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General Funston Has Ordered Troops To Scene Of Trouble

A Platoon Of Machine Guns And Five Companies Of Troops Rushed To Goldfield, Scene Of Mining Trouble.

Mine Operators Ask President For Troops--Held Long Session But Gave Out Nothing--Strength Of Troops.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Gen. Funston has ordered five companies from Fort McDowell and four companies with a machine gun platoon from Monterey, all of the 22nd infantry to proceed to Goldfield, scene of mining troubles.

Troops Left Today. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 6.—Gen. Funston verified the statement that the federal troops will leave Monterey and San Francisco today for Goldfield.

A special train will take troops from Fort McDowell to Goldfield, leaving this morning. In all nearly full complement will be put in the field, accompanied by a platoon of machine guns.

The general will not accompany the troops and the name of the officer who will command the expedition was not disclosed.

The troops will go fully equipped and provisions for a stay of uncertain duration.

Southern Pacific officials are authorized for the statement that only 200 men in all will comprise the command. The trains will have the full complement of troops and will be equipped as speedily as possible.

Mine Operators Meet. Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 6.—In view of the admission of the mine operators that they applied to the president for orders holding troops in readiness to come to Goldfield, there is a widespread divergence of opinion. Few people can be made to believe that such action would be taken over the head of the sheriff, who says he has not been consulted.

He denies that he is unable to control the situation and adds that he has not been approached. Several inquiries directed to the government asking on what grounds he asked for troops remain unanswered. It is accepted that the publication of the war department was premature and that the operators only wished to get rid of the preliminaries before the critical time came for opening the mines with non-union labor.

The mine operators yesterday held a long session but said they had nothing to give out for publication beyond deploring the fact that the agitation for troops had gained much wide publicity.

From messages received here during the last 24 hours, it is evident that the outside world thinks all the messages from Goldfield are censored and that correspondents are prevented from giving the facts on the situation. Owing to the sensational reports the officers are swamped with requests to take care of valuable papers in the event of rioting or fire. There has not been an arrest here for common drunkenness for a week.

Many Burglaries In New York City. New York, Dec. 6.—That more burglaries and robberies have occurred in New York during the last sixty days than at any other like period in the history of the city is the statement of the agents of half a dozen burglary insurance companies.

It is also said that burglaries and robberies have steadily increased for several years. Last year, it is estimated, the loss in the city from theft amounted to \$15,800,000, while the loss from fires was only \$9,500,000.

PLOT AGAINST EMPEROR. Anarchist Plot Life of Emperor Joseph Alleged to Have Been Discovered.

By Associated Press. Budapest, Dec. 6.—The Nap, a newspaper of this city, publishes a sensational story to the effect that an anarchist plot upon the lives of Emperor Francis Joseph and Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the throne, has been discovered.

Think There is No Plot. Vienna, Dec. 6.—The officials discount the report of a plot against the emperor.

Mrs. Sarah F. Torrence, who has been living with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McBryde at 412 North College street, has been recently occupied by Mrs. T. L. Ritch, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McBryde will board with Mrs. Torrence.

Reward Offered For Capture of Murderer

Special to The News. Mt. Airy, N. C., Dec. 6.—Mr. Thomas Woodruffe, of the North Carolina Granite Corporation, left yesterday morning on a business trip connected with the quarries.

Quite a good-sized town has been built up at the Mount Airy Granite quarries during the past year or two. Many handsome dwellings have been erected and others are now going up. One splendid boarding house, just completed, adds much to the appearance out at the quarries. This house is elegantly fitted up and is handsomely furnished. The writer spent some time there yesterday and learned that the work had not shut down and that there was no talk of shutting down. One firm in a distant city wants from 6 to 8 carloads of granite daily and that indicates lots of work for somebody.

The Mount Airy Overall factory resumed operations this week after a temporary shut-down for repairs.

School Committeeman E. H. Wrenn has finished taking the school census and finds 1,494 children of school age in Mount Airy. He also ascertained the number of inhabitants by actual count to be 5,102. This shows an increase of about 1,000 since the last census was taken. Verily, Mount Airy is growing!

This scribe, with the help of your most excellent journal, has endeavored to keep Mount Airy and her progress before the world. It remains to be seen whether these people appreciate good things. Guess some feel the benefits and are willing to admit it.

Your correspondent is glad Surry county commissioners have offered a reward for the murderer of Robert Snow, the colored man who was killed in cold blood Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Lizzie Hazard, of High Point, is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. Edith Greasy.

The merchants here have been busy this week. Lots of trade is coming to this place now. People are getting in their Christmas supplies. The tobacco growers are still getting top prices for tobacco, and the beauty is, still they come! The farmers know very well that this market is never behind when it comes to good prices.

Miss Alga Cody, of Charlotte, is visiting her parents near this city. W. F. Carter, Esq., is attending a meeting of Concord Presbytery at Statesville this week.

