

The President Will Work On His Anti-Trust Message

White at Pass Christian Chief Executive Will Make Draft of Special Message to Congress—Big Business Wants To Comply With Sherman Law.

Talk of Establishing an Interstate Trade Commission—The President Has Fine Program of Recreation While in Mississippi.

By Associated Press.

Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 26.—President Wilson today mapped out a program of recreation for his visit here. The nation's chief executive will sleep at least nine hours each night, the quota he had hoped to get, but which has slipped. After breakfast he will appear at the Mississippi Country Club, 12 miles away, for a game of golf with the president. Dr. Cary T. Grayson, secretary of the Sherman law, will be present at whatever important letters or telegrams that may reach him from the White House and after luncheon will take an automobile ride with his family, following perhaps by a long walk along the beach roads. The president plans to spend the evenings reading.

While the president will do little official work there are present two things uppermost in his mind—the selection of members of the federal reserve board provided in the new currency act, and the writing of a special address to congress on the relations of "big business" and "small business." Of the choice of members of the board which will put into operation the new currency system there is little possibility that Mr. Wilson finally will decide on any individuals while he is president.

When the president returns to Washington he probably will confer with cabinet advisers and friends regarding the personnel of the board. Those close to the president believe that there will be no nominations until the full 60-day period allowed by law for the selections has about expired.

The president probably will make a rough draft of his anti-trust address while here and will submit it to leaders of the administration.

Investigation into the trust situation of what the administration regards as a growing desire on the part of business men to co-operate with the government in reorganizing their companies to conform with the Sherman law, it is virtually certain, will be discussed by the president.

Those who conferred with Mr. Wilson before he left Washington drew encouragement for the ultimate establishment of an interstate trade commission to comply with requests for information made by business concerns desiring accurate details of what the Sherman law permits would not be given regulatory powers it would constitute a bureau of information and investigation over which its advocates intend the commissioner of corporations should preside. It would assist the courts in carrying out decrees of dissolution by observing whether such decrees actually are put into effect.

This is one of the phases of the trust question which in the light of recent developments is considered quite likely to be discussed by the president in his address. The president has told friends he will deliver the address immediately after the holidays.

It is probable it will be read on January 19th, about a week after the president has returned to the White House and canvassed the subject thoroughly with his official family.

Heavy Mail for White House. Washington, Dec. 26.—The task of the postman who delivers the White House mail was not an easy one yesterday. Postoffice officials say that the Christmas mail increased at the White House yesterday was heavier than ever.

Joseph P. Tompity, secretary to the president and Rudolph Forster, assistant secretary, were swamped and made an attempt to learn the contents of the packages. A glance to ascertain what was attempted. The majority of the letters are said to have contained messages of cheer and good wishes to the president and family.

President Wilson today read for the first time the meagre press reports received here regarding the recent disaster at Calumet, Mich. He offered no comment. The president had received no advice from Secretary Wilson as to a request by the Western Federation of Miners for an investigation.

It is presumed here that the head of the department of labor will not request President Wilson until the question of Federal jurisdiction in what ordinarily would be a matter for state authorities to handle, has been fully determined upon.

The weather early today brightened and the president enjoyed a round of golf. His two daughters and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, his cousin, took a long horseback ride.

DeWoody Resigns. Washington, Dec. 26.—The department of justice today accepted the resignation of C. F. DeWoody as chief of the investigation bureau, but asked Mr. DeWoody to remain in the service.

How Asheville Celebrated Christmas

Asheville, Dec. 26.—Between three and four thousand people gathered on Pack Square in a drizzling rain which began shortly after the city bells had presaged the opening of Asheville's first municipal Christmas celebration. It was announced, however, that the exercises which included the singing of Christmas hymns by choruses from the various churches had to be postponed until next Tuesday night on account of the weather. Hundreds lingered to witness the illumination of the big Christmas tree, 60 feet high.

ROBBER ATTACKS WATCHMAN AT THOMASVILLE

Special to The News.

