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MAJOR PORTION OF RUSSIAN CAPITAL LAY IN DARKNESS

Strike of Workmen of Two of the Three Electric Plants, Plunges the Seat of the Romanoffs Into Pitchy Darkness Searchlight Pierces Gloom.

Arms and Bombs Seized. Cosacks Disperse Strikers. Failure of Railroad Men to Obey Strike Order Disconcerts Strike Leaders. Trains Still Move.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The workmen of two of the three electric light plants struck yesterday evening and consequently the streets of the major portion of the city were in darkness throughout the night.

A searchlight mounted on the spire of the Admiralty building, again vividly illuminates the Nevsky Prospect, as it did during the October strike. Cavalry and infantry patrols guarded every block and machine guns were stationed at several points.

A cache of arms and hand-bombs was seized on Schusselburg Avenue yesterday and a crowd of a thousand strikers of the Nevsky works were charged and dispersed by the Cosacks, but no one was seriously injured.

The failure of many railroad men of St. Petersburg to obey the strike order, and the ability of M. Nemechuk, Minister of Communications, to move the trains on all roads, except the Baltic roads are thorns in the sides of the strike leaders. The first train went forth at last night's meeting of the Workmen's Council that traffic must be interrupted at all costs, though this admittedly will be difficult on the Nicholas road to Moscow.

The trains are running with ordinary crews on this line, but all the trains are heavily guarded. The delegates will try moral suasion with the faithful employees, but it is feared that they will also resort to destroying the bridges along the road. The Government has succeeded in arresting practically all the members of the Strike and Railroad Committees.

Traffic Ceased.
Kostroma, European Russia, Dec. 22.—The railroad employees here struck today. All traffic has ceased.

Traffic Interrupted.
Yaroslavl, European Russia, Dec. 22.—Traffic on the railroad here is interrupted.

Strike Spreads.
Voronezh, South Central Russia, Dec. 22.—Employees of the Southwestern Railway struck in obedience to the directions of their union.

In Western Russia.
Minsk, Western Russia, Dec. 22.—A general strike commenced here. All stores are closed.

Many Are Leaving.
Riga, Livonia, Thursday.—The officials, owners of estates, priests, doctors and others of the better classes are arriving here under the escort of Cossacks from their respective localities leaving all the government and private properties in the hands of the revolutionists.

STATE FUNERALS ORDERED.

Korean Minister Suicided Because American Would Not Intervene. By Associated Press. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 22.—Advices were received by the steamer Tremont that Min Yong Whan, the Korean minister who committed suicide when the treaty with Japan was signed, did so because America would not intervene. He left a letter to this effect. When the body was carried to his residence, his mother took poison and died. Cho Bong Sik also poisoned himself with opium, when in his chair in the streets.

VANDEPPEL IS UP.

Testified That He Knew Report of Mutual Life Was Not Correct. By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 22.—Examiner Vandepoel of the State Insurance Department testifying before the Legislative Insurance Investigating Committee, said he was aware of the report of the Mutual Life Insurance Company to the Insurance Department for 1904 was not entirely correct. The report showed no profits from the sale of ledger assets, he knows this to be untrue.

A PECULIAR DEATH.

Indianapolis Woman Found in Her Room With Hands and Face Black As Coal. By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 22.—A despatch to the Tribune from Indianapolis, says: Mrs. Lowell Brown, a young married woman, died yesterday under peculiar circumstances.

She was found lying upon the floor of her room, unconscious and her face, neck and hands were as black as coal. It is believed she was dyeing her hair when stricken and in some manner dyed her face, hands and neck. She died without regaining consciousness and no explanation could be secured.

WRECK ON ILLINOIS CENTRAL RY. TO-DAY

Mrs. James Wade was Crushed to Death and Six Other Passengers were Seriously Injured in Wreck of Passenger Train Near Holly Springs, Mississippi.

