

TWO IN ONE DAY.

A Pair of Train Robberies in the South.

Mail Cars are Looted, a Postal Clerk is Almost Beaten to Death—A Conductor Shot by a Lone Highwayman on an Illinois Central Train.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—The Illinois Central southern fast mail was held up and robbed by a lone train robber about a mile above the upper limits of the city last night.

Conductor Kinnebrew was shot in the groin and J. C. Parker, railway mail clerk, has his left eye powder burned by a shot directed at his head.

R. E. Goldsby, a mail clerk, stuck his head out of the door and was ordered to jump down, which he did.

He uncoupled the engine from the train and ran it to a point near Carrollton avenue, where he abandoned it.

Texarkana, Ark., Dec. 14.—The mail car on the northbound Cotton Belt passenger train was looted yesterday.

Just as the train parted at Bassett's water tank Dennis went into the vestibule of the mail car to stir up the fire.

Examination of the car showed that the robbers gained entrance by crawling through the small trap door in the floor of the vestibule.

In the vestibule is a crank with which a person can unhook the car from another, and it is believed it was the intention of the robbers to disconnect and get control of both cars.

FORCED TO THE WALL.

A Receivership is Asked for the Order of Chosen Friends.

Indianapolis, Dec. 14.—The Sentinel says: Attorney General Taylor on behalf of the state of Indiana will file suit in the superior court of Marion county to-day asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Order of Chosen Friends, a fraternal insurance association.

In the application for the receivership the fact is set out that the association is insolvent and unable to meet the death claims now outstanding.

The Order of Chosen Friends was founded in May, 1897, in Indianapolis and spread rapidly into neighboring states and to nearly every state in the country until at present it has a total membership of 22,140 in 31 states.

One of the primary causes for the failure of the organization was the great loss sustained in the Galveston disaster.

The examination instituted by the state insurance department also revealed that ex-Supreme Treasurer William B. Wilson, who had been in office since 1895, had defaulted to the amount of \$30,000.

Heroic Boy Rewarded.

New York, Dec. 14.—Frank Rattemacher, 15 years old, of Hoboken, N. J., was last night presented with a gold medal by Col. Wesley Jones, president of the United States life saving corps for inland waters.

AN "IRISH PARLIAMENT."

It Convened in Dublin and a Stormy Session Results—The War in South Africa is Denounced.

Dublin, Dec. 12.—Delegates to the number of several thousand, representing county councils, borough corporations, district councils, branches of the United Irish league and kindred bodies, met yesterday in national convention in the Dublin rotunda "to re-create the Irish party."

John Redmond, who presided, said it was the "parliament of the Irish people." Seventy-five Irish members of the house of commons were present and several priests were on the platform.

John Dillon, amid cheers, proposed a resolution to the effect that the South African war was entered upon in pursuance of a conspiracy to deprive two free nations of their liberty, in the interests of capitalists and mine owners.

He read letters from Boer generals giving instances of the alleged brutality of British soldiers in South Africa, and also the death notice of a Boer boy of eight in the camp at Port Elizabeth, whose father had refused to surrender and whose home was blown up with dynamite.

Mr. William O'Brien introduced a resolution excluding Timothy M. Healy from the parliamentary party.

Timothy Harrington, who was frequently interrupted, said that if the action of the delegates plunged the country into the vortex of despair future generations would curse the convention and those who participated in it.

"Hog wash," yelled an O'Brienite in the gallery.

"I know where the hog is," said Mr. Harrington, which caused protests and cries of "He is calling his fellow patriots 'hogs.'"

Mr. Harrington made a temperate appeal for harmony.

FOOLED THE PRIEST.

Two Americans Steal \$50,000 from the Safe of a Jesuit College.

New York, Dec. 12.—The World says: Two clever confidence men, believed to be Americans from the descriptions given by a priest whom they robbed in Italy of \$50,000, may be on their way to this country and the police are watching for them.

The story of the robbery says they got from the safe of the Jesuit institute at Turin \$50,000 of the funds of the institution.

The priest consented to assume charge of the boy and to accept the custody of the funds.

They then departed, stating they were going to Milan, where they had left the boy, and would return with him shortly.

He found that bank notes aggregating \$50,000 were gone and that the bundles of supposed bank notes left by the men were only waste paper.

Cannot be Enjoined.

Indianapolis, Dec. 12.—The supreme court yesterday held that the transportation of natural gas out of the state at high pressure by means of pumps, when the gas is left to blow naturally from the wells and force is used only to carry it to other places, cannot be enjoined without a showing that some danger to the plaintiff's property is threatened from the possible bursting of pipes or otherwise.

Children Panic-Stricken.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Fifteen hundred children fought and struggled to escape the fancied horror of death by fire last evening in West Twelfth Street Turner hall.

A NOVEL LEGAL DECISION.

A New York Judge Decides that a Woman Must be at Home by Midnight.

New York, Dec. 13.—Justice Andrews, in the supreme court Wednesday, handed down a decision in which he holds that a woman should be home by midnight.

Miss Abell said she leased two rooms from the defendant to carry on her dressmaking business and sleep in, at \$55 per month.

Justice Andrews said he could not compel the defendant to give the plaintiff a key to the outer door, as by the terms of her lease she was only entitled to access at reasonable hours.

THE LAW IS DEFECTIVE.

A Portion of the Illinois Anti-Trust Law is Declared Unconstitutional.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—By a decision of Judges Tuley, Dunne and Waterman, of the circuit court, yesterday, Section 1 of the anti-trust law of Illinois, which defines what constitutes a trust or combination in restraint of trade, is declared unconstitutional.