Mrs. Henry Wright died at her home in this city yesterday. The funeral services will be held today from the residence.

Pittsburg, Pa. Bank Failed

Fort Pitt National Bank Closed By Order of The Comptroller of The Treasury—The Notice Posted.

By Associated Press. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 6.—The Fort Pitt National Bank, of this city, failed to open for business this morning.

A notice appeared on the door as follows: "Closed by order of the comptroller of the treasury, John B. Cunningham, examiner."

Prof. Emory Criticises Sec. Cortelyou's Conduct

By Associated Press. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 6.—Prof. Emory, of the department of economics at Yale, an authority on political science, in a lecture last night severely criticized the recent policy of Secretary Cortelyou, in his relation to the financial panic.

He pointed out that the so-called independent treasury system has completely broken down. Established in 1846 to divorce the government entirely from the banks it has resulted in a situation which makes the government a more important factor in the banking world than it ever could have been under the old system, or than is the case in any other country.

Meeting of College Y. M. C. A. Albany, Ore., Dec. 6.—Albany College is entertaining for three days the eighth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the colleges of Oregon and Idaho. Many enthusiastic delegates were present at the formal opening of the gathering today. The program provides for addresses by a number of prominent association workers.

Harry S. New Was Elected Chairman

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Harry S. New, of Indiana, was elected chairman of the republican national committee, to succeed George B. Cortelyou, resigned.



Big Conference With Baptists At New Bern At Wilmington

Special to The News. New Bern, N. C., Dec. 6.—The third day's session opened with religious services by R. A. Willis.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. P. L. Kirton was granted location at his own request.

A telegram of fraternal greeting was received from the Baptist convention.

Dr. Coala, of Nashville; Dr. Porter, of the American Bible Society were introduced to the convention.

W. T. Uzry, A. W. Price, L. P. Howard, E. B. Craven, W. F. Galloway, J. M. Daniels, L. B. Jones, W. O. Jones, J. A. Sharp, J. M. Wright and B. P. Robinson were received into full connection.

Bishop Galloway delivered a splendid charge to them.

Gen. Julian S. Carr and Chas. H. Ireland addressed the Conference on the Laymen's Movement.

Dr. Yates took the chair. Reports of committees on conference relations and Bible course made reports.

Professor Gilbert, of Paine College, was introduced and addressed the conference. A collection was taken.

Pleasures of Meeting Make Some Forget. There is nothing in the Methodist family, that is equal to the annual conference, for pleasure, the seeing and the being seen, and the greeting never get all the way round, let it be one or two weeks long. As soon as the body adjourns, and long before it meets the men and the women gather about the rooms of the church and talk and talk and talk. At times some one has to go after them, when wanted in the business of the session, or to stop the too long talking, the omd of which comes through a thin partition. Twice during this session some good ladies on the meeting of the good friends of long ago, so far forget where they were, that in greeting the friends and the talk following, stopped the business so that the presiding officer had to rap for order. But that was simply the outburst of glad hearts, and was not meant in disrespect. And all so understood it, even if the ladies felt the rebuke of the gavel, as it fell in earnest on the table.

Cannot Read Too Much. When the young men were coming in, and being advanced from one year's course up to a higher one, it developed that some of them had not completed the course, or some before the committee, and Bishop Galloway took the time to insist that it was necessary for the young men to read, and read much. When one had not finished, the presiding officer wanted to know, in a kindly way, what was in the way of work, it is easy, if a little time, often spent in talking, and chewing and smoking and spitting, is put in on the work. Read if you would grow mentally.

Judge Neal Wants the Layman to Make Good. The resolution introduced here, by Judge Walter H. Neal asking the conference to go on record against the preachers having to respond to so many collections, and putting the layman in the breach, was well meant, but Bishop Galloway said that the part about the preachers not responding to calls for need, was not according to the scriptures. He was right, and it would not do at all for the privilege of not helping the distressed brother. When the collection was taken for Mr. Brothers, and the men were pouring the money on the table, Old Uncle Andrew Betts started, as he walked to the table, the old song: "Help us to help each other, Lord" and the crowd took it up. That was all the proof one needs of the love of such men for each other.

Judge Neal and others will do well to get the layman to do his part, but do not say these men cannot help an afflicted fellow laborer.

In the assembly room of the Colonial Club "Tennyson's Portraits of Women," presented by the D. A. R.

Many Important Matters Considered at Big Convention Now in Session—Full Report of The Work Done.

Special to The News. Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 6.—Doubtless the most interesting of any day during the Baptist State Convention was today.

The meeting opened at 9:30 this morning with devotional exercises. The remainder of the day was taken up on matters pertaining to ministerial education, state missions, foreign missions, denominational schools and temperance.

