

THE MILITIA IN CONTROL

NO MORE TROUBLE AT SCOOBA

The Disturbances of the Last Few Days Not So Serious as First Reported—Rioting Brought About by Riotous Mob, Which Killed Three Negroes and Wounded Several Others—Two Companies of State Troops Encamped on the Scene—Governor Vandaman and a Detachment of Militia Left for the Town—His Desire to Make a Personal Investigation.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 26.—Advices from Scooba and Wabasha, Miss., tonight state that quiet prevails at both of these towns as well as throughout the surrounding territory and that the troops and civil authorities are in complete control of the situation.

Two companies of State troops are now encamped at Scooba. Late this evening Governor Vandaman, accompanied by 25 members of the company of militia stationed at Jackson, Miss., left for Scooba.

Governor Vandaman stated that there has been no fresh outbreak but he is going to the scene, in order that he may make a personal investigation. The troops are to relieve those who have been on duty for the past several days.

Negroes Gather in Streets of Scooba for Fear of Violence, But Are Not Threatening—Facts Hard to Ascertain.

Scooba, Miss., Dec. 26.—An Associated Press representative, who arrived in Scooba to-night about dark found the streets crowded with negroes who had gathered from the neighborhood. They were highly excited, but there was nothing threatening in their demeanor.

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Gov. Vandaman to the Scene

Mississippi Chief Executive Leaves for Scooba with a Detachment of Militia to Investigate Conditions There Personally.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 26.—Governor Vandaman and several members of his staff left for Scooba, this evening at 6 o'clock on a special train. He carried with him about 25 members of the Capital Light Guards, under command of Captain Albert Fairley, Adjutant General Fridge.

All Quiet at Scooba.

The Militia on Hand, But Chatting With Citizens is the Only Propulsion That Confronts Them.

Scooba, Miss., Dec. 26.—Late yesterday indefinite reports reached this town that four negroes had been pursued by a posse and killed five miles east of here. It was also reported that the negroes in Scooba and the town were in a state of unrest and trouble was feared.

A CRISIS IN SERBIA

DEBATE ON THE LOAN AND ARMAMENT BILLS

Belgrade, Serbia, Dec. 26.—The National Assembly finally has accepted the loan and armament bills, which were sent to-day for signature to King Peter.

One of the Deputies opposed the loan, and the members of the reigning family would personally pocket a large proportion of it, and the final debate brought out anti-dynastic demonstrations in which a number of riotous students sustained serious injuries.

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Assoc. Dist. Atty. Garvin read portions of the record of the Haggood trial, in which Col. Mann testified and said the statements made by him were untrue.

RYCE'S ACCEPTANCE ASSURED

First Definite Information of His Selection to Succeed Ambassador Durand Given His Constituents in a Letter Announcing His Retirement as Member From South Aberdeen.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON MEETING

Fraternity Observes the 50th Anniversary of Its Founding at Atlanta Convention—Only Surviving Founder Present.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—The Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity held its annual convention and celebration of the 50th anniversary of its founding here to-day.

Police Forging Chain Around Alleged Forger.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—Traces of poison have been found in the body of another member of the Veral family and the police believe that they have secured additional evidence against Herman Belek, who is now in custody in connection with the deaths of three members of the family.

Chilean Town Partially Destroyed by Earthquake.

WOULD STOP STOCK ISSUE

SUIT AGAINST GREAT NORTHERN

State of Minnesota Seeks to Enjoin the Road From Issuing \$50,000,000 Capital Stock, as Proposed by the Directors—Bill of Compulsory Retractions That This and Previous Increases Were Projected Without Proper Notification to the State Warehouse Commission—Attorney General Authorized That People Would Be Compelled to Pay Higher Freight Rates.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 26.—Attorney General Young and R. A. Stone, assistant attorney general, this afternoon began an action in the Ramsey county District Court on behalf of the State of Minnesota against the Great Northern Railway Company, asking for a permanent injunction against the company's officers, agents and servants from proceeding in any manner with the proposed issue of capital stock recently authorized by the board of directors.

THE BILL OF COMPLAINT.

The attorney general in his bill of complaint, after reciting that the Great Northern is a corporation of the State of Minnesota, and that the company has been authorized to issue a stock of \$50,000,000, that being the limit fixed by the company's charter, says that between February 1, 1890, and March 1, 1896, the defendant made several increases of capital stock until March 1, 1896, the total aggregate substantially \$150,000,000; that all of the increases were made without applying to and obtaining the consent of the State Warehouse Commission, as required by law; that prior to December 11, 1896, the defendant determined to increase the capital stock to \$200,000,000 by a further issue of \$50,000,000.

WILL INCREASE FREIGHT CHARGES.

If the defendant increases its stock as now proposed the aggregate thereof will be \$200,000,000; that the defendant has been and is now paying annual dividends of 10 per cent. on all of its capital stock and will pay dividends at the same rate on all of its present capital stock. If this increase is consummated as now intended, this increase of \$50,000,000 will increase the fixed annual charges of the defendant by the sum of \$6,000,000, notice of which will have to be paid by the defendant's stockholders.

CONNECTICUT HAS SEA TEST.

She Returns to Hampton Roads for Examination of Faulty Condensers.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—The United States battleship Connecticut, built at the Navy Yard, and which has been having a series of tests at sea for the past 10 days, returned to Hampton Roads yesterday after a test to establish the responsibility of the vessel to her helm, which is declared to have proven successful.

THE EX-COUNTRESS MUST PAY SOME OF BOND'S DEBTS.

