

SCIENTISTS FROM ALL OVER COUNTRY AT GREAT MEETING

Subjects Ranging From Origin of Indian to Prevention of Mine Disasters

AEROPLANE BUILDING UP FOR DISCUSSION

Efforts Being Made to Improve Sanitary Conditions in Mines of Country

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Subjects ranging from the origin of the American Indian to the prevention of disasters in mines were discussed by the leading scientists and economists of the United States today in the opening session of the American Society for the Advancement of Science and the thirty affiliated associations holding conventions in Washington this week.

Below Standard
H. P. Talbot of Boston, in an address before the American Chemical Society, declared much of the analytical work now being done by chemists was below the standard that should be maintained, because the chemists had permitted themselves to be placed in a secondary position.

LATEST WITNESS BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY GIVES NEW TESTIMONY

Tells of How He First Came in Contact With Jas. B. McNamara

LATEST STEP TAKEN

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Coincident with the appearance of H. W. Pohlman, business agent of the Seattle Iron Workers' union, as a witness before the federal grand jury which resumed its investigation today in the nation-wide dynamite conspiracy, it became known that another resident of Seattle, Dr. G. D. Wagner, had appeared before the inquisitors and given important testimony.

PENDING TREATIES WON'T BE BROUGHT BEFORE BANQUET

This Issue Was Said to be Reason For Roosevelt Declining to Attend

FLATLY REFUSES TO BE THERE NEVERTHELESS

Mayor Gaynor Declines to Serve on Reception Committee at The Dinner

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Although President Taft is to be the guest of honor and Andrew Carnegie is down on the program as honorary president, the pending arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France for which Mr. Taft has labored and which Mr. Carnegie has endorsed, are not to be brought officially before the citizens' peace banquet to be held at the Waldorf Astoria Saturday night.

Wouldn't Go, Anyhow
With this revised understanding Mr. Bloomer called on Colonel Roosevelt again today and again the colonel declined flatly to attend, but as Mr. Bloomer said, this would not change the attitude of the promoters toward the scope of the gathering.

TELEGRAM READS THAT INNOCENT WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE SLAIN

Russians no Respectors of Persons in Conduct Toward Persians

UNHEARD-OF CRUELTY

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Persia committee, composed of prominent Englishmen interested in Persian affairs has received the following telegram from the provincial assembly at Tabriz, sent through the "Persian society of Constantinople."

THAW'S AFFAIRS WOUND UP

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 27.—The final affairs of Harry Kendall Thaw, an inmate of Mattawan asylum and the slayer of Stanford White, were wound up today when Referee in Bankruptcy Wm. R. Blair, directed that checks for 22 per cent of the amount of the claims against Thaw's estate be mailed to his creditors.

STERN MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN BY RUSSIA IN PERSIA

Dislocation of Telegraph Lines Makes It Hard to Get News of Outbreaks

SITUATION OF GRAVE COMPLEXITY ARISES

Doubts Increase as to Whether Persian Independence Will be Restored

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Russian government has decided upon stern measures to suppress disorders at Tabriz and other disturbed points in Persia. The dislocation of the telegraph lines makes it impossible to get a reliable narrative of the outbreaks. Yet it cannot be doubted that a situation of the gravest complexity has arisen.

SEVERE PUNISHMENT
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—A semi-official statement issued this evening says that the Russian government, in view of "acts of foolhardy aggression committed against the Russian forces and institutions in Tabriz, Reft and Enzeli, sometimes followed by brutal torture of the wounded and base outrages against the dead," has decided that the severest punishment of the guilty is merited and Russian commanders in conjunction with Russian consuls are instructed to adopt the most stringent measures.

These measures, as set forth in the statement, include the arrest and trial by court martial of all participants in the attacks, the disarmament of the Fidsai and other troublesome elements, destruction of places where resistance might be offered and whatever else is deemed necessary to repress the disorders.

