

HEAVY FOGS IN NEW YORK

ELEVATED RAILWAYS IN HARD LUCK

TAIL END COLLISION ON SECOND AVENUE ROAD

TWO PERSONS INJURED ON SIXTH AVENUE LINE

BOTH ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY THE DENSE FOGS

Several Steamboat Collisions Reported—Much Damage Done—Vessels Crowded With Passengers, Causing Great Excitement.

New York, Dec. 9.—During the fog shortly after 7 o'clock this morning two cars on the Second Avenue elevated road collided at 202nd street.

New York, Dec. 9.—The fog was also responsible for another "L" railway collision in which two persons were injured.

On East river, the ferry boat Flushing mistook the bell of the steamer Miami for that of the Long Island ferry ship, and bumped the steamer hard.

The Pennsylvania railroad ferry boats, Cincinnati and New Jersey, of the Cortlandt street line, were in collision in the slip at Cortlandt street.

The boats collided with considerable force and the overlapping guard of the New Jersey boat crushed the guard rail on the port side of the Cincinnati.

LIKE A BEAST

Was This Madman Chained to the Floor

Pittsburg, Dec. 9.—Chained to the floor of a hut like a wild beast and looking more like a ferocious animal than a human being, Franklin P. Kline, of Knowlesburg, Westmoreland county, was found by Samuel O'Brien, agent of the Western Pennsylvania Humane society, today.

Agent O'Brien found the insane man chained to the floor in a small house, 12 feet square, and with a partition in the center. A small window admitted scant light, and the condition of the place was almost indescribable.

Kline has been insane fourteen years. At one time he was at the Dixmont asylum, but his relatives said the expense was too heavy. Then he was chained and manacled in the cage.

RAILROAD MEN

A GOOD FIELD FOR THEM IN CHINA

The Conclusion of Consul General Jarnigan, an American, in That Empire.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—The railroads of the United States are constructed and equipped with such superior skill that I believe, could our countrymen make a beginning in China and show the representative character of their work, contracts with more favorable features would be offered.

Such is the conclusion drawn by ex-consul General Jarnigan, who is without doubt the best-posted American in that empire, relative to the status of the American railroad in China.

"China may make the costly mistake of not being governed in the construction of her railroads by a certain system, thus enabling one road to be a support to another," he continued, "and the apprehension is not unfounded, in view of the number of foreign contractors from Europe now in China soliciting contracts and each extolling the merits of his peculiar system."

There is, therefore, pressing necessity for a decision as to what system of railroads China intends to adopt and then the directness of purpose to hold to that system and build it.

"I am not aware that to date China has made any contract with any American syndicate to construct railroads. Some railroad machinery has been purchased from America, but the idea has been to have Americans undertake the construction of railroads in China and then valuable contracts for machinery would go to our country."

"The railroad market of China has been somewhat demoralized by the reckless bidding of irresponsible men. Some have come to China with all to gain, nothing to lose, and have engaged deliberately to win a contract by loud talk and reckless bidding, inspired by the hope of a possible margin from some luckless purchaser."

"The Chinese have to some extent become confused by this class. In a recent interview with the director general I said to him that, in order that railroad construction in China might be done well and permanently, he would have to pay business prices for work and material; that he could not expect to hire foreign mechanics at the prices paid the coolies of his own country, and where he did he might expect coolie workmanship in return."

K. C. LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE Record in Proceedings to Declare it a Trust and Combinations.

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—The record in the proceedings to declare the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange a trust and combination in restraint of trade, in violation of the interstate commerce law, has been certified to in the United States court of appeals for advice. The matter was to have been argued yesterday, but the importance of the litigation caused Judges Thayer, Sanborn and Phillips to certify it on their own motion.

The proceedings were instigated December 31, 1886, by Greer, Mills & Co., commission merchants, who were suspended from the association for violation of its rules. The suit was in the name of the United States of America vs. Henry Hopkins and the rest of the three hundred stockholders in the exchange. Its importance rests to a large extent upon the contention of the attorney representing the exchange that a decision declaring it a trust would be applicable to every other commercial exchange and board of trade in the United States, including the New York produce exchange and St. Louis merchants' exchange.