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 22.—One passenger was killed and six injured in a wreck on the Illinois Central Railroad near Holly Springs, Miss. this morning.

PLAY FOR PRESIDENT.

He Applauds and Mrs. Roosevelt Holds Reception For Performers. Washington, Dec. 22.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt attended a performance in Belasco's theatre this afternoon, given by a company of amateur actors, consisting of several of the leaders in New York's younger society. The performance was in aid of the Army and Navy Charity Fund.

ROASTS A HYDE DINNER.

Feast to Bernhardt Decried by a Representative From Nebraska. Washington, Dec. 22.—Representative John J. McCarthy, of Nebraska today, speaking in the House on the general subject of Federal control of life insurance, after discussing the former conditions of the business said: "One of the new conditions in life insurance, is that on last Saturday evening, in New York, James Hazen Hyde entertained Mme. Sarah Bernhardt at a dinner which cost anywhere from twenty thousand to thirty thousand dollars. While it is quite likely women and children were dying of starvation in the same precinct where the dinner was given."

CHARGED WITH BIG THEFT.

Alleged to Have Stolen Large Sum From Atlantic Coast Line. By Associated Press. Montreal, Dec. 22.—Judge L. Fontaine, the extradition commissioner, today committed J. N. Strob for extradition to the State of Georgia on the charge of stealing a large sum of money from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

BALANCE OF PAY FOR SPANISH AMERICAN WAR SOLDIERS

Attorney's Hendren and Carter are Counsel for State in Proceedings Against U. S. Gov. to Secure Balance of Pay for N. C. Troops who Enlisted in War.

Negro Giantess is Dead. Child Ran Away. Series of Farmers Institutes to be Held in South and Northeastern Part of State.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—Attorneys W. M. Henderson of Winston-Salem, and Benjamin Carter, of Washington, D. C., are here as counsel for the State in the proceedings against the United States Government to secure for the North Carolina troops who enlisted for the Spanish-American war, a balance pay that is claimed to be due these troops, it being principally per diem, etc., that accrued between the time of enlistment and being mustered into service.

The attorneys' mission here at this time is to examine the records in the Adjutant General's office. The amount due is claimed to have arisen under certain acts of Congress.

Charters Granted.
Governor Glenn and Col. Chas. E. Johnson left this morning for Johnson county for a two days hunt, carrying an especially fine pair of dogs and rigged and armed as hunters.

The Secretary of State charters the Lillingston Supply Co., at a \$10,000 capital. A. P. McPherson being the principal incorporator, to do a general mercantile business. Another charter is to the Woodlawn Manufacturing of Mt. Holly, for the operation of yarn mills at capital of \$25,000 by J. M. Springs and others.

On application of the Republican State Chairman Rollins of Asheville, Governor Glenn grants pardons for John and Cuss Murray, sentenced to the penitentiary for the murder of Jas. Rice.

Henrietta Dunn, a negro giantess, died here yesterday and no coffin could be found large enough nor was there a hearse in which it could be conveyed to the cemetery so that a special oak box had to be made and an open wagon used. The woman measured 35 1/2 inches across the shoulders and weighed 400 pounds. She was believed to be the largest woman in North Carolina.

Lucy Beridler, the nine-year-old girl who ran away from her aunt, Mrs. W. J. Davis, 318 West Edenton street and went via the Southern railroad to Winston-Salem Wednesday, was brought back to this city last evening and delivered to her home thoroughly repentant of her escapade. She is quite a pretty and bright little girl and went to Winston to search for her mother who she thought lived there, though her home has been with her aunt here for a number of years.

Governor Glenn declined this morning to grant a pardon for Joe Mason, of New Hanover, serving term of one year on the county roads for secret assault, refusal being on the ground that it looks as though the assault was of a very flagrant character and with a deadly weapon. A pardon is granted for Claud Boydan, serving two years on Rowan county roads for larceny because his co-defendant makes affidavit that Boyden is not guilty and the Judge and Solicitor ask the pardon.