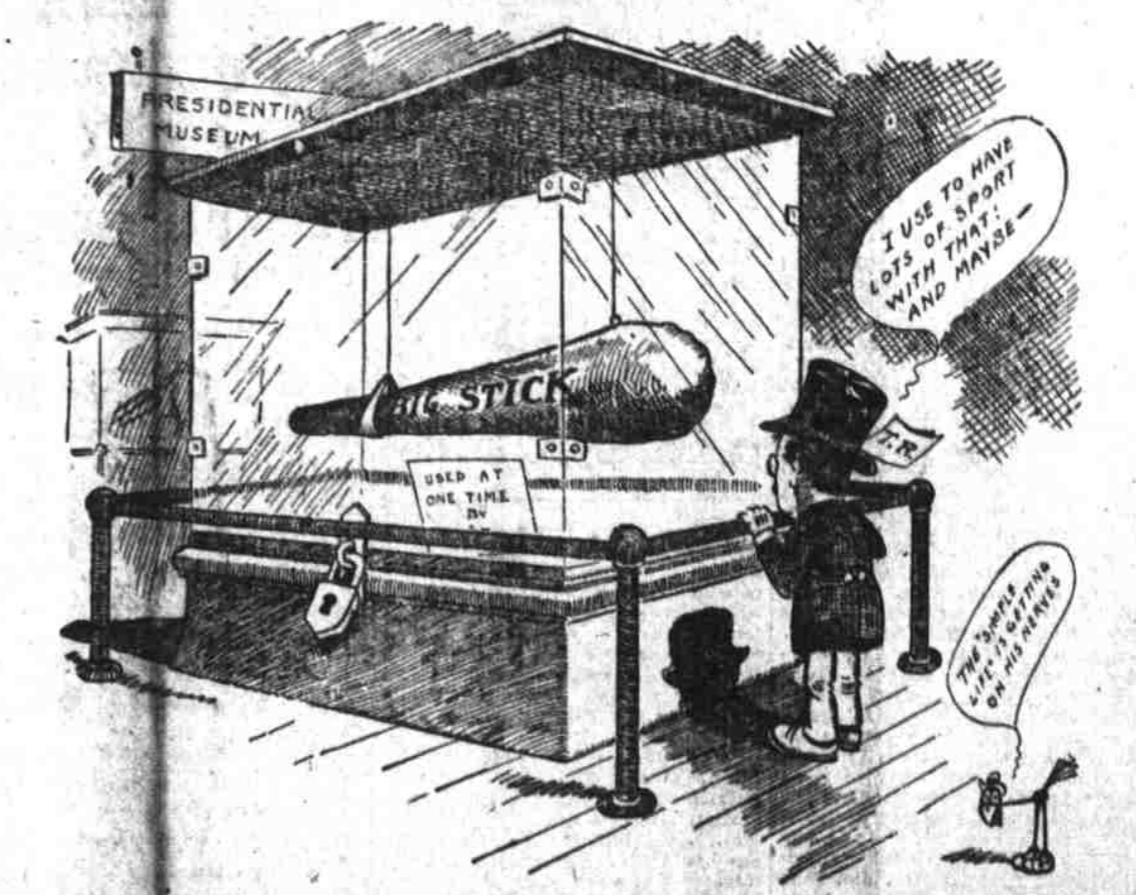
VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY RETURNED IN CASE OF FACTORY PROPRIETORS

State Fails to Fix Blame for Fire Horror, When 147 Were Killed

DEFENDANTS WEEP

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The state failed today in its effort to fix the blame of the fire horror of March 25, 1911, in which 147 employees of the Triangle Waist company lost their lives. A verdict of "not guilty" was returned late today, by the jury in the case of Isaac Harris and Max Blank, proprietors of the factory who were indicted in connection with the holocaust.

Fond Recollections.



MONGOLIA WILL BE PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENT PROVINCE TODAY

Action Comes Simultaneously With Cutting off From China of Vast Dependency of Turkestan—Both Will Pass Under Russian Influence and May be Annexed at Any Time—Forceful Element in Arrival of Dr. Sen

PEKING, Dec. 28.—3:26 a. m.—Mongolia, which almost equals China proper in size, will be proclaimed independent tomorrow simultaneously with the cutting off from China of the vast dependency of Turkestan.

DR. SEN AS PRESIDENT
SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.—It is reported that the delegates of the eighteen provinces of China proper intend to meet at Nanking on December 28 to elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen as president of the provisional government of the united provinces.

came in a body to Shanghai where they met Dr. Sen, later returning to Nanking. There is reason to believe that they will meet on December 28 and elect Dr. Sen president of the provisional government of the united provinces of China proper by a unanimous vote of the delegates of the eighteen provinces.