MONEY WANTED

BY INMATES OF SOLDIERS' HOME AT DAYTON.

A Petition That Soldiers, When on a Furlough, Receive \$10 Per Month Instead of Rations.

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 9.—The recommendation of Gen. Breckinridge, inspector general of national military homes, that these institutions be placed under direct control of the war department, and that veterans who so desire may while in furlough receive \$10 per month as commutation for rations, has borne fruit in a petition from members of the Dayton branch asking for such change. Fully 8,000 veterans join in the petition which was forwarded today to Senator Hanna, asking him to present the matter to congress.

The cost per capita at the soldiers' home in the past year was \$106. In lieu of this cost of maintenance, it is proposed in the plan recommended by the inspector general to allow each veteran the sum of \$10 per month, which, with his pension, will enable him to live with his family or elsewhere if he desires. This feature of the proposed change is the one that specially commends itself to the veterans and led to their indorsement of the plan.

The petition protests "against the present management of the national military homes, and believe that we as soldiers should have some voice in our own government."

The letter to Senator Hanna says the petition is "in accordance with recommendations made by Gen. Breckinridge relative to stopping further expenditures of public moneys to build additional expensive buildings on the grounds of the already established homes, and in lieu thereof to pay members \$8 or \$10 per month, so that destitute disabled volunteer soldiers clamoring to get in the home already overcrowded may be enabled to do so."

The petition is presented by Red O'Meara, late of Company F, First California Cavalry.

This action on the part of the veterans of the home doubtless will create great interest in Grand Army circles, and with the survivors of the war wherever they may be located.

OSBORN KAVANAUGH

Death of a Member of the British Embassy in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Mr. Osborn M. Kavanaugh, third secretary of the British embassy, died here today as the result of an attack of typhoid fever. Mr. Kavanaugh arrived in Washington last January, having been transferred to Washington from Stockholm. He was the son of a former well-known member of the British parliament. No arrangements for the funeral will be made until the arrival of the dead man's mother, who is on her way to America on the steamer Umbria.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

Performed at Chillicothe, O., for a Broken Neck.

Chillicothe, O., Dec. 9.—A heroic operation was performed upon Wm. Conway, who, for the past month, has been completely paralyzed because of a dislocated neck. An attempt to press the vertebra back into place had proved futile, so the neck was cut open directly over the fifth cervical vertebra, and it was found to be fractured and resting upon the spinal cord. The bone was chiseled away until the spinal cord was exposed and all pressure removed. The incision was then closed, and Conway rallied nicely. It is believed that he will now recover completely. The case is one of the most remarkable in local surgical annals.

FRENCH THINKER IMPRISONED

Gratz, Styria, Dec. 9.—Dr. Bruno Witte, a free thinker, has been sentenced to a week's imprisonment for "publicly holding up to contempt the Christian and Jewish religions."

THE GREAT BICYCLE RACE

EIGHTEEN STILL PEDALING FOR HONOR AND PROFIT.

MOTION OF THE WHEELS AFFECTS THE BRAINS

OF THE RIDERS, EVEN WHILE ASLEEP.

THEY ARE FORCED TO SLEEP BY THEIR TRAINERS.

Pace is Something Terrific—Several Falls Recorded—Hottest Contest Ever Known, by Far Surpassing All Former Records.

New York, Dec. 9.—The early hours of the fourth day of the great six-day bicycle race found eighteen men still pedaling away for honor and profit. The men were all seemingly determined, with the possible exception of Stephane, who had developed a case of stubbornness which his trainer had a hard time in combatting. The motion of the wheel is beginning to affect the riders' brains and even in the fitful snatches of sleep which they allow themselves they imagine they are still riding. The men must be forced to sleep in most instances by the trainers. They want to be up and away at the pace which has shown no lagging since the start.

The wonderful endurance of the men is best shown by the actual time spent in sleep by the leaders. Miller had slept just one hour and six minutes in the first seventy-two hours of the race. Riviere rode 1,124 miles without a wink of sleep and then took two hours. Waller had slept three hours, Rice five hours, Moore six, Pierce six and a half, Golden nine and three-quarters, and Stephane seven hours, in the same time. Elkes made 1,000 miles in the first seventy-two hours despite the fact that he had slept twenty hours.

