

Increasing Cloudiness today, followed by rain; Thursday rain; northeast winds slowly increasing.

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SAVED AFTER FACING DEATH FORTY HOURS

Three Daring Swimmers Rescue Two Italian Laborers Entombed in Tunnel.

WERE ALMOST EXHAUSTED WHEN RESCUERS ARRIVED

Ever Since Cave-in Occurred More Than a Hundred Laborers Worked Desperately To Free Imprisoned Comrades And Hope Was Almost Abandoned.

New York, Dec. 19.—Three daring swimmers today rescued the two Italian laborers who for more than forty hours had been imprisoned in the East River tunnel of the Pennsylvania railroad by a cave-in at the Long Island City end of the under-water bore.

Surrounded by water which threatened to engulf them the moment the compressed air should fail to hold it in check, the two entombed men had kept up constant communication with the surface by rapping on the pipes which brought them air. They were almost exhausted when the three men swam up to the platform on which they were huddled.

It was with difficulty that the rescuers induced the frightened men to plunge into the water they had dreaded so long. Finally this was accomplished, the two stronger swimmers each taking a man upon his back while the third swam alongside to lend assistance in case of need.

Ever since the cave-in, which filled the shore end of the bore, where the men were working, with water, more than a hundred laborers had worked desperately to sink a shaft to the point where the imprisoned men were thought to be. Late today they reached the concrete top of the tunnel. Then the work became so tedious and slow that it seemed the men could not be reached while alive.

In the meantime powerful pumps were working to overcome the in-flow of water from the river. At first they did not seem to gain, but finally there came a slight lowering of the level in the choked entrance to the tunnel. A row-boat was sent for, but when it arrived it was seen that it must be hours before the water should be sufficiently reduced to permit of the entrance of a boat.

Someone at the entrance suggested that the rescuers swim to the exhausted men. Volunteers were not long in coming forward. Benjamin Lewis, himself an old tunnel worker, and a cousin of one of the imprisoned men, was one of them. Charles Murdorn was another and Philip Edlono, was the third.

Without thought of their personal safety these three men plunged into the icy water at the entrance and were soon lost to view in the darkness of the bore. Barely two feet separated the tunnel top from the surface of the flood water.

Then followed anxious moments for the watchers outside. The swimmers had been gone seemingly an age, when at last a splashing of water brought news to anxious ears that the quest had ended. Lewis soon appeared in view with one of the entombed men on his back. Then a mighty cheer was sent up. Edlono next appeared with the second laborer clinging to him desperately.

Work in the rescue shaft stopped and all five men were tenderly cared for.

DOOM OF FOOTBALL AT COLUMBIA SEALED

University, It Is Believed, Adopts Recommendation Against the Game.

ARR ESTED FOR PERJURY

Evangelist Sunday Converts 2,500.

GENERAL RUSSIAN STRIKE WILL BEGIN TOMORROW

Call Is Approved by the Union of Unions, the Union of Peasants, the General Railway Union, and the Councils of Workmen of St. Petersburg and Moscow.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20—2:05 a. m.—A call for a general political strike throughout Russia to begin Thursday at noon was issued last night.

The call is approved by the Union of Unions, the Union of Peasants, the General Railway Union and the Councils of Workmen of St. Petersburg and Moscow.

A response received from the railroad men of Moscow is unanimous for a strike. The leaders have declared their ability to stop every railroad in Russia. There is an air of suppressed excitement throughout the city. The streets have a regular holiday appearance in honor of the Emperor's name day, and are crowded.

Batteries of machine guns are stationed at several points of vantage throughout the city and patrols of infantry and Cossacks are everywhere. A specially heavy guard is stationed in the neighborhood of the Jewish market.

The strike order renders every member of the union signing it liable to arrest and punishment under the new strike law, and Minister of the Interior Durново attempted to telegraph orders to Moscow to arrest members of the railway union and of the workmen's council, but the dispatches were held up by the railroad telegraphers.