Thomasville, N. C., Dec. 26.—This morning at about six o'clock Mr. Jim Clemmons, day watchman for the Standard Chair Company, number three, was held up by a masked man and was robbed of his money, \$27 and was also shot through the apex of the right lung. Mr. Clemmons was coming to his work and was near the factory when some unknown person stepped from behind the Cane house and demanded his money. He told him he didn't have much money, but he would give what he had to him, but before Clemmons could get the money out of his pocket the robber shot him and then Clemmons handed over his money. The robber said he was going to shoot him again and Clemmons replied, "You have already killed me, don't shoot any more." At this the robber became frightened and after knocking Clemmons' lantern out of his hand, ran. Clemmons walked about 50 yards to Roy Batlett's house, a brother-in-law and gave the alarm. Dr. Peacock, the coroner was called immediately and the wounded man was cared for. There is grave fear of his recovery. Clemmons is a good hard working citizen and highly respected. Feeling runs high and if the guilty person is captured he will be rushed to the county jail for safe keeping. A suspect was arrested at seven o'clock and lodged in the city jail. Since the sheriff arrived other evidence has been found. The money was found near a negro's house and the negro has been landed in Greensboro jail. His name is Earnest Massey.

FOUNDER OF ORDER OF WOODMEN OF WORLD DEAD

By Associated Press.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 26.—W. A. Frazier, of Dallas, Texas, sovereign adviser of the order of Woodmen of the World, died Wednesday night, following an illness of a few days. Mr. Root, sovereign commander of the order, who died Wednesday at Hendersonville, N. C. This statement was given out last night at the headquarters of the order in this city. Mr. Frazier is now on his way to Omaha.

Died at Hendersonville. Asheville, Dec. 26.—Joseph Cullen Root, founder of the Woodmen of the World and sovereign commander of that order, died at Hendersonville, that order, died Wednesday night, following an illness of a few days. Mr. Root's son, Harry Root, was at his bedside when the end came. The body was taken to Omaha, Neb., the home of the deceased for interment. Death is said to have been due to intestinal trouble.

Mr. Root went to Hendersonville several weeks ago to attend the assembly of the Western North Carolina branch of the organization which he founded.

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DEATH OF WILLIAM WATTS. By Associated Press. Nicholasville, Ky., Dec. 26.—William Watts, county attorney of Jessamine county, and one of the best known politicians in the state, died at a hospital in Lexington, today, of injuries caused by the premature explosion of a fire cracker at his home in Nicholasville last night.

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FOURTEEN KILLED AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION

By Associated Press.

Rome, Dec. 26.—No additional bodies have been found in the ruins of the fireworks factory destroyed by an explosion at Torre Amunziata yesterday. The factory was a two-story building located at the foot of Mount Vesuvius. Fourteen employees were killed and five seriously injured by the explosion, the cause of which is not known.

JUDGE GUION TO ENTER LISTS

Special to The News.

New Bern, Dec. 26.—Former Judge Owen M. Guion in a card to The New Bern Sun makes formal announcement of his candidacy for congress to succeed Congressman John M. Faison.

It is understood that Congressman Faison will stand for re-election and that Mr. George E. Hood of Goldsboro and Hon. Charles R. Thomas of New Bern will also be in the race.

Mr. Thomas has served several terms in congress, being just within reach of the chairmanship of the public buildings committee at the time of his retirement. In case Mr. Thomas decides to remain in the race despite the candidacy of former Judge Guion, New Bern will have the distinction of furnishing two candidates out of four.

Judge Guion was elected without opposition to the legislature in 1903, and was returned without opposition in 1905, this time being elected speaker of the house. In 1906 he became judge of this district, and many expressions of regret were called forth by his retirement four years later. Since then he has practiced law in New Bern with his two sons, John and Rodman, under the name of John & Guion.

FINDINGS IN CASE OF MAJ. HAGERDON

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 26.—The verdict of the court martial which was called by Major General Wood, chief of the general staff of the army, to try Major Charles B. Hagerdon, military attaché of the American embassy in St. Petersburg, for disobedience of orders, has filed its findings with Major General Thomas H. Barry.

Major Hagerdon was charged with disobedience of orders in that he left his post after being instructed to remain there by his superior in Washington. It was brought out that there were extenuating circumstances as Major Hagerdon had at first been granted leave of absence because of illness and that this permission was continued after he had bought his ticket and despatched his baggage.

Major Hagerdon has a splendid army record and was one of the first officers to receive an appointment by President Wilson.

The findings will be made public shortly.

STATESVILLE MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Special to The News.

Statesville, Dec. 26.—Charlie Miller, head baker at the Home bakery here, committed suicide this morning shortly before 10 o'clock by drinking carbolic acid.

He stepped out the rear door of the bakery and on returning a few minutes he later went to the basement of the bakery. An instant later Horace Thompson, another baker, smelled carbolic acid and rushing to the basement found Miller with the bottle to his mouth. Miller came from the basement and walked to the street, where he fell. Physicians were soon on the scene but the acid had already done its deadly work and death came in a few minutes. Miller was about 23 years old and leaves a wife and two children, one a new born baby. He was a fine baker and had been with the local concern six years. His tragic death caused considerable excitement on the streets. Miller secured the acid from a nearby drug store, stating that he wanted it for disinfecting purposes.

