposited a white box containing a contribution to be used in making the orphan children at Thomasville happy.

This school makes a monthly gift of fifteen dollars to the orphanage, besides its missionary contributions and local expenses.

With the first of the new Year the school will employ a Sunday School missionary in the person of Miss Marriett Blackstone, of Ottawa, Kans., who will give her entire time to looking after the interests of the school, and especially in providing for the poorer children who may need assistance.

XMAS EXCURSION.

"Santa Claus' Home, or The Christmas Excursion," was the title of the delightful cantata, one of the most successful ever witnessed in Raleigh, given by the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday school last evening in Metropolitan Hall. This is doubtless the largest Sunday school in North Carolina, and is noted for its progressive methods under the leadership of Superintendent N. B. Broughton. Metropolitan Hall was crowded, scarcely a vacant seat in the house, last evening.

The conception of the cantata was excellent and gave opportunities for members of the school, old and young, to show their talent. The cantata had a well defined plot and was interspersed throughout with good music, bright dialogues and the participants wore appropriate costumes.

The cantata open with the school en masse consulting as to the celebration of Christmas and the final solution to visit old Santa Claus. Then come the preparations and beginning of the journey over The Great Arctic Road. The cantata closed with the school in Santa Clausville, where old Santa himself royally entertained his visitors. The picture of Minerva (Miss Placide Ellington) was one of the charming and beautiful features of Santa Claus' home.

The chorus work was fine and the voices of pupils of the school who participated were too numerous to enumerate. The cast of principal characters embraced:

Santa Claus—Mr. A. B. Forest.
Frost Queen—Miss Alma Crabtree.
Snow Flake—Miss Iva Upchurch.
Minerva (the Picture)—Miss Placide Ellington.
Hanko and Panko (Santa Claus' Dwarfs)—Masters Needham Broughton and Earl Betts.
Dick—Mr. Will Jones.
Quartette of Male Voices—Messrs. Will Nowell, George Norwood, W. B. Tarkenton and T. L. King.
Mr. Vim (Superintendent)—Mr. J. L. Bernard.
Mr. Wait (Assistant Superintendent)—Mr. Dan Stewart.
Mr. Scribbler (Secretary)—Mr. T. L. King.
Mrs. Rhea—Mrs. J. J. Bernard.
Pessie—Miss Nina Cooper.
Clara—Miss Mary Broughton.
Elsie—Miss Clara Pool.
Blanche—Miss Bessie Oldham.
Gertrude—Miss Lizzie Mooneyham.
Evelyn—Miss Nellie Smith.
Percy—Miss Helen Oldham.
Harry—Hubert Mooneyham.
Forbes—Kathleen and Louise Bernard, Ruth Argo, Frances Park, Rosalie Creighton, Julia Hubbard, May Ray, Ruth Joore, Elizabeth Betts, Marguerite Cheek and Ruth Tarkenton.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Mr. Will Harriss, of Atlanta, a former resident of Raleigh, now Southern agent of the Draper Loom Company, is in the city.

Dr. Ayer and Mr. Goodman have gone out to Dr. McCullers' place for a grand Christmas hunt.

Misses Kate and Janet Badger have gone to Fayetteville, where they will be attendants at the wedding of Miss Underwood, which will be one of the most brilliant marriages Fayetteville has known in a long while.

Mr. J. A. Saunders left this afternoon for Baltimore, on a business trip.

Mr. Lee Watson and Captain David Clark, of Charlotte, spent Christmas with their parents in this city.

Miss Belle Bagley and Miss Ethel Bagley, who spent Christmas with Mrs. Josephus Daniels left last night for their home in Washington. Mr. W. Henry Bagley also returned to his home in Richmond. Mrs. W. H. Bagley will remain here for several days.

Miss Julia McWhirter, of Lexington, Ga., who has been the guest of Mrs. M. T. Norris, has returned home.

Mr. John Royall, of New York, with the S. A. L., is here for the holidays.

Mr. Saunders, advance agent of the "Three Muskiteers," is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Corbett, of Durham, went home today after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. King.

A QUEER MURDER.

"Might as Well be Dead as Sick on Christmas Day."