A sensation has been produced by an open letter to the Molva written by Alexander Stakovich of Ore, a prominent Zemstvoist which reveals M. Durново in the double capacity of acting minister of the interior and seller of forage to the War Department in the name of his wife.

M. Stakovich bought 15,000 pounds of oats from M. Durново's wife last spring at 46, but delivery could not be made on account of lack of care. In the meantime, owing to the failure of the crops the prices had risen and this fall M. Stakovich says M. Durново secretly sold oats to the War Department at 61, at the same time presenting a bill against the department for \$750 for storage. It is considered that the exposure will make it impossible for M. Durново to remain in the Cabinet.

Instead of the expected promulgation of the election law and of a manifesto donating the crown appanages to the peasants, the Emperor's name day was signalized by the declaration of martial law in the Province of Suwalki, on the German frontier of Poland, and by the gazetting of decorations and promotions, mostly in the army, which cover 47 columns in the Official Messenger.

An order for the improvement of the condition of the army and the navy, which preceded the announcement of measures for the improvement of the status of the private, adopted "as a token of the Emperor's good will toward his army" provides for an increase of the pitiful pay from \$1.35 per year to \$3, in the case of ordinary privates and from \$3 to \$6 in the case of privates of the guard. At the same time the pay of the non-commissioned officers is increased in proportion, in the case of the highest of the sergeants major amounting to \$36.

One of the most significant features (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

HOUSE CONTINUES GENERAL DEBATE OF MANY TOPICS

All Speakers Begin With Reference to Federal Control of Insurance.

DEMOCRATS DECLINE SIXTY-DOLLAR JANITOR

Mr. Richardson Opposes Federal Control of Quarantine—Watkins of Louisiana In His Maiden Speech Pays Warm Tribute To President.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The House today continued debating, under the guise of referring the message of the President to committees, topics of interest, local or national. The subject of the Federal control of insurance was the main feature and nearly all speakers began their remarks with reference to it.

The day was passed without legislation and ended with an amusing debate on the question of appointing a janitor at \$60 a month to the reception room on the minority side of the chamber. The minority refused the offer of the majority in this matter and with their aid the janitor was rejected.

Mr. Brantley (Georgia) took the oath as a member after which Mr. Richardson (Alabama) discussed quarantine regulations. As a result of the yellow fever epidemic in the South during the past season, Mr. Richardson said, a great clamor for Federal control of quarantine was now being made. While no man was more anxious to banish that dread disease than himself, he would rather fight yellow fever for ages to come than sacrifice one of the fundamental principles of his State in its domestic and local control. He saw no violation of State rights in Federal quarantine to prevent disease from foreign countries or from one State to another.

Commenting on the President's, Mr. Watkins (Louisiana) said: "The President has shown that he possesses the convictions of a Bryan; the firmness of an Andrew Jackson; the popularity of a Witte and the patriotism of the Japanese."

Mr. Watkins was making his first speech on the floor and said it was the function of a "kill" to "butt in." Mr. Watkins took the position that there could well be a supervisory control in quarantine, insurance and many other matters with benefit and without interference of State rights.

Mr. Johnson (South Carolina) commended the present discussion on insurance. "It shows that the American people are still honest, and it shows the contempt and disgust that honest men feel toward the fundamental principles of corruption which have been made."

Mr. Mason (Arkansas), was interrupted in a speech on insurance in order that the conference report on the canal appropriation bill might be considered. Mr. Williams, the minority leader, objected to action on the report until tomorrow as he did not wish the precedents in such matters to be broken. This objection carried the report over a day.

The House adjourned until tomorrow.

LOVERING RESOLUTION TABLED BY HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 19.—After a sharp discussion the Lovering resolution providing for a new estimate on the cotton crop by the Department of Agriculture, on January 10, 1906, was laid on the table by the House Committee on Agriculture by unanimous vote today.

Representatives Webb, of North Carolina; Burleson, of Texas, and a number of other members from cotton States urged the defeat of the resolution, charging that it was merely an effort to depress the market and had already had the effect intended by persons desiring to buy cotton.