CARS COLLIDED; SEVERAL PERSONS HURT. By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—Two persons were fatally injured and thirty two others, all Christmas merry-makers, were more or less seriously hurt in a rear end street car collision in Garvanza, a suburb, late last night.

Most of those injured were friends returning home together from a Christmas party.

Forecast for North Carolina.

Cloudy tonight, probably snow the mountains, Saturday, fair, high west winds.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. SKIPPER UNDER ST. CAR

Struck Last Night Within Block Of His Home And Instantly Killed—Motorman Could Not Tell What The Car Had Run Over.

Accident Happened at Foot of Embankment Opposite Seaboard Passenger Depot—Deceased Was Well Known—Burial in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Charles B. Skipper, for 20 years a prominent mill man and textile expert, was struck by a First Ward car a few minutes before 10 o'clock last night and instantly killed, the accident occurred just opposite the Seaboard passenger depot and was foot of a steep embankment which follows the railroad tracks from College to Tryon street.

Mr. Skipper left home about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and was with a number of friends at various times during the afternoon and evening and his movements were traced up to a time perhaps two hours prior to the accident. He left home in cheerful spirits and well, and several friends with whom he talked in the afternoon were in his usual cheerful mood, and that there was no indication whatever that there was anything the matter, so that the mystery of his death is rendered the greater and more difficult to account for.

The accident. Motorman J. B. Baker in charge of the street car which ran over Mr. Skipper, stated that he was slowing down for the curve at the western end of the Seaboard passenger depot when suddenly an object, which he thought was probably a post, appeared to tumble from the embankment and onto the tracks of the street railway. Motorman Baker reversed the current and the car was stopped, being derailed by the sudden reversal of the current. Baker and Conductor L. P. Robinson immediately left the car to make an investigation, the motorman remarking that he thought a post had probably fallen across the tracks. Conductor Robinson, upon looking beneath the car in the dim light which is afforded at the point of the accident by the electric arc, replied, "I think you have hit a man."

The body was found under the motor of the car and terribly bruised and broken. The hat which Mr. Skipper wore contained the first clue to his identity, his initials, "C. B. S.," being engraved therein. Papers were also found which showed that the dead man was interested in the cotton mill business.

The place at which the accident occurred is not well lighted, being midway between Tryon and College streets. On the south side of the street car tracks where the deceased met his end, is a rather high embankment, and this comes down to within two feet of the street car tracks. There is a drain between the embankment and the ends of the cross-ties, but no place where a man could walk with any degree of ease, unless he used the tracks or the cross-ties.

The motorman who was in charge of the car which overtook Mr. Skipper said that what he saw just before the accident gave him the idea of a post or other dark object beside the track, either falling across the way or being pushed over the tracks. There is a grade in the tracks on this stretch which is however steep just after the track turns from College toward the Seaboard passenger depot. The accident happened within 25 feet of the eastern end of the passenger depot, and about a block from Mr. Skipper's home.

Body Badly Crushed. Police headquarters were quickly notified and several officers hastened to the spot with the auto patrol and brought the remains to the undertaking establishment of Z. A. Hovis on North Tryon street. It was at first suggested that an autopsy be held but the idea was abandoned later, and the remains were left at the undertaking establishment to be prepared for burial.

The right arm and side of the dead man were badly mashed and the left arm and side also badly torn, the heart being exposed so that it was almost outside the torso. There was also a bad cut across the chest, while many bruises appeared over the body at various places. The body was dragged perhaps 20 feet after being struck. It appeared that when Mr. Skipper's body came in contact with the car it did not fall on the fender, but the latter passed over the prostrate form which was caught against the guards about the motor of the car and there crushed and broken.

At the undertaking establishment several who entered the place readily recognized the dead man as C. B. Skipper, and his family and relatives.

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SIAMESE TWIN GIRLS WILL BE SEPARATED

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 26.—"Siamese" twin girls, a mouth old, who are joined face to face by a strip of flesh more than an inch thick between their stomachs have been brought to Paris to be separated by a surgical operation.

A radiograph examination suggests that the twins have no vital organs in common. They are so vigorous that they have been clothed in woolen vests, inside while their arms are imprisoned to prevent possible injury to one or the other by their movements.