A series of farmers institutes for the southeastern section of the State is arranged by the State Department of Agriculture beginning at Clinton January 4, Kinston Jan. 5, Greenville Jan. 6, Snow Hill January 8, Wilson January 9, Nashville January 10, Goldsboro January 11, Rayboro 13, Jacksonville 15, New Bern 16, Trenton 17, Kenansville 18, Wilmington 19, Elizabethtown 20, Whiteville 22 and Burgaw 23.

The party will consist of the State

ODELL HAS FALLEN. N. Y. BOSS LOSES IN BITTER CONTEST

After Fight Lasting all Night, Control of the New York County Republican Executive Committee is Wrested From the Erstwhile State Boss.

Contest Worked by Bitter Recriminations, Faction Headed by Herbert Parsons Wins in Reorganization. Higgins and Roosevelt Favored Parsons.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 22.—During a contest which continued from 9 o'clock last night until 4 o'clock this morning, marked at times by bitter recriminations, but concluding with mutual pledges of support, the control of the New York County Republican Committee, as wrested from the hands of former Governor Benjamin B. Odell, chairman of the Republican State Committee, by a faction headed by Herbert Parsons.

In reorganizing for the coming year, the committee elected Parsons to the presidency in succession to William Halpin and chose other officers named by Parsons' friends.

In his fight, Parsons was credited with having the support of Governor Higgins influence and the sympathy of President Roosevelt.

The election of Parsons was secured at 2:35 o'clock this morning. It was made by acclamation and received with wild enthusiasm. Halpin immediately congratulated Parsons and in a brief speech promised him his hearty support.

MR. JORDAN MENTIONED.

As the Probable Successor of Mr. J. P. Wilson. The News learns that Mr. R. H. Jordan, will be named by the board of aldermen at their meeting in January, as the successor of Mr. J. P. Wilson, on the Police, Fire and Health Commission.

As soon as it was known that Mr. Wilson had sent in his resignation to the Mayor, Mr. Jordan's friends mentioned him in connection with the position. It is believed now that he will receive almost the unanimous vote of the board at the January meeting.

A RUNAWAY MARRIAGE.

Mr. Stewart and Miss Russell Married By Squire Bailes. Mr. Bingham Stewart and Miss Bessie Russell, both of Newelles, were married by Squire W. O. Bailes, at an early hour Wednesday morning.

Owing to parental objections the young couple took advantage of the first real opportunity and went across the border where they were made one at the hour of 3 o'clock in the morning.

After the ceremony the young people returned to Charlotte Wednesday morning and went direct to the home of Mr. Andy Alexander, near Sugar Creek church where a wedding dinner was greatly enjoyed.

Mr. Stewart is a son of Mr. Hope Stewart of Newelles and his bride is one of the most popular young women of that section. All wish them a happy and prosperous married life.

MR. BRYAN ARRIVES AT MANILA TO-DAY

The Great Nebraskan Arrives at Noon and is Given a Tremendous Ovation. Is not Going to Australia. He will Sail Soon for India.

By Associated Press. Manila, Dec. 22.—W. J. Bryan arrived here at noon today and was given an enthusiastic reception by the committees representing the citizens and Elks.

He declined to discuss politics and would express no opinion upon the State of Nebraska going Republican at the last election.

Mr. Bryan has given up his idea of a trip to Australia. He will remain in Manila for about two weeks and then sail for India.

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By Associated Press. Manila, Dec. 22.—The boldest of all the bold pronouncements of the revolutionists is the mysterious handbill with which the Tsarskoe Selo was flooded today. Professing to alude to the terrorist plot against the Emperor, the handbill says: "There will be a little puff of smoke; pay no heed to it, as the result will be the best thing possible for everybody."

The police are baffled in their efforts to find the printers and disseminators of these bills.

The cotton receipts at the city platform today amounted to 100 bales at 11.55 cents. Same day last year, 78 bales were received at 7-1/2 cents.