A resolution offered by S. T. Williams, of Purcell, I. T., asking the abolition of the Bureau of Agriculture's cotton crop estimates, was adopted and all Southern Senators and Congressmen will be requested to urge the passage of such measures through Congress. A resolution was also adopted urging the ginners to make no base reports or ginning statistics to anyone except the National Ginners' Association and the Census Bureau. The convention adjourned tonight subject to the call of the president.

Mr. Taylor will finish the compilation of his late report and other statistics for the entire season up to December 12, inclusive, tomorrow, when the same will be made public, this work having been interrupted by the general meeting today.

DEMOCRATS TO BID FOR SUCCESS IN THE NORTH

As Step in That Direction Northern Man Probably Will Be Chosen to Head Reorganized Congress Committee.

A Bill of Interest to Tobacco Men.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—As part of a plan to capture several seats in the North at the next election the Democrats will in all probability put a representative from that section at the head of their Congress Committee when they reorganize early in the new year.

Charles A. Edwards, of Texas, secretary of the committee in the past two or three campaigns, is the authority for this statement. "We can take care of the South," said Colonel Edwards. "We don't have to worry about that part of the country. Most of it is Democratic sure and certain, and it would probably be good politics to select as chairman a representative from one of the Northwestern or Western States."

The Democrats are in exceedingly optimistic frame of mind just at this time, despite the ugly and bitter quarrel now existing in the party's representation in the House. Prior to the Williams-Lamar incident most of the Democrats would have wagered all they had that the next House would be controlled by them, but their ardor has cooled off somewhat since the open quarrel of Mr. Williams and Mr. Lamar on the floor of the House. They are hopeful that the memory of that lamentable incident will soon die out, but, as usual, they are counting upon the mistakes of the Republicans rather than achievements of their own as basis for bidding for ballots in the next Congressional elections.

Ohio Man For Chairman. Representative Harvey C. Garber, of Ohio, the only Democratic member in the House from that State, who managed the campaign of Governor-elect John M. Pattison, will in all probability be made chairman of the reorganized Democratic Congressional Committee. The Democratic victory in Ohio has given him great prestige, and Irish

from his triumph the chairmanship is his for the asking.

Rhode Island has a candidate for the honor in the person of Representative D. L. D. Granger. Among those who believe that the place should go to the South, Representative Henry L. Flood, of Virginia, is favored. But the chances are that a Northwestern or Western man will be the choice of the Southern Democrats, judging from the gossip that is heard in the Capitol nowadays.

From present indications the Democrats will be in no hurry to reorganize, and probably the matter will not be taken up until some time in March.

Of Interest to Tobacco Men. Tobacco planters and the trade generally will be interested in a bill and a joint resolution just introduced in the House, one by Representative Gaines, of Tennessee, and the other by Representative Flood, of Virginia. The Gaines bill is "for the relief of tobacco growers." It provides that it shall be lawful for any person to buy and sell tobacco unstemmed and in the leaf without license or the payment of any tax of any kind.

Section 2 of the measure reads as follows: "That it shall be lawful for any grower of tobacco to sell his own product, or to deliver to another person any tobacco grown by himself to be by such person carried to market and sold for the benefit of the grower, any tobacco grown by such planter, in the hand or in the leaf, or stemmed and hand twisted or stemmed and hand pressed, or hand twisted, or hand pressed, without license and without the payment of tax of any kind; provided, that such planter shall furnish to the person by whom he sends it to market or offer it for sale a written authorization for that particular transaction, specifying the number of pounds." This bill was framed in the interests of the small grower.

The joint resolution asks the President to make investigation as will elicit (Concluded on Page 3, Column 4.)

BOMB HURLED INTO NON-UNION HEADQUARTERS

Missile Thrown Through the Front Window of Allied Iron Association, New York.

STREETS CROWDED AT TIME AND PANIC THREATENED

Association Into the Room of Which Missile Was Hurlled Was Formed at Time—Structural Iron Workers Declare Strike Against Contractors.

