

## UNITED AFTER 30 YEARS

### A Joyous Christmas to the Williams Family.

**Strange Disappearance of a Father.**  
**Brook Down in the Streets of New York. He Returns to Reason, After a Long Period, in an Insane Asylum.**

CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 23.—A happy Christmas reunion will be held in the home of Henry Williams, in Penn Yan, thirty years ago. Soon after he arrived there to seek work. Soon after he arrived there in passing a crowd of fighting boys he was struck on the head with a stone, thrown by one of them, and carried to the hospital. He was picked up and carried to the hospital, where upon examination it was found that his skull was fractured. Williams lingered between life and death for many weeks and when at last he began to recover it was found that his mind was gone and he was removed to the insane asylum on Blackwell's Island.

The shock also produced paralysis in the lower limbs and from that time he was unable to work. There was nothing on Williams' person by which his identity could be revealed and he was committed to the hospital as "unknown" and there he has remained for 30 years.

Mrs. Williams had believed her husband dead until a short time ago, when the Penn Yan postmaster received a letter from Mrs. Vanderwater, a lady connected with charitable institutions in New York, asking if he could find the whereabouts of the Williams family.

The letter went on to state how, on a visit to the asylum, she had talked with Williams, who had just recovered his reason, and he had informed her who he was and where he came from, asking her at the same time to locate his family. This she did, and it is through her instrumentality that the family will soon be reunited.

**Railroad Contract Awarded.**  
DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 23.—Wolf and Kim, railroad contractors of this city, have been awarded a contract for building 60 miles of railway in eastern Kentucky, connecting the coal fields of Pike county with the Big Sandy river at Whitehall. The contract price is about \$600,000.

**"Dink" Wilson's Case Appealed.**  
ALBANY, Dec. 23.—Counsel for "Dink" Wilson, who is awaiting electrocution in Auburn prison for the murder of Detective Harvey, at Syracuse, on July 31 last, has filed with the clerk of the court of appeals a notice of an appeal from the judgement of conviction of the general term.

**Libel Filed Against the Tug Atlas.**  
HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 22.—A libel was filed in the United States district court yesterday by Thomas Dennin against the steam tug Atlas of New York. Dennin's charge, loaded with 200 tons of coal, was sunk in a collision on Nov. 21. He claims \$1,400 damages.

**Bank President Commits Suicide.**  
SHARON, Minn., Dec. 23.—David L. How, president and cashier of the First National bank of this city, shot himself through the temple at an early hour this morning. Death was instantaneous. Despondency over domestic and financial troubles is the cause assigned.

**Treasury Balance Declines.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The net treasury balance has declined to \$90,559,000, of which \$93,009,000 is in gold and \$7,980,000 is in currency. It is feared that by January 1, the balance will, with present receipts, decline below \$90,000,000.

**The Damrosch Orchestra Trouble.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—After a conference of four hours Mr. Damrosch's orchestra agreed to accompany Soloist Heger, but on condition that he should not be allowed to sit in the orchestra. Mr. Damrosch accepted the agreement.

**Compelled to Suspend.**  
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 23.—George K. Birdseye, wholesale dealer in teas, coffee and spices, has notified his creditors that he is compelled to suspend and offers to compromise at 20 cents on \$1. Liabilities about \$29,000; assets, \$9,000.

**New York Dry Goods Market.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—There was quite a susceptible falling off in the amount of business transacted in dry goods yesterday, the attendance of buyers having dwindled away to exceedingly small proportions.

**Plaintiff Non-Suited.**  
HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 23.—In the suit of Frank R. O'Neil, an ex-high school teacher against this city for damages for dismissal before expiration of term, the plaintiff was non-suited.

**Four Killed; Three Wounded.**  
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 23.—The boiler of the lumber mill of the Alexandria lumber company exploded yesterday, killing four persons outright and seriously wounding three others.

**In the Receivers Hands.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The automatic phonograph exhibition company of this city has gone into the hands of a receiver. The liabilities are \$38,000; actual assets about \$1,000.

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Restriction of industrial production and commercial output at Boston continue features of the situation, which is true at Philadelphia, where the usual orders for January and February delivery at this season are not received. Sales of lumber have declined 50 per cent., and the shoe and leather markets are dull. Very small shipments of coal from Pittsburgh relieve business and financial situations at Pittsburgh somewhat, but there is no improvement in any other line there. Lumber and building industries at Buffalo are practically suspended. Manufacturers are doing very little.

There is an improvement in Christmas trade among retailers at a few western cities. This is true at Cleveland, where business in other respects is unchanged. At Cincinnati trade is very quiet. Transactions in staple goods at Toledo are reported fair, but in other lines business is very dull. The holiday trade at Detroit is less than anticipated, and industrial lines continue inactive. All departments of business are reported dull at Minneapolis and Louisville. The volume of Christmas trade at Chicago is only fair, and in other lines there is comparatively little doing, travelers being off the road and merchants receiving relatively few orders, by mail. This is the beginning of the season for inventories, which emphasizes the dullness. Jobbers in hats and shoes at St. Louis report business restricted to actual wants and the movement of iron as slow as ever. There is no activity in business circles at Kansas City aside from Christmas specialties, except in lines of cheap goods. Trade remains steady at Omaha, though smaller than a year ago, and dullness characterizes the situation at Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Duluth and St. Paul, as for weeks past. On the Pacific coast the feature is the San Francisco tariff association's contract with the North American navigation company for \$100,000 for another year's competing steamer service via Panama to New York city.

**Italian Politics.**  
LONDON, Dec. 23.—A despatch from Rome to the Times says: There seems to be no disposition in high circles here to construe Prime Minister Crispi's declaration at the opening of the Italian parliament as adverse to the triple alliance. It was a complicated situation that brought Signor Crispi back to office. Italy's good faith has never been doubted here nor her firm resolve to fulfill her obligations as an ally of Austria and Germany. The fact that the prime minister omitted to refer to the triple alliance is considered to be of no consequence. It is too early, the despatch adds, to discuss the prospect for a renewal of the triple alliance. It is probable that statesmen would not be justified at present in giving a definite opinion on the subject.

**The Mexican Rebellion Ended.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The state department has been informed that an insipient rebellion against the governor of the state of Guerrero, Mexico, that began at the town of Mexcala on Oct. 6 last, has been ended by the surrender of Gen. Neri, the leader of the revolt, and the resignation of the governor. Neri is being tried by a military court martial and amnesty has been granted to all his followers.

**College Chess Tournament.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The second annual chess tournament between Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton will be held at Harvard hall, Dec. 26 to 30 and Jan. 1, next. The prize is a \$500 cup, the college winning the greatest number of times to become the final owner.

**Mrs. Nicolaus Sends Money Home.**  
WABASH, Ind., Dec. 23.—David Lytle, father of the dashing Zella Lytle Nicolaus, who resides in this city, this week cashed two drafts, one for \$250 and the other for \$200 at local banks. There is little doubt that she forwarded the exchange to him just before her departure for Europe.

**McKane Still Out.**  
BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Justice Cullen, in the supreme court, Brooklyn, has announced that in all probability he will not render a decision in the McKane et al. case until next week. It is generally thought that the decision will be against