RUN DOWN WHILE CROSSING BROADWAY

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 26.—While crossing Broadway at Sixty-fifth street early today Richard Lee, a Brooklyn merchant, and his wife were run down by an automobile. Both were rendered unconscious and Mrs. Lee died while being taken to a hospital. Lee sustained several broken ribs and a possible fracture of the skull. His condition is serious.

The chauffeur of the car, Henry Forrest, who was held by the police, declared the couple were first struck by another automobile which threw them directly in his path.

Mrs. Lee was the daughter of Col. Philip F. Harvey, a retired United States army officer. They were returning from Christmas dinner at the home of a friend when the accident occurred.

The police released the chauffeur of the taxicab later today and were disposed to credit his story of a second automobile. The police have started a search for the driver of the limousine which after the accident put on speed and disappeared.

STORM RAGES ALONG NEW JERSEY COAST

By Associated Press.

Seabright, N. J., Dec. 26.—The storm, which raged along the northern New Jersey coast early today, left a trail of wreckage on the beach for miles. Seafarers were warned in time to seek safety, but the heavy surf washed away houses, undermined streets and furrowed bulkheads.

The fishermen of Seabright were the worst sufferers. Many who lived in huts near the beach were homeless today and found shelter in the town hall and in vacant buildings.

Gangs of men were at work shoring up buildings which threatened to collapse upon weakened foundations. Railroad tracks were blocked by sand. Two hotels were undermined and all but washed away.

The storm began Christmas night and at times the wind was a gale. The worst damage came this morning at high tide. No loss of life was reported.

Life Savers Busy. New York, Dec. 26.—The revenue cutter Seneca hurried down the New Jersey coast today to help a bark ashore off Seaside Beach near Point Pleasant. Nearby life saving stations reported that the ship was in great danger and that members of the crew could be seen in the rigging. The heavy sea left by the storm, which blew the bark ashore early today, prevented the life savers from approaching her in their small boats.

The name of the wrecked vessel could not be discerned. She lay about a mile off the beach with the waves breaking over her and threatening to carry away the masts where the sailors had taken refuge.

Rochester is Hit. Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 26.—A blizzard which raged all night and continued with less violence this morning paralyzed street car traffic in this city today.

Thousands of workers were forced to walk to their shops. Railroad trains entering Rochester were very late. Reports from the country say roads are impassable on account of the drifted snow.

Mistook His Mother For Burglar and Shot. By Associated Press. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 26.—A tragedy marked the close of Christmas in Lincoln when Carl F. Carbon at midnight shot and killed his mother, whom he says he mistook for a burglar. Mother and son, who lived alone, were in fear of burglars and the mother stepped out on the porch unknown to Carl and he saw a shadow through the window, he fired at a supposed marauder, inflicting a wound from which his mother died an hour later.

Investigation Of Calumet's Christmas Tree Disaster

Telegram From Gov. McGovern.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 26.—Governor Francis E. McGovern of Wisconsin sent the following telegram to Governor Ferris today: "For the people of Wisconsin and myself I send you and the citizens of your state a message of sympathy in the hour of your grief because of the Calumet death horror. Wisconsin, Michigan's neighbor, stands ready to offer you aid to care for the afflicted by this disaster which has spread a pall of sorrow over the holiday season."

The Death List Stands at 72—The Majority of The Victims Were Children—Cry of Fire at Christmas Celebration Started Panic.

SMELTER HOUSE BLOWN DOWN

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—Several persons were injured and a score were buried in wreckage this morning when a shelter house on Ontario street on the southeast corner of the public square, was blown down by the high winds which accompanied the snow here.

The shelter house was crowded with persons waiting for street cars when the crash came. The walls fell inward and men, women and children were struck by timbers and broken glass.

None of the victims was fatally hurt. The high winds also broke several plate glass windows in the business district.

NATIONAL WELCOME TO MEXICAN ENVOY

By Associated Press.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—A so-called "national welcome" was given today to Francisco de La Barra, special envoy from Mexico to thank Japan for her participation in the Mexican centennial.

Several thousands of people carrying lanterns assembled in the city park where speeches delivered by prominent men were loudly cheered. This was followed by a brilliant display of fireworks and numerous bonfires.

A procession was then formed and proceeded to the hotel where Senor de La Barra is staying. After the crowd had serenaded the visitor a committee of members of parliament and other popular leaders mounted the balcony where de La Barra greeted them amid prolonged cheering. The committee presented to the visitor a sword and other gifts which he acknowledged briefly and then called for cheers for the emperor and the Japanese nation.