Tonight Wake Forest College will be the matter before the convention. Sixty associations of the state are represented at the convention and over 500 delegates and ministers are here.

Wilmington, Dec. 6.—The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina assembled in the First Baptist Church of this city, at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night, and opened with the singing of "How Firm a Foundation."

Rev. D. G. Lumpkin, of Scotland Neck, read from the second chapter of Acts and Dr. Craig, of Rocky Mount, led in prayer for the Holy Spirit to descend upon the convention.

This was inaugurated the session of what promises to be one of the most successful conventions yet held by the great religious denomination in the state.

The convention sermon was preached by the Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, of Hickory, one of the state evangelists and an eloquent and forceful speaker.

Dr. Hale welcomed the messengers, and guests, stating that plenty of homes were secured for them, and more, if necessary.

Yesterday's Proceedings. Yesterday was a very busy day with the Baptists. Three sessions were held and a great amount of business was transacted.

After devotional exercises yesterday morning, President Jones named the standing committee. Following this the report on education was read, which showed, among other things, that there are 75 students at Wake Forest College preparing for the ministry.

Sunday Schools. Rev. Livingston Johnson's report of the board of missions and Sunday schools was next read. It showed that during the past 2,372 members have been admitted to the church by the Baptists, and 1,345 by letter through the work of state missions. The report also showed that \$55,088 has been raised by the missionaries in the state; \$35,554 has been raised for foreign missions, and \$18,279.92 for home missions.

The Orphanage. On yesterday Rev. M. L. Kessler, of the Thomasville Orphanage, delivered an address on the work being done by the orphanage, showing a big increase in the work of this institution. The report showed that 265 children are being cared for. A new infirmary is in course of erection. Baptist women of the state have raised \$300 for this building.

The Seminary. Rev. J. B. Sample, of the Louisville Seminary, addressed the convention on the work being done at the seminary. There are 28 students in the seminary from North Carolina. A subscription of \$750 was made to aid twenty of these in finishing their course. Eight of these young men, and four women in the training school, are preparing to go as foreign missionaries.

The News Offers Its Columns to the Children of Charlotte. For several years it has been the custom of The News to print letters to Santa Claus from its hosts of little friends.

Christmas is fast approaching and old Santa Claus wishes to know what the children want. He asks The News to say to them that he will be glad to receive their letters through The News beginning at once.

All he asks is that the letters be written plainly, that they be brief, and that the children do not ask for too much. So send all letters to Santa Claus care The News, Charlotte, N. C.

Death of Mr. E. L. McElwee. Particularly sad is the death of Mr. E. R. McElwee at a Columbia, S. C., hospital yesterday after an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. McElwee died several months ago and a baby of 10 months is left an orphan. Mr. McElwee formerly resided here, being associated in the insurance business with Mr. Samuel Miller.

Five Hundred Men Said To Be Entombed In Mine By Explosion

GOVERNOR ON THE GO.

Returns From Raleigh and Leaves for Goldsboro to Confer With ex-Governor Aycock. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6.—Governor Glenn returned this morning from Washington, and left this afternoon for Goldsboro to confer with ex-Governor Aycock, of the counsel for the state in the railroad rate litigation, relative to the status of the state's interest in the light of the ruling of the state supreme court, arresting judgment of the \$30,000 fine imposed on the southern by Judge Long.

He will make no statement as to the conference at Washington with President Finley and Col. A. B. Andrews. The governor will speak at LaGrange tonight, Kenansville Saturday and Sunday, returning to Raleigh Monday.

A CHANGE IN WHITNEY PLANT. Five New Directors for Big Yaddin Development Enterprise.

An important change has taken place in the Whitney Power Company. As a result of the panic Mr. Geo. I. Whitney, of Pittsburg, head of the banking house of Whitney, Stephenson & Co., was pushed hard and had to retire from the management of the great power development at the Narrows of the Yaddin. The five Whitney directors who retire are J. B. Finley, C. S. Ritchie, J. B. McClelland, A. W. Herron and F. L. Stephenson. They are succeeded by G. L. Stout, L. G. Young, W. D. Sargent, J. S. Henderson and A. O. Brown.

Mr. Henderson is the well-known Salisbury lawyer and ex-congressman. The work of developing the Yaddin will in no wise be affected.

Stewart—Ashburn. Mount Airy, N. C., Dec. 6.—Mr. Hubert Ashburn, of Ararat, N. C., was married at the home of the bride in this city on Wednesday night, the 4th inst., to Miss Dora Stewart, R. A. Jarvis, Esq., performing the ceremony. The couple will probably make Mount Airy their home, as the groom holds a position in this city.

AT SEA AS TO NAMING 3RD. WARD ALDERMAN

A Special Meeting of the Board Will Be Held On Monday Night for This Purpose, and to Make Final Settlement of Abattoir Matter.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen has been called for Monday night for the purpose of naming an alderman from the Third ward to succeed Mr. C. A. Williams, who has resigned.