GREENSBORO NEWS.

Two Young Men Gave Themselves up to Sheriff—Judge Burwell Declines to Serve. Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 22.—Last August Tom Farrington and his two sons, Prince and Beatty, were tried for burning the barn of Isaac Stanley in revenge for information given by Stanley that Tom Farrington was selling whiskey contrary to the law. The jury failed to agree as to Tom Farrington but convicted the boys who were sentenced to serve five years on the county roads. They took an appeal to the Supreme court, giving heavy bonds.

This week Tom Farrington was convicted of retailing whiskey and sentenced to twelve months on the roads. The arson case against him was continued. Yesterday afternoon the two young men went to the sheriff and gave themselves up, saying they were tired of waiting on their appeal and wanted to begin serving their term. They were committed to jail and sent to the convict camp this morning. Fred Owen, who was implicated in the burning turned State's evidence last summer and was sentenced to the roads for five years.

Judge Armistead Burwell, of Charlotte appointed yesterday as special master to take evidence and report facts in the case of the Southern Railway vs. Highpoint, notified Judge Boyd that he could not serve on account of the press of other business.

BIGAMIST SUICIDED.

Was Former Methodist Preacher—Left Note Saying He Loved Both Wives. By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22.—B. J. Gibbons, formerly a Methodist preacher in Princess Anne county, Maryland, aged 37 years, after leaving a letter in which he admitted he was a bigamist and expressed an undying love for his two wives, put a bullet through his head at his Norfolk home today, dying in a short time.

Mrs. Gibbons and her two young children are here, while, according to the letter left by Gibbons, wife No. 2, whom he married in Valdosta, Ga., December 14, is now at a hotel in Atlanta, Ga.

Gibbons lately had been employed as a traveling salesman.

A PRESCRIPTION DRUNK AND RESULT

An Old Man Who Has Been Afflicted With the "Yellow Janders" and Rheumatism Falls Into Officer's Hands. Little Too Much Booze, the Cause.

The Recorder's docket this morning was rather slim. Two drunks, one assault and one case of vagrancy made up the court.

The first case called was that of John Holt, colored, who was charged with taking on board too much liquor. Holt paid the costs and was given his liberty.

G. O. Perry, a painter by trade, was before the court charged with getting drunk on prescription whiskey. Now, it is a grave offense to come before the Recorder on the charge of drunkenness, especially when the jag is the result of drinking prescription whiskey.

Perry went to his family physician yesterday and told him that he wanted some whiskey—one half pint. According to the man's statement his physician felt his pulse and agreed that a little of the "red eye" would be beneficial. A prescription was written and Perry soon walked forth armed with a half pint. Now Perry has been in bad health—according to his statement. He has been afflicted with "yellow janders" and has had a touch of rheumatism. These warts he laid to the Recorder this morning. He admitted that he had not followed, to the letter, the directions on the bottle. To his credit, he had only drunk about one-third of the half pint. The liquor went straight to the brain and the man was soon reeling and tottering on the streets. He was taken in tow by an officer and spent the night behind the bars.

This morning he told the story of the one-half pint-prescription-liquor. He did not attempt to conceal one iota of the truth. He seemed to be sorry that he had fallen and, in addition to this, he told that he was 53 years old and tried to be a good citizen. The Court imposed a fine of \$5 and the costs and the old man went back to his cell. Later judgment was suspended and he was given his liberty.

Frank Foster, colored, forfeited a \$5 bond for an assault on Rachel Boyd.

HEART IN RIGHT PLACE.

Charlotte Man in Atlanta Sends \$5 For Christmas Fund. The News received a letter this morning that was very much appreciated and we wish so much we could publish the name of the writer for he is always doing some kind act. The letter follows: Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.

Mr. W. C. Dowd, Charlotte, N. C. Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find check for \$5.00 to help buy Christmas presents for the poor little ones of Charlotte who cannot afford them.