ANXIETY RELIEVED IN U. S. WAR DEPARTMENT

Troublesome Moros Disarmed Without Bloodshed Reads Cablegram

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Anxiety in the war department today was relieved by a cablegram from Governor General Forbes of the Philippines confirming the press report of the success of General Pershing's attempt to disarm without bloodshed the troublesome Moros who had sought refuge on Mount Dajo.

NEW PENSION BILL MAY BE MODIFIED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Senator Works of California, will attempt to attach to the Sherwood pension bill a provision absolutely prohibiting any special pension bills and making ineligible for pension any person who attempts to get special legislation. Senator Works hopes to stop the flood of special pensions which are passed by congress at each session.

ADEQUATE SYSTEM OF DEFENSE FOR STREAM

Proposed Abolition of New Orleans Naval Station Strongly Opposed

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—Since the formal opening of Southwest pass with its 35 foot channel to the gulf, the commercial organizations of this city today decided to take their fight for an adequate system of defense for the Mississippi river to the joint army and navy board in Washington together with the protest against the proposed abolition of the New Orleans naval station.

WATTERSON CANCELS DATES.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 27.—Anticipating strong opposition by German and Irish-American citizens of this city to a resolution to be introduced at the conclusion of the address of Colonel Henry Wattersson endorsing the proposed arbitration treaties between the United States, England and France, friends of the Kentucky editor decided to cancel the speaking engagements scheduled for tomorrow evening.

DIRECT ACCESS TO COAL FIELDS MAY BE RESULT

Tennessee and West Virginia Coal Mines May be Brought Close

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 27.—E. C. Duncan, a director of Norfolk and Southern railway, who has been engaged recently in negotiating for the purchase of several small independent lines which form connecting links between Norfolk and Charlotte left this morning for New York to attend a meeting of the directors of the North Carolina Trans-continental Construction company, which recently began building a line of railroads from Knoxville, Tenn., to Rutherfordton, N. C.

RUSSIANS ABANDON BANK

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—Advices received here today from Tabriz in Persia, say that the Russian troops have been forced to abandon the Russo-Persian bank, which is situated in the principal bazar and which they have hitherto been protecting. There is about \$150,000 in specie lying in the bank, which is now entirely without a guard.

HAPPY IN REVENGE

ROME, Ga., Dec. 27.—Douglas H. Harris, aged twenty-five, formerly of LaGrange, Ga., was shot and instantly killed here tonight by Uriah L. Starnes, a traveling salesman. Starnes immediately surrendered to the police. He made a statement charging that Harris had wrecked his home and declaring that he was happy in getting his revenge.

TWO PLANS FAILED FOR MERGING MEAT PACKING CONCERNS

Attorney For Swift & Co. Testifies in Trial of The Ten Chicago Packers

GIVES DETAILS OF PROPOSED MERGERS

Late Gustavus Swift Was to be Its President—Other Proposed Officers

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Albert H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Co., and the first witness called by the government in the trial of the ten Chicago packers, testified today that the defendants made two efforts to organize a merger in the summer of 1907 and that their efforts to finance the enterprise were successful in both instances. The first plan was to include the Armour, Swift, Morris and Cudahy interests with a capital of \$225,000,000 divided as follows:

Proposed Officers
The late Gustavus F. Swift was to have been president of the merger, Edward Morris and Michael Gudeby were to have been vice-presidents, and E. G. Armour, chairman of the executive and financial committees.

OVERPRODUCTION OF COAL SAYS COAL STATISTICIAN OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT

Few More Unsatisfactory Years in History of Coal Mining Industry

GIVES HIS REASONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—There has been an overproduction of coal this year and a consequent struggle for trade which depressed prices, in the opinion expressed today by Edward W. Parker, coal statistician for the United States geodetic survey, Mr. Parker added that there had been few more unsatisfactory years in the history of the coal mining industry and that prices were depressed to such an extent that when the total returns for the year were footed up the balance probably would be on the wrong side of the ledger, although the production of coal in the United States for the year was probably second only to the record year of 1910.



WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Forecast: For North Carolina, fair, colder Thursday with brisk west to north-west winds Friday fair.