At the regular meeting of the board Monday night, the other aldermen from that ward announced that they did not have a name to present, and the matter went over, but Mayor Franklin is very anxious for this vacancy to be filled before he names several committees which are now incomplete, and hence he called this meeting to name a member from this ward.

Capt. William Anderson has been urged to accept the position, but so far he has not consented, and as the matter stands today Aldermen Shelor and Smith from the Third are at sea as to whom they will present.

These gentlemen would be glad to have the citizens of the Third ward express in some way their preference of men whom they would like to have serve them on the board.

Another matter which will come up at this special meeting is the location of the abattoir, or city slaughter house. The committee which has this matter in hand will hold a meeting on Monday morning, and a definite report will be presented to the board.

There is opposition to the establishment of this abattoir, as it is thought by some that it is a scheme to put out of business some parties who have been conducting a plant of this character, but on the other hand, the subcommittee which has investigated the matter says that the present conditions of butchering the meats, which are used in the city, are awful.

One gentleman on that committee said that since his investigation, that he had not allowed any meat used in his home which he knew to be from these places.

This matter will be settled one way or the other on Monday night, and a location will be selected.

Perfecting Organization. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The National Council of Commerce, created at the conference of the chambers of commerce and boards of trade in the office of the secretary of commerce and labor yesterday, perfected its organization today, and adjourned sine die.

Wife Beater Fined. In the police court this morning J. S. Henderson, the negro who was arrested last night for beating his wife, was found guilty on two charges, that of assault and being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$15 in the first case and \$10 in the other.

Solon Webb, a negro porter, was found guilty of disorderly conduct at the Southern depot, and fined.

Disastrous Explosion is Reported In Two Big Coal Mines at Monogah, West Va., Dead Bodies Taken Out.

Many of The 500 Miners Entombed Thought To Have Been Killed—All Is Confusion at Scene of The Disaster.

By Associated Press. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 6.—A terrific and disastrous explosion occurred in mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Consolidation Coal Company of Monogah, West Virginia.

A long distance telephone message to the Associated Press says that the bodies of three miners have been recovered near the mouth of Mine No. 6.

Superintendent of the Mines John Malone says that there are at least 500 men entombed.

Mine No. 6 is located on the east side of the Monogahela river, and Mine No. 8 on the west side.

How the explosion occurred simultaneously in both cannot be explained at this time.

All is confusion at the scene of the disaster and definite information is very meagre.

The explosion was heard for a distance of eight miles. It is believed that a majority of the entombed men were killed.

Hear'd Eight Miles. Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 6.—An explosion is reported at Mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmont Coal Company, at Monogah.

It is said to have been a dust explosion, and it is feared that the accident is a serious one. The concussion was heard for eight miles.

Worst Disaster in History. It is feared the accident will turn out to be the worst in the history of mining in this country.

Supt. Malone telephones that 500 men were in the mine at the time and the miners do not think any could escape alive.

The fans were started at noon to clear out the foul air and rescuers may be expected to reach men this afternoon.

The very earth seemed to be rent at the moment of the shock. Some idea of the force of the explosion may be gained from the fact that props from mine were not only blown out of the entry, but were hurled by the force of it across the west fork of the Monogahela river.

Wires are down which is the reason for the details of the explosion being unobtainable.

It is said rescuers will reach the imprisoned men by 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Several men were practically blown out of the mine, No. 6, through the air hole.

Their escape was miraculous. The best estimate is that 400 men are in the mines.

Will Sue 4 C's And Southern For \$25,000

Mr. W. R. Gentry will institute suit jointly against the Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company and the Southern Railway for damages alleged to have been received at the East Trade street crossing several months ago. Through his attorneys, Messrs. Cameron Morrison and Paul Whitlock, Mr. Gentry will ask for \$25,000.

The accident occurred last September, the tenth. Mr. Gentry, who was in the employ of the Southern, was standing on the top of a box car and as the train passed East Trade street he claims that the 4C's Company's trolley wire struck him, throwing him down on the car, though he did not fall to the ground. Since the accident Mr. Gentry has lost the use of one eye.

The summons will probably be served tomorrow or at an early date and it is thought that the trial will be called at the next term of superior court.

Small Kansas City Bank Re-Opened

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Dec. 6.—One of the three small banks in the suburbs of Kansas City, affiliated with the National Bank of Commerce, that closed yesterday, the First State Bank of Argentine, Kansas, re-opened this morning. The bank has deposits of a quarter of a million dollars.

Sues Bank For \$10. In 'Squire Hilton's court this afternoon, the Merchants and Farmers Bank was sued for \$10 by Mr. C. F. Lemmond. It was alleged by the plaintiff that he had fixed the adding machine belong to the defendant, and that payment was refused. The case will be tried this afternoon.