

BERNE, December 21. — The village of Vinalo, Switzerland, burned to-day.

FULL OF ICE.

Boats in Winter Quarters—A Block in the River Expected.

The ice in the river is steadily increasing in density, and unless the moderation which set in to-day continues strong for several days to come, a block will surely take place. In the past few days the water has been declining at the rate of a foot per day. A private dispatch from Quincy to Capt. Peter Kirns says the river is frozen over at that point. The Board of Underwriters placed an embargo on navigation three days ago, and since then the Levee has been deserted. There is but one steamer on the river above Cairo, the *Montana*, in command of Capt. George Keith. The latest from him at Cape Girardeau is that he is coming ahead slow, but he will he thinks, get to St. Louis in good shape. If word can be got to him he might be able to help the stranded pleasure yacht at Sulphur Springs. The harbor boat will tow the Mullanphy street dump to winter quarters near Carondelet, and will take the floating dump from the ways to the same place. Everything else in the shape of boats has gone to the bank or winter quarters for the winter.

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