Parls, Dec. 26.—The three remaining suits brought by creditors, with the object of making Madame Gould, formerly the Countess von Sotomayor, jointly responsible with the count for certain claims, were decided to-day. The court held Madame Gould jointly liable for jewels valued at \$24,000, purchased from Mile Vera Nimidoff, of Odessa, who sold the jewels to Count Bond through the intermediary of a jeweler.

Man and Woman Found Dead in Boarding House.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 26.—The dead bodies of George Patterson, a cab driver, and Alice Clark, boarding house keeper, were found late last night in different rooms of the boarding house.

Drunken Negro Fatally Burned.

Danville, Va., Dec. 26.—James Moss, a negro, was burned to death here to-day while lying drunk in a field.

DIVIDENDS ALL IMPORTANT.

WITH NORTHWESTERN CARRIERS, THINKS GOV. GOODING OF IDAHO, SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE IS A SECONDARY CONSIDERATION—INTERESTING STORY OF CONDITIONS.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Inter-State Commerce Commissioner Lane, who has direct charge of ameliorating conditions in the Northwest, where both coal and car families have prevailed, is in daily receipt of hundreds of letters from dealers and residents in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming and Idaho, that tell a most interesting story of existing conditions.

HAVING LITTLE DIFFICULTY.

Southern Pacific Lines Operating Most of Their Trains on the Atlantic System—Engineers to Stick by Their Contracts.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 26.—Reports to the headquarters of the Atlantic system of the Southern Pacific line, to-day show that the lines are experiencing little difficulty in operating, and that the strike of the Houston division of the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio line. Fourteen freight trains out of 16 scheduled, were handled and all of the coal engines, except two, were in operation.

THREE TO BLACKMAIL RAILROAD

Letter Demanding \$25,000 Accompanied by Threat of Dynamite—The Blackmailers Filled.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 26.—Unknown persons have attempted to blackmail the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$25,000, after the method employed by Isaac Graves, who, after a long escape from the court house, where he was on trial for the dynamiting of trains, was finally killed in Governor Toole's door yard.

FELL TO SHAFT'S BOTTOM.

Two Miners Killed in a Michigan Mine by Falling From a Skp.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 26.—A Detroit News special from Bessemer, Mich., says: "Elias Lehtanen and Joseph Bardasov were instantly killed here to-day by falling 500 feet to the bottom of a shaft when a 'skip' on which they were riding to the surface was dumped by striking on a projecting beam.

Male Caller on Woman Prisoner in Elmira Jail, Gives Woman Carbolic Acid to Drink and Takes a Dose Himself—Both Die Shortly After.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Although a guard was standing close beside him to-night, Frank Delaney, a railroad man, succeeded in a bold attempt to end his life and the life of the woman who occupied a cell in the women's dormitory of the Elmira county jail. The woman was Bessie Wells, waiting sentence on January 3 abducting a young girl and harboring her for immoral purposes.

Passenger Train Derailed by Spreading Rails.

Defiance, O., Dec. 26.—Baltimore & Ohio passenger train No. 5, while going at a speed of 70 miles an hour, was derailed by spreading rails three miles east of here to-day. One coach and two sleepers jumped the track, running 300 feet on the ties. The combination coach turned over into a ditch. Three passengers were hurt, but not seriously.

Unknown Man Bombs a Russian Railway Station.

MODERN BUSINESS HONOR

MANY LEGALIZED METHODS EVIL

Prof. J. W. Jenks, of Cornell University, Delivers Address on Modern Business Standards—The Injustice of Many Practices Tends to Obscure the Moral Vision of Many Well-Meaning Men—State Should Encourage Conditions Which Tempt Men Beyond Their Strength—Distinguished Students and Educators Gather at Providence for Series of Notable Meetings.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

REMEDY WITH STATE.

FIVE CHRISTMAS CASUALTIES.

Three Suicides and Two Fatal Accidents in Georgia Add to the Death Roll.

Brother of Lord Charles Beresford Killed in Wreck.

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White Man Killed by Negro Trio.

Fatal Shooting of Fry in Billard Room.

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Stranger Fatally Burned at Norfolk.

TOOK FIREMAN FROM ENGINE.

Mailed Strikers Heed to Violence—Southern Pacific Official's Say Situation is Improving.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 26.—A Southern Pacific fireman was to-day taken from his engine by a body of masked men at Opelousas, La., according to a report received here by E. B. Cushing, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific. Mr. Cushing had no information as to what treatment the captured fireman received. Except for this incident, Mr. Cushing said that the firemen's strike has caused no serious trouble on this end of the Southern Pacific. Atlantic division. Two guards are carried on every engine and all passenger and local freights have been moved about on time.

WIFE SEES HUSBAND DIED.

In Heroic Effort to Save the Life of a Venturesome Skater, George Davis Finds a Watery Grave at Morris-town, N. J.

Inter-Urban and Work Trains Come Together, Killing Two and Fatally Injuring a Third Person.

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READY FOR PEABODY NOW

FISH THINKS JEROME TOO LATE

By the District Attorney's Acquiescence, Declares the Secretary of the Mutual Life Policy-Holders Association, the Pre-empt of the Mutual Life Was Permitted to Keep the Policy. He Urges Immediate Action to Secure a Complete Record of the Election Prior to the Election, But Refused to Take Cognizance of Them Because He Did Not Want His Office Used to Influence the Election.

TOO LATE TO LOOK STABLE.

LOOKING INTO NEW YORK LIFE.

Demurrers Interposed by Hamilton Sustained by Judge Bischoff.

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