There were two falls during the early morning hours. Pierce, who has been particularly unfortunate in that respect, fell at the Fourth avenue end of the track about 2 o'clock. Moore ascended so high on the Madison avenue bank about 3 o'clock that he slipped down the curb. He was uninjured.

The pace during the morning was something terrific. Waller, who came on about 1 o'clock, set the ball rolling and kept it up for three hours. Miller, who had been sleeping, jumped in behind as soon as he had returned to the track, and both men raced around the track lap after lap. Hale let himself out in dead earnest this morning. Beginning about 2 o'clock he clipped off lap after lap at such a pace that Riviere, who took pace from him, had to drop out. Hale, it is claimed, is just beginning to show his true form and will be heard from at the finish.

Schinnerer had troubles this morning. First, his wheel became damaged and he had to dismount to have it repaired. Then at 6:30 o'clock he fell off and hurt his knee, forcing him off for twenty minutes. He fell again at 7:15, but remounted and was off again. It was reported at 5 o'clock that Stephane was ill. He left the track at 4 o'clock, peevishly saying that he had not had enough sleep. He was unable to sleep, however. His eyes were dreadfully bloodshot and stared wildly. He was brought into shape at 5:50 o'clock and returned to the track.

Score at 8:15 A. M.—Miller, 1,332; Rice, 1,247; Schinnerer, 1,221; Moore, 1,199; Waller, 1,049; Enterman, 1,047; Cannon, 1,009; King, 980; Julius, 932; Gray, 770; Johnson, 759; Beacom, 718.

The best previous record for eighty hours was 1,161 miles, made by Hale at the Garden last year.

Score at 9:15 A. M.—Miller, 1,341 miles; Rice, 1,233; Riviere, 1,263; Cohnener, 1,229; Moore, 1,212; Waller, 1,206; Hale, 1,160; Pierce, 1,156; Elkes, 1,080; Golden, 1,068; Stephane, 1,067; Enterman, 1,060; Cannon, 1,020; King, 992; Julius, 951; Johnson, 772; Beacom, 726.

The best previous record for eighty-one hours was 1,172 miles, made by Hale.

At 10:15 Miller's score was 1,361 miles and seven laps nearly 174 miles ahead of the best record, which was made by Hale in the six-days race last year.

At 10:50 there was a bad collision on the Twenty-sixth street side of the garden. Rice was setting the pace, with Schinnerer and Riviere sprinting behind. Schinnerer and Riviere started to pass the leader. Schinnerer's wheel swerved toward the outside and collided with Riviere's, and both riders fell. Enterman, Pierce, Moore and King were riding behind in a close bunch, and neither could steer clear of the fallen men. Pierce's wheel struck Schinnerer and he fell, carrying the others with him. Pierce and Schinnerer were carried to their quarters, but after being rubbed for a few moments, both remounted and amid the cheers of the crowd they again set out on their long ride. The others had meanwhile resumed their places in the race. All of the riders were pretty badly shaken up, but none of them were badly hurt.

Score at 11:15 A. M.—Miller, 1,372; Rice, 1,316; Riviere, 1,287; Schinnerer, 1,260; Moore, 1,237; Waller, 1,231; Hale, 1,204; Pierce, 1,184; Elkes, 1,100; Golden, 1,088; Enterman, 1,079; Stephane, 1,057; Cannon, 1,052; King, 1,019; Julius, 971; Gray, 806; Johnson, 798; Beacom, 758.

The best previous record for eighty-three hours was 1,201 miles, made by Hale.

Score at 1:15 P. M.—Miller, 1,405; Rice, 1,341; Riviere, 1,317; Schinnerer, 1,296; Waller, 1,269; Moore, 1,266; Hale, 1,210; Pierce, 1,206; Elkes, 1,138; Golden, 1,093; Enterman, 1,057; Cannon, 1,048; Stephane, 1,068; King, 1,044; Julius, 990; Gray, 818; Johnson, 804; Beacom, 773.