New York, Dec. 19.—A bomb was hurled through one of the front windows of the Allied Iron Association at No. 7 East Fourteenth street. It landed in a room used for telephone purposes, and, exploding, wrecked the place. Several employes were in an adjoining room, but were only stunned by the explosion.

Fourteenth street was crowded at the time, with thousands of persons making their way to their homes on the East Side and to Brooklyn by way of the new Williamsburg bridge. For a time the crowd was threatened with panic, but the arrival of police reserves soon straightened matters out. Only fragments of the missile could be picked up in the wrecked room and no one could be found who saw the person who had thrown it.

The Allied Iron Association was formed recently when the structural iron workers declared a strike against the contracting firm of Post and McCord. Its offices have been used as a bureau for the employment of non-union men to take the places of the strikers.

DYNAMITE BLOWS THREE TO PIECES

Seven Other Men More or Less Seriously Hurt by the Explosion.

ACCIDENT IN HEART OF FASHIONABLE NEW YORK

Fragments of Bodies of Victims of Disaster Scattered For Hundreds of Feet—Workman Was Re-Drilling Hole Already Charged.

New York, Dec. 19.—Three men were blown to pieces, seven others were more or less seriously hurt and the occupants of fashionable hotels and residences in the vicinity of Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street were startled today by an explosion of dynamite in an excavation for the new Altman building.

Fragments of the bodies of the dead were scattered over an area of hundreds of feet, and it was hours before the exact number of victims of the accident could be determined. The explosion was caused by a workman, unintentionally striking by a heavy charge of dynamite which had been placed in a drill hole in a ledge of rock several days ago and which defied attempts to explode it at that time.

Today the workmen started to re-drill the hole with no thought of the deadly charge which it concealed. The dynamite exploded with a terrific roar when the steel drill plunged into it.

Jacob Metzger, superintendent for Post and McCord contractors, and Frank Anderson, superintendent for O'Rourke Construction Company, were arrested soon after the accident on a charge of criminal negligence.

SLAYS HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW

Duplin County Men in Fatal Fight—Quarrel of Long Standing.

ONE DEAD IN CHICAGO FIRE

Others May Have Lost Lives Though This Will Be in Doubt for Some Time.

HUMMEL COUNSEL OFFER NO DEFENSE

Declare That Prosecution Has Not Made Out Case Against Accused Lawyer.

BOTH SIDES SUM UP AND ARE READY FOR JURY

Defendant's Attorney Dwells Upon Fact That Dodge, One of State's Witnesses, Is a Self-Confessed Perjurer—Only Became So When Profitable, Says Rand.

New York, Dec. 19.—The case of Abraham H. Hummel, lawyer, charged with conspiracy and subordination of perjury in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce proceedings, will be given to a jury without offering a defense, his attorneys arguing that no case had been made out by the prosecution. Tomorrow morning the charge to the jury will be made.

John B. Stanchfield and DeLancey Nicoll, of counsel for Hummel, each addressed the jury today in their client's behalf. Assistant District Attorney Rand closed for the State.

The defendant's attorneys dwelt upon the fact that Charles F. Dodge, one of the State's witnesses and one of the principals in the divorce tangle, was a self-admitted perjurer and could not be believed in any of his statements. It was asserted he had become a State's witness to save himself from prison. A point was made of the fact that Mrs. Morse, who was Mrs. Dodge, was not introduced as a witness. Mr. Nicoll declaring that she knew she had no right to marry Morse.

Mr. Rand, replying to these assertions, said he took full responsibility for not calling Mrs. Morse to testify, saying that she knew nothing about the service of the divorce papers on her former husband, and therefore was not a material witness.

Mr. Rand said Dodge had not become a perjurer until the agents of Hummel had been to see him several times and it dawned upon him that a game was on foot by which he might profit.

PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL REPORTED

Washington, Dec. 19.—By a vote of seven to five the House Committee on Ways and Means reported favorably today on the Payne bill admitting all Philippine products into the United States free excepting sugar and tobacco which are to pay 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates until 1909, when they also are to go on the free list. Two amendments were made to the measure originally introduced in the House by Mr. Payne.