KILLED HIS COMPANION.

Laborer in an Ohio Town Kills Room-Mate for a Peculiar Reason.

By telegraph to The Times.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 26.—Rumors are rife this morning that there are liable to be arrests made for the murder of City Treasure John Blevins, two years ago, at which time the vault was robbed and the mutilated body of the treasurer was found at midnight in his office in the city building and directly adjoining police headquarters. The story is to the effect that two prominent business men have made a confession and are about to be arrested, but there is no foundation for this, only that a special investigation committee is still at work on the case, and it is known that there are detectives here who have been getting closer to the spot than ever, and something sensational is liable to drop at any moment.

"THE THREE MUSKEETERS"

Popular Play at the Academy Next Tuesday Night.

The people of Raleigh will have an opportunity of witnessing the much-talked of and much-written about Stair and Nicolai production of "The Three Musketeers." Dumas' famous novel in its dramatized form is now the fad of the hour on both sides of the Atlantic. The Cyrano De Bergerac craze of two years ago which affected the entire American public died with its first season. "The Three Musketters" craze which took hold of the public, spread with equal rapidity, but unlike Cyrano, still retains its place of pre-eminence in the theatrical world. And it is likely so to do for many seasons to come. Various dramatizations of Les Trois Mousquetaires have been seen in this country since the time of Fechter, who was the first to appear in it in America, but the play did nt seize the universal fancy until last season when it swept all before it. The older theatre-goers have seen Fechter and Frank Mayo as D'Artagnan, the younger generation have witnessed the portrayals of Salvini, E. H. Sothern, James O'Beill and Harry Glazier. Many eminent critics and the great body of theatrical people maintain that Glazier, who is a discovery of E. D. Stair and Geo. H. Nicolai more fully realizes Dumas' ideal of the fun-loving, fire-eating young Gascon, than any of his contemporaries or of those who have gone before. He was thrust forth the beginning of the last season an unknown. He is now hailed as a permanent star of unsounded possibilities. At the Academy of Music New Year's Day. Seats on sale Saturday morning at usual place.

LEAVES FOR JACKSONVILLE.

Mr. D. D. Upchurch has resigned his position as book-keeper in The National Bank of Raleigh and he and Mrs. Upchurch will leave next Friday for Jacksonville, Florida, when Mr. Upchurch will become assistent cashier in The National Bank of Florida.

Mr. Upchurch is a safe young business man, an expert accountant, possessing rare judgment, and this deserved promotion is gratifying to his many friends here while they regret his departure from Raleigh.

The vacancy caused by Mr. Upchurch's resignation has been filled by promotion of those in subordinate positions, Mr. Chas. Belvin, Jr., becoming a book-keeper and Mr. Paul Falson taking Mr. Belvin's former place.

HAVE LOST DEWET.

By telegraph to The Times.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A delayed dispatch from Maseru, Basutoland, says the British are pressing DeWet in the Ladybrand district. DeWet has not been heard of in several days and his present objective point is not known. The above dispatch is evidently censored.

SURROUNDED, BUT ESCAPED.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., Dec. 26.—Pat Crowe, wanted at Omaha for complicity in the abduction of Eddie Cudahy, was surrounded in the hotel here early this morning, but escaped. It is claimed he is still in the city.

St. Luke's Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. J. R. Johnston Friday at 3:30 o'clock, instead of Thursday, as before stated. This is a very important meeting, as officers of the Circle are to be elected for another year.

Among the Raleigh boys spending Christmas here is Mr. William Stevenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson now has charge of a large electric plant at Craigsville, Va., and has met with marked success since he left Raleigh.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Marriage license was today issued to Mr. James Wheeler, of Stem, and Miss Janie M. Lyon, of Raleigh. Mr. H. C. Chappell, of Northside, and Miss Ida Holloway, of Veto.

MORNING FIRE.

A small fire occurred in the Fourth Ward [illegible] a. m. [illegible] proved to be a Branch's meat stall and it was destroyed. The loss was small. The house caught from a stove.

Mr. Hugh Primrose left for Birmingham, Ala., this afternoon, having spent Christmas with his parents.