Best previous record for eighty-five hours, 1,224 miles, made by Hale.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—A slab of

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quartz with veins of gold prominently showing, will convey California's invitation to President McKinley to attend on January 24 the golden jubilee of the discovery of gold. Chairman Parsons, of the executive committee, has promised to secure a suitable piece of the precious rock and will have engraved on its face the message which will bid the president to come to California to receive the miners' welcome.

ON DOG CREEK

Marvelous Gold Finds Fifty Miles From Dawson City.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 9.—News of a marvelous strike that in richness is said to exceed the Klondike, is brought down from Alaska by K. T. Smith, formerly of Colorado. Smith came into Seattle last night on the steamer Farallon, having spent seventeen years in Alaska. Dog Creek is located fifty miles up the river from Dawson City, on the south side of the Yukon. The first claim was located by "Chubby" Peterson, of Peoria, Ill. He struck bedrock at seven feet, and the first pan showed up nearly \$800. Other claims were immediately located, and when Smith left five had reached bedrock and were panning out from \$800 to \$1,200 a day.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 9.—The Klondike Snow and Ice Transit Company is in the field with an all-year-around service from Seattle to Dawson City. During the summer its steamers will go by way of St. Michael. In winter the company will use a snow wheel and ice locomotive over the Stikine river and Lake Teslin route. Its "pioneer train," with supplies for miners, is scheduled to arrive at Dawson City between Jan. 15 and Feb. 1. The train will consist of six locomotives and twenty-four cars, divided into six sections. The first and second sections will carry 100 tons of petroleum fuel. The third and fourth sections will have accommodations for 200 passengers. The fifth and sixth sections will carry 200 tons of supplies. The patentee of the ice locomotive is George T. Glover, who has used it in the logging sections of Michigan and Wisconsin.

RESISTED AND WAS FELLED.

Boston, Dec. 9.—Newell Paine, proprietor of the drug store in Tremont street, was assaulted last night and robbed of \$1,200 by an unknown man who entered his store about 11 o'clock. The robber drew a revolver with the remark, "I am a desperate man and want money." Mr. Paine resisted and was felled senseless. He will recover.

PRICE FELL

WHEN EXTRA DIVIDEND ON SUGAR MISSED.

Another Cut in Coffee is the Latest Incident in the Coffee and Sugar War.

New York, Dec. 9.—The directors of the sugar trust yesterday declared the regular dividends. The price of sugar shares declined rapidly on this announcement, as an extra dividend had been expected.

Tremendous speculation was in progress in the certificates of the American Sugar Refineries company, on the floor of the stock exchange.

The course of prices was erratic and attended by much excitement. Around the sugar post on the floor there was a shouting, seething mob.

The price of the certificates reflected the varying rumors.

The rumors regarding the extra dividends have been the chief influence in causing a rapid rally and advance of price since the common shares sold at 126 1/2 on November 12.

The latest episode in the coffee-sugar war was the announcement that the Woolson Spice company had issued a circular to the coffee-jobbing trade of this state, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia, authorizing the deducting of one cent a pound from the invoice in billing the company's brand of roasted coffee to the retail trade in those states.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

To Be Commenced at Once By Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will begin at once their proposed improvements on its line west of Altoona. There are to be constructed two additional tracks between Altoona and the Horseshoe curve, and from that point to the tunnel on the main line near Gallitzin there is to be one additional track constructed. When this work is finished there will be four tracks from Altoona to the Horseshoe curve and three tracks from the Horseshoe curve to the tunnel.

The old Portage tunnel, which was constructed by the state more than fifty years ago, is to be remodeled and made so as to accommodate two tracks. This work will take some time to do it and it also requires the widening of the western approach to the tunnel for a distance of about two miles. The tunnel as it now stands is too small for the present rolling stock of the road.

AFFAIRS AT THE CAPITAL

A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING REACHED.

FUTURE LEGISLATION IN THE HOUSE.

NO FINANCIAL LEGISLATION AT THE PRESENT TIME.

BEHRING SEA MATTER WILL HAVE A HEARING.