At the suggestion of Representative Hill, of Connecticut, a provision was added that all American sugar and tobacco are to be admitted into the Philippines free of duty, and a new section was added which provides that no Philippine products now in warehouses in the United States shall be exempted from duties under the proposed measure.

A statement by Mr. Clark (Missouri) for the minority members, says that Mr. Williams' substitute providing for free trade between the United States and the Philippines was defeated, every Republican voting against it. The same fate met Mr. Williams' proposal for a minimum tariff.

GINNERS ELECT TEXAN PRESIDENT

Dr. B. C. Combest, of Prosper, Succeeds J. A. Taylor, of Indian Territory.

REPORTS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER MARKETS CLOSE

Association Adopts Resolution Asking Abolition of the Bureau of Agriculture's Cotton Crop Estimates and Urging Southern Representation

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 19.—At a well attended convention of the National Ginners' Association, Dr. B. C. Combest, of Prosper, Tex., Collins County, was today elected president to succeed J. A. Taylor, of Wynnewood, I. T.; N. T. Blackwell, of Dallas, was re-elected to succeed himself as secretary.

Dr. Combest will not assume the active presidency until about the middle of March. The fiscal year doubtless will be changed to end with the cotton season, instead of December 19, as at present.

The incoming president is empowered to select the State vice presidents whose election he will announce later. Hereafter the reports will be issued under the supervision of the president, the secretary and at least two of the vice presidents.

The report is also ordered to be issued after 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, when all the cotton markets have closed, and given to all entitled to it simultaneously, whether such members be at headquarters or not, and to the press and general public the next day at 10 o'clock.

WRECKERS DITCH TRAIN; TWO KILLED.

Reading, Kan., Dec. 19.—A westbound Santa Fe train No. 17 was wrecked at Badger Creek bridge, near here today. Two trainmen were killed. One express car turned over and caught on fire. It is believed the train was ditched by wreckers. A reward of \$5,000 has been offered for the arrest of the wreckers.

ONE KILLED; 40 HURT IN RAILWAY WRECK

New York Central Express Train Ploughs Into N. Y., N. H. & H. on New York Elevated.

MEASURE IS DRAWN "IN INTERESTS OF HARMONY AND GOOD WILL" HE DECLARES.

ELIMINATES OBJECTIONABLE SIDE OF COMMISSION'S BILL

Authorizes the Enforcing of Maximum Rates To Go Into Effect Thirty Days After Notice, and Increases Commission to Seven Members.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Dolliver introduced a bill today designed to simplify the railroad rate regulation measure proposed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It authorizes the commission to fix and enforce a maximum and reasonable rate to go into effect thirty days after notice.

The court procedure of the commission's bill is eliminated and railroads are left free to follow their constitutional remedies in the courts. The commission is increased to seven members at a salary of \$10,000 each.

It had not been the intention of the Senator to introduce the measure until after the holidays, but it was agreed at a conference at the White House last night participated in by the President, Senator Dolliver, Secretary of State Root, Attorney General Moody and Judge S. H. Cowan, of Fort Worth, Texas, that it would be more effective to have the measure referred to the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce immediately. In a statement Senator Dolliver says:

"The bill which I have introduced is intended to correct some of the abuses which still exist in the matter of railroad rates. It is not drawn in a spirit of hostility to the railway system of the country, but in the interest of harmony and good will between the railways and the patrons."

HOPE FLEES, SO PATIENT DIES.

Mahoney City, Pa., Dec. 19.—Attacked with stomach trouble last Thursday, James Kelley, trustee officer for the borough public schools, visited his family physician, Dr. John D. Riley, to have him prescribe for him. Dr. Riley told him his case was hopeless, intimating that he had only a few days to live.

Engine Spark Cost \$90.

A. S. Voss, who lives one mile north-east of the city, brought a civil action against the Southern Railway Company claiming that sparks from an engine set fire and damaged his property to the extent of \$150. Squire Collins tried the case and Mr. Voss received \$90 on a compromise verdict.