The procession later marched to the Mexican legation and the imperial palace, in front of which another meeting was held. A resolution was adopted criticizing the United States for discrimination against the Japanese and expressing disapproval of Japanese participation in the Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES UNDER MARTIAL LAW

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 26.—The historic plaza district in the older section of Los Angeles, where a riot among unemployed men resulted in the death of one man and the injury of more than a dozen others late yesterday afternoon was practically placed under martial law by the police today.

A cordon of patrolmen surrounded the district searching for weapons on all who attempted to pass while city detectives hunted the Mexican quarter nearby for information concerning the reported death of two more rioters.

During the night the police raided every restaurant, saloon, pool hall and lodging house in the vicinity of the plaza, taking into custody any who were armed or showed signs of having taken part in the riot. During their operations the police raided the rendezvous of Industrial Workers of the World members, where they claim to have found clubs and other weapons.

The riot occurred late yesterday afternoon when the police attempted to break up a street meeting attended by nearly 1,000 unemployed men, mostly foreigners, at which speeches inciting to violence were made.

Trying to Fix The Blame—Who Will Bury The Dead Is A Question About Which Difference Has Arisen—Federal Probe is Requested.

By Associated Press. Calumet, Mich., Dec. 26.—While four separate investigations of Calumet's Christmas tree disaster, in which 72 persons, most of them children, were killed, were being made today and a dispute was being waged as to who should bury the dead, peacemakers were at work in a supreme effort to bring about an end to the copper mine strike in this region.

Over the bodies of the little ones the leaders of the peace movement hoped to see an end to the labor strife which has torn the Calumet copper district for several months.

United in the grief over the snuffing out of so many young lives the warring factions—mine operators, guards and strikebreakers and the stricken union miners and their friends gave no thought to the big labor battle that indirectly is blamed for the most gruesome horror in the history of Calumet.

There was still a dispute over whether the offer of the citizens' alliance, an organization that has been considered hostile to the strikers, to defray all the burial expenses would be permitted. Officials of the Western Federation of Miners declared that the offer would be spurned.

"We will care for our own dead," was the response to the alliance.

The feeling of hostility was not so marked today when it was seen that the citizens of Calumet and other cities in the mine district were in earnest in their efforts to raise funds for the stricken families. Almost unlimited amounts of money were pledged by mine owners and merchants who have been opposing the strikers.

The committees representing the operators went from house to house today comforting the surviving members of families whose dear ones were taken from them in the unnecessary panic.

Following these committees went others and suggestions that peace be declared between the forces representing capital and labor were diplomatically expressed.

After the funerals of all the victims, which were to be arranged for later today it was expected by many that the spirit of fight will have been interred with the bodies of the innocent children and wives of strikers and that peace will prevail.

To Probe Strike Situation. Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary of Labor Wilson today ordered John H. Densmore, solicitor of the department, to Calumet, Mich., to render any assistance possible in settling the strike situation. The Christmas eve tragedy, the secretary said, he believed was a matter for state investigation.

In telegram to President Meyer of the Western Federation of Miners, Secretary Wilson said it appeared that the tragedy was "not in any way connected with the strike situation."

"I cannot conceive of such a connection existing," the secretary's message continued. "It is almost inconceivable that any one could be so inhuman as to plan such a catastrophe, but whether it was planned or the result of malicious mischief, I hope the facts will be promptly brought to light."

"From the information as yet in my possession it would appear to be purely a statutory crime, solely within the jurisdiction of the police powers of the state. I am, however, sending the solicitor of the department, Mr. John H. Densmore, to Calumet for the purpose of rendering any assistance possible in clearing up the situation."

Secretary Wilson further declared he was shocked at the accounts of the disaster, and expressed to President Meyer his sympathy for friends and families of those who lost their lives.

Says Alarm was Given in the Hall. Chicago, Dec. 26.—Miss Grace McArron of Calumet, arrived in Chicago, from her home today and said the story of the man coming to the head of the stairs and shouting "Fire" in Italian Hall, where more than 70 persons were trampled to death, was not true.

"The alarm was given right in the hall," said Miss McArron. "A little blaze started on the Christmas tree and some one cried 'Fire.' There was a mad rush for the doors."

Miss McArron was a former proof reader in the Michigan senate and is now stenographer for the Houghton county grand jury investigating the copper miners' strike.

Demand Investigation. Washington, Dec. 26.—The request to President Wilson by Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, for a federal investigation of circumstances surrounding the panic horror at Calumet, Mich., was forwarded today to the president at Pass Christian by Secretary Tu