The Most Important Subjects are the Vexatious Problems in the Indian Territory and Matters Relating to Dawes Commission.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Although no formal action has been taken, a pretty general understanding has been reached by the leaders in the house of representatives as to the course of legislation in the near future. This contemplates the disposal of appropriation bills as fast as they are ready for consideration. After these the bankruptcy bill will be given the first opportunity for a hearing. This measure will be reported by Chairman Henderson, of the judiciary committee, before the holiday recess, but it will not be taken up by the house until after the recess. It is understood that Speaker Reed and the committee on rules will be disposed to give this bill every advantage in the way of securing early debate. It is equally well understood that for the present there will be no effort to take up financial legislation on the floor of the house. This is due mainly to the fact that a strong impression prevails among members of the house that the committee on banking and currency will not be able to recollect the many conflicting interests inside of the committee.

These represent all shades of the financial subject and are so much at variance that it is not expected a majority can be rallied for any one proposition. Under such circumstances the purpose is to await the action or the deadlock in that committee. The ways and means committee will do nothing at present in the way of framing financial legislation. If, however, it becomes evident that the committee on banking and currency is at a standstill, then the ways and means committee will enter the field of financial legislation and will frame a bill on broad lines calculated to meet the present financial requirements. In the meantime, the subject will be kept in the background as much as possible.

Aside from bankruptcy and appropriation bills, some emergency measures, such as that relating to Bering Sea, introduced by Mr. Hitt, will have a hearing, as they involve questions of general policy and are not likely to meet with opposition. With these exceptions, the disposition of the house leaders will be to keep radical legislation to the rear.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

The preparation of the Indian appropriation bill will begin immediately in the house committee on Indian affairs and probably the bill will be reported to the house early in January. There are many important matters before it, but everything now will give way to the appropriation bill. The most important subjects are the vexatious problems in Indian Territory involving the re-organization of the territory in matters relating to the Indians. The Dawes Indian commission is now negotiating with the five tribes, but the outlook is not very encouraging, and some important legislation along the lines of the negotiations has been planned. The commission will be summoned here shortly by the secretary of the interior, it is understood, and action by the committee will be deferred pending the appearance of the commission before it to explain the situation there and to make recommendations. So far only two tribes have ratified the commission's agreements. These are the Choctaws and Chickasaws, and the agreements made with the Cherokee and Creeks have been rejected. The Seminoles also have not taken any favorable action, and in view of the general disappointing outlook arbitrary legislation is expected to be enacted to accomplish what overtures on the part of the government have failed to do.

PARTY LINES.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The republican senators are frightened over the outlook for the Hawaiian annexation treaty. The two-thirds vote claimed with so much confidence at the close of the last session now appears to have dwindled until they can not count with certainty upon a sufficient number to ratify the compact.

The grave concern of the senate committee on foreign relations was shown yesterday when leading members of that committee began the task of polling the senate.

The poll did not show a two-thirds vote for the treaty. It now seems certain that annexation can only be accomplished by passing the Morgan bill. A republican caucus will be called in a few days to finally determine upon a plan of action. The democrats are lining up pretty strong against annexation in both houses, and indications now are that it will have to be fought out on party lines.

AUTHORIZED FAVORABLE REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The senate committee on Pacific railroads today authorized a favorable report upon a resolution introduced yesterday by Senator Morgan directing the attorney-general to send to the senate a full statement of his proceedings concerning the Hawaiian government upon the Kansas Pacific railroad, striking out that portion of the resolution calling for a statement in regard to agreements concerning the sale of the road. It was understood that the passage of the resolution is amended is agreeable to the at-

torney-general and the opinion was expressed in the meeting that its passage would preclude any action upon the bill introduced yesterday by Senator Gear providing means for foreclosing the Kansas Pacific mortgage.

AGAINST ANNEXATION.

In the senate today Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, presented a petition signed by 268 native Hawaiians protesting against the annexation of Hawaii.

The senate agreed to adjourn today until Monday next.

Senator Dyer secured the adoption of a resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to inform the senate what changes, if any, had been made in the plan of the Hawaiian Postoffice building.