Please just use the word "Cash" in adding this subscription to the list as published in your paper and oblige, Yours truly, Mr. Edwin Robbins is at home for the holidays.

ALDERMAN ORDERED LOANS AMOUNTING \$45,000 LAST NIGHT

Of this Amount \$35,000 is to be Expended by the Board of Water Commissioners, To Pay Bills that are Undisputed and Must be Met.

\$10,000 to Meet Expenses of the City, The Popping of Explosives to Continue. Mr. J. P. Wilson Resigns From Police, Fire and Health Board.

There was a called meeting of the board of Aldermen held at the City Hall last night. Mayor McNinch presided and all of the 13 Aldermen were present.

Mayor McNinch stated to the board that the city water commission needed \$35,000 to settle certain bills that are undisputed.

The matter was discussed for a few minutes and on motion, the board unanimously agreed that the Water Commissioners be given authority, in the name of the city, to borrow the required amount.

The members of the Commission believe that an additional \$10,000, will be necessary to complete the new plant and to pay all outstanding indebtedness.

As The News stated yesterday afternoon he would do, Mr. J. P. Wilson, chairman of the Health Committee of the Police, Fire and Health Commission, sent in his resignation. The letter of Mr. Wilson, which is addressed to Mayor McNinch, follows:—

"I find it impossible to devote the necessary time to the health department of the city, and therefore ask that you kindly accept this as my final resignation as a member of the Police, Fire and Health Board. "Thanking you for your kind attention."

"Very truly, J. P. WILSON." The matter of popping explosives on the streets was discussed at length. Alderman Kirby thought the time limit for popping the explosives was too long. He suggested that the boys be allowed to pop the caps from Saturday evening at 6 o'clock until 12 that night and from midnight Sunday night until midnight Monday night. The suggestion of Alderman Kirby met with the approval of Alderman Carr, who asked that it be put in the form of a motion.

Alderman Faison thought that it would be impossible to stop the boys now and he moved that the boys be allowed to sling the sticks and pop the caps until Monday night, December 25. City Attorney Hugh W. Harris prepared the following ordinance, which passed by a vote of 9 to 4.

"Resolved, That the ordinances of the City Section 103 and Section 105, of the City Code, so far as they apply to the cap exploded by a cane, be suspended from December 22nd to December 25th, at midnight."

On the call of the roll Aldermen Ross, Carr, Bates and Kirby voted nay and Aldermen Withers, Faison, Anderson, Ward, Williams, Smith, Long, Dowd and Krueger voted aye. The ordinances were declared suspended. An ordinance was passed allowing the city to borrow \$10,000 for immediate needs. Owing to the fact that the tax money is coming in so slowly the urgent needs of the city must be met.

S. A. L. STOCK SOLD.

A Big Transaction Involving the Transfer of \$2,600,000 Worth of Property. By Associated Press. Baltimore, Dec. 22.—The Rustrat committee, which was formed soon after the Ryan-Blair plan for the reorganization of the Seaboard Air Line Railway was promulgated, to protect the interests of the minority or non-assenting stockholders, and with which about 68,000 shares of preferred and common stock was pooled, announced today that it had sold the stock to Middendorf, Williams & Co., of Baltimore, and John L. Williams & Sons, of Richmond.

The prices paid were \$5 a share for preferred and \$3 a share for common stock. The amount in the transaction was \$2,600,000.

The payment will be made on or before January 1, 1906, when the stock will be delivered to the purchasers by the International Trust Co. Negotiations for the acquisition of the stock have been quietly pending for several weeks.

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS.

American Minister to Norway and Ambassador to Mexico Are Chosen. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—Herbert H. D. Pelre, the third Assistant Secretary of State has been selected by the President as the first American Minister to Norway. Charles Denby, Chief Clerk of the Department has been determined upon as the successor to Pelre.

David Thompson, a former Minister to Brazil, has been chosen Ambassador to Mexico.