Other sections of the law, especially those which compel corporations to file affidavits annually with the secretary of state that they are in no way connected with trusts or illegal combinations and providing for a fine of \$50 in case of refusal to file such affidavits, are sustained by the court.

NEW YORK'S VOTE.

McKinley Had 143,606 Plurality Over Bryan in the State.

New York, Dec. 13.—The state board of canvassers met yesterday and canvassed the state vote. Only four of the 61 counties cast a majority of votes for Bryan.

Will Caucus on January 1.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 13.—The republican caucus to agree upon a candidate for the United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of M. S. Quay will meet on Tuesday night, January 1.

May be Located at Macao.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The British government, having notified the United States government that it has been unable to locate the reported Philippine junta in Hong Kong, our governmental agencies have been put to work to ascertain where the murinations of war and other supplies which reach the insurgent Filipinos originate.

Alger's Home is Robbed.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—Gen. Alger, ex-secretary of war, was quite badly shaken up early yesterday by a burglar in his home.

Indians in an Ugly Mood.

White Rock, Utah, Dec. 13.—Troop K from Fort Duchesne was ordered out last evening to prevent trouble at the Uintah agency.

A CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

Washington Celebrates the Installation of the Federal Government in that City.

Washington, Dec. 13.—With imposing ceremonies the national capital yesterday celebrated the centennial anniversary of the founding of the seat of the federal government in Washington.

By act of congress the day was made a national holiday in the District of Columbia.

Although Washington is the scene of many celebrations it is seldom that one has occurred of greater brilliancy in its outdoor features, or of more impressiveness in its ceremonial exercises at the Capitol and at the White House.

At 1 o'clock the president was escorted to the Capitol, where he reviewed a parade headed by Lieut. Gen. Miles and including the full military strength of the capital, regulars and militia.

SUCCESSFUL REBELS.

Colombian Insurgents Gain a Victory Over Government Troops.

New York, Dec. 13.—Advices received Wednesday from various parts of Colombia, and confirmed by passengers who arrived from Panama, tell of desperate fighting in nearly every state.

TEN DOLLARS PER WEEK.

Bookkeeper Evidently Thought His Pay was Too Small and is Said to Have Appropriated \$18,000.

New York, Dec. 13.—Justice Blanchard, in the supreme court Wednesday, on the application of the Weehawken Wharf Co. issued an attachment against Allerton Merritt, in an action brought against him for the recovery of \$18,000 which it is alleged he embezzled from the plaintiff corporation, for which he was bookkeeper at a salary of \$10 a week.

Agreed on a Street Railway Scheme.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The Chicago street railway commission has agreed upon a plan for municipal action in regard to street railways.

A CARNIVAL OF CRIME.

Thugs, Thieves and Murderers are Busy in Paris Since the Exposition Closed.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The close of the exposition, throwing thousands out of employment, has created abnormal criminal conditions in Paris.

It was announced yesterday that the prefect of police had decided to place a couple of policemen on each street car running into the suburbs after 8:30 p. m., and that he had also decided to create a special corps of picked men to be stationed in the dangerous wards, such as the ward where the severed body was discovered.

SHOULD DEFEND THE CANAL.

The Senate Adopts an Important Amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 14.—For nearly three hours Thursday Mr. Hanna addressed the senate upon the ship subsidy bill.

A BIG DEAL IN COAL PROPERTY.

The Pennsylvania Coal Co. Changes Owners—Another Large Transaction Pending.

New York, Dec. 14.—J. P. Morgan & Co. on Thursday issued a statement saying that they had purchased on behalf of the Erie Railroad Co. the majority of the stock of the Pennsylvania Coal Co., which is the only formidable rival of the anthracite coal combine.

SHOT THE TREASURER.

Masked Men Attempt to Rob the Box Office of a Theater.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 14.—During a performance at the Grand Opera house in this city last night two masked men entered the box office, assaulted, beat and shot at the treasurer and escaped without getting any cash.

Will Lay a Submarine Cable.

Manila, Dec. 13.—The United States cable ship Burnside will next week proceed to Zamboanga, island of Mindanao, to begin the laying of 60 miles of government cable to connect Negros, Mindanao and Jolo.

Miners and Engineers Clash.

Linton, Ind., Dec. 15.—The United Mine Workers have demanded that all hoisting engineers join their union.

McGillis is Sentenced.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Donald McGillis, one of the three directors of the Montreal Cold Storage Co., who was indicted for fraud, has been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

GOLD AND SILVER.

Mint Director's Report on Production During '99.

GREATEST ON RECORD.

Gold Output of United States was Phenomenal.

COLORADO IN FRONT RANK.

The Silver Product of This Country Slightly Exceeded that of the Preceding Year—Klondike's Gold Production About \$16,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The report of the director of the mint on the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1899, shows \$71,053,400 for gold and \$32,858,700 for silver at its average commercial value during the year.

Allen's Bounty Bill.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Allen, of Nebraska, has proposed a substitute for the ship subsidy bill authorizing the payment of bounties on exports of agricultural products of the United States.

Adopted Foraker's Amendment.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on foreign relations yesterday decided to recommend further amendments of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Prince Tuan's Escape.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 15.—According to the North China Daily News, Prince Tuan escaped from Tung Kuan pass in the disguise of a Buddhist pilgrim, bound for western Mongolia.

Harrison Wants to Know.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Mayor Harrison has undertaken a personal investigation to learn whether or not the McGovern-Gans contest was a "fake."