Senator McBride, of Oregon, presented and asked for immediate consideration of a joint resolution for the relief of American miners and other sufferers in the valley of the Yukon and its tributaries. The resolution authorizes the secretary of war to transport supplies to the suffering miners and provides that not more than \$250,000 be appropriated to carry out the purposes of the resolution. It went over on objection.

A resolution was offered by Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, and referred to the committee on naval affairs providing for an investigation of the question of dry docks and naval stations.

The resolution reported by the Pacific railroad committee asking the attorney-general for information concerning the Kansas Pacific was adopted.

ITS FIRST MEETING.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The committee on foreign affairs of the house of representatives held its first meeting today and outlined its line of work on the several important foreign questions now pending. Chairman Hitt announced the following sub-committee to deal with Cuban affairs: Adams, of Pennsylvania; Eastwold, of Minnesota, and Berry, of Kentucky. The sub-committee to consider Hawaiian affairs is: Hitt, of Illinois; Smith, of Michigan, and Dismore, of Arkansas.

The committee determined to report at once the bill prohibiting American citizens from conducting pelagic sealing in Bering Sea, and an understanding was reached that the bill would be pushed to final passage before the holidays. It was also determined that the members of the committee would call in a body on the secretary of state tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

BY REMORSE

A CONVICT FORCED TO MAKE CONFESSION.

He Confessed to a Murder in Kentucky of Two Cousins, Three Years Ago.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9.—Samuel Crabtree, a convict 20 years of age, who is serving a second term in the penitentiary for housebreaking, made a startling confession to the prison authorities.

Crabtree sent for Warden Hancock to come to his cell, saying that he wanted to detail to him a crime which remorse had prompted him to confess. The warden was sick in bed, and to Prison Physician Bruner Crabtree confessed to the murder in Lawrence county three years ago of his two cousins, Tony Rice and William Short. He says that David Wellman, David Dean and Dollie Frazier and a sister were present when the murder occurred, and assisted in hiding the dead bodies under a trestle. They had quarreled over Miss Frazier.

The other parties were tried for the murder and acquitted. Crabtree's father brooded over his wayward son and committed suicide while insane. These matters so preyed on his youthful mind that he decided to confess.

Crabtree says that he hopes that he will be hanged, as he can never have any peace of mind, holding himself responsible for the suicide of his father in addition to the murder of his cousins. He will be taken before the Lawrence County Grand Jury when it convenes.

GROOM NOT THERE

But a Substitute Was Found to Marry the Girl.

New York, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Bernard Ghek was until yesterday Miss Sarah Goldstein, the sister of Morris Goldstein, a wealthy clothing manufacturer, of 35 Joes street.

Last night Miss Goldstein was to have become Mrs. Jacob Frank. Arrangements were ready for the wedding at Pacific Hall. But Frank failed to appear on schedule time. Owing to an oversight he had not received the \$200 dowry right that was to have gone with Sarah, and, taking the omission evidently for a bad omen, he sent word that he most respectfully but firmly declined to lead the young lady to the altar. As he had gone to Boston to send his message, there was no possibility of getting the \$200 to him in time to proceed with the wedding.

In this predicament one Landau came to the rescue with a brilliant idea. "I have a friend," he said, "a young man, Bernard Ghek—a noble soul—a tailor, worthy in every respect of a good, virtuous wife. He is anxious to be married. Let him take Frank's place."

Ghek was summoned, took his place by the side of the bride and became her husband as fast as Rabbi Zinstor could pronounce the words. The bride wept while the ceremony was in progress, but her father insisted that the wedding proceed.

THREE FIGHTS.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Negotiations have practically been completed for three more pugilistic contests. Peter Maher and Peter Jackson are to meet in February, Choyneck and Tut Ryan in January, and George Green and Billy Gallagher at a time to be set later. The Occidental Club has secured the Maher-Jackson contest, and the National the other two. Maher is giving away considerable weight in his contest with Peter Jackson. He will weigh something like 35 pounds less than Jackson, who has also the advantage of him in reach and height. Maher has the advantage of age by eight years and is in better condition.