

HANNA IN A TIGHT PLACE

Unable to Make Any Progress Against the Combine.

PROSPECTS OF DEFEAT

His Downfall Assured From Present Outlook.

A Rally Against Governor Bushnell. A Delegation From His Home Upbraids the Governor--Marched With a Band Into His Office in Columbus.

Columbus, O., Jan. 4.--The political future of Senator Hanna is certainly tonight in a closely poised balance. While there are now reported to be only nine dissenters among the eighty Republican members, one in the senate and eight in the house, yet the really doubtful list is limited to two or three.

On the other hand, the combine managers say that Scott and Rulan will remain with them to the finish and that they expect to get Snyder, of Greene, and Redkey, of Highland, who voted for Boxwell for speaker.

COMBINE HIS TROUBLE

In holding their men in line, the combine is having trouble with some of the sixty-five Democratic members. It is believed that Mayor McKelison will give way to Mr. Kurtz for the short term for senator, while Governor Bushnell has all along been regarded as the candidate for the long term.

The senate and the house will ballot separately next Tuesday for senator. The senate will vote on Monday, Hanna by Senator Burke voting with the Democrats. The house on Monday stood 56 to 52. It is now 55 to 54 against Hanna. This will settle the contest if the combine in both houses can concentrate on any one candidate against Hanna, and when the two houses meet on the following day, Wednesday, Jan. 12, to canvass in joint assembly the vote of the previous day as cast by each branch separately, there would be nothing to do except to announce the total result, 74 to 71 against Hanna.

HANNA'S CONDITION.

"The combine" tonight is charging that Senator Hanna is in such desperate straits as to be forced "to sweep horses while crossing the stream," owing to the Republicans deciding to hold no caucus.

SEVERE CHECK ON ARBITRATION

As Usual the American Gets the Worst of the Bargain.

OVERLANDER AND MESSENGER CASE

Señor Quesada, the Arbitrator, Favors the Mexican Government Against the Americans, and Apparently Overlooks Every Known Point of Law--The Decision Is Without Parallel.

Washington, Jan. 4.--The cause of arbitration in the settlement of claims between nations has received a severe check in the award by the arbitrator in the case of Oberlander and Messenger, who claimed \$59,000 and \$25,000 respectively for ill treatment by the Mexican authorities. The arbitrator was the Argentine minister at Madrid, Señor Quesada, and his decision was in favor of the Mexican government and against the American claimants.

THANKS OF THE PEOPLE.

The thanks of the people of this state are due to the late Governor Hanna for their splendid efforts during the present session of congress and we congratulate the people on their representation in the United States senate.

Quite a surprise was created by the announcement that the Hanna men had changed their plan of a joint senatorial caucus tomorrow night and that the fight will go on without any caucus decrees on either side.

AT HEADQUARTERS.

At the Hanna headquarters the announcement was received with apparent satisfaction. Messrs. Dick, Nash, Grosvenor, Brigham and all of those close to the senator, approved of the action of the Republican members of the legislature in withdrawing the caucus call and simply standing on the plank.

GOV. BUSHNELL EMOTIONAL.

Governor Bushnell showed much emotion in his response. He referred to the fact that the representatives and senators from Clark county are strong adherents of Hanna, while three-fourths of the Cuyahoga county delegation are for him.

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Hisses and groans, mingled with cheers, greeted this statement, and Governor Bushnell raised his hand to quiet the assemblage.

Saloonkeeper Killed.

Chicago, Jan. 4.--The crusade in Chicago against gambling resulted today in a tragedy. Henry Machl, a saloonkeeper at Clark and Van Buren streets, died this afternoon as the result of injuries received while resisting constables who were making a raid on his place of business.

Riviere is Dissatisfied.

Paris, Jan. 4.--Riviere, the French wheelman, has written to a cycling paper that his American competitors in the six-day race at Madison Square Garden had recourse to every foul trick to prevent the Frenchmen from finishing. The managers of the race deny his statements.

WHEAT IN THE FLAMES.

Two Warehouses in California and Their Contents Destroyed by Fire.

Stockton, Cal., Jan. 4.--At 12:10 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in warehouse No. 5 of the Farmers' Union and Mining and Milling company. The fire department could respond the flames were beyond control. It is estimated that 10,000 tons of wheat and a large quantity of barley and rye were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

VICTIMS OF THE ONTARIO HORROR.

The Investigation Liabilities to Bring Unpleasant Results -- Architects Who Will Testify That the Building Was Unsafe.

London, Ont., Jan. 4.--The coroner's inquest into the night city hall horror, when twenty-five persons were killed and thirty-five injured by the collapse of a floor during a political mass meeting, closed today. The proceedings were purely formal.

NO NEED FOR ACTION.

President's Assurance to Members of Congress Concerning Cuba -- Believes the Perplexing Question is Working Itself Out.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.--The president is taking occasion to assure members of congress that he does not think there is any need for action by the legislative branch of the government regarding Cuba. He told a Western member two days ago that the Cuban question seemed to be working itself out; that he did not expect to advise any legislation, and that he did not think the United States should do anything at this time beyond the relief work.

DEATH OF MRS. VAN LENNIP.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4.--Mrs. Van Lennip, widow of the Rev. John Van Lennip, D. D., died today after a brief illness.

EXPEDITION UP THE NILE.

Manner in Which Barbarians Were Treated by Troops of Civilization.

Paris, Jan. 4.--A letter from an officer of the Marchand expedition which, according to the territory of Bahr El Jebel yesterday, arrived at Raïal, in the Tambara district of the Nile basin, on Sept. 17, and was proceeding to occupy the territory of the Bahr El Jebel (thazuel), published in a newspaper of Toulouse, says the French force consists of 21 white men and 500 Sannagalese riflemen. During the hardships endured, the writer says:

DUELS WITH SWORDS.

Members of the Hungarian Parliament Slashed Each Other.

Buda Pest, Jan. 4.--Two duels with swords were fought here today, arising out of incidents during the recent debates in the lower house of the Hungarian parliament.

Warning to Treasurers.

Washington, Jan. 4.--United States Treasurer Roberts today sent the following telegram to all assistant treasurers: "Discovery of dangerous counterfeit certificates of \$100 silver certificates. Forward all such notes to this office for destruction. Be cautious in receiving denomination and kind mentioned."

Standard Oil Directors.

New York, Jan. 4.--The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Standard Oil company today resulted in the re-election of the old board of directors as follows: William Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller, H. M. Flaxler, J. D. Archbold, H. H. Bogert, W. H. Tilford, A. M. McGregory, Paul Babcock and C. M. Pratt.

Major Butterworth's Illness.

Thomasville, Ga., Jan. 4.--Major Butterworth, commissioner of patents, is weaker today, but there is still hope of his recovery.

TROUBLES IN THE COTTON CENTRES

Scheme to Juggle the Stock of the Robeson Mill.

REDUCTION IN WAGES AT LEWISTON

Twenty Thousand Operatives Will Be Affected in Massachusetts--Reductions at Nashua and Elsewhere, No Strike in Prospect at Lewiston or Auburn, But Trouble May Arise at Biddeford.

Fall River, Mass., Jan. 4.--A special meeting of the stockholders of the Robeson Cotton mill was held today to act on a proposition of the directors to reduce the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$130,000 and the number of shares from 2,500 to 13,000, and to increase it again to \$100,000 and the number of shares to 1,000, with a view of raving off the debts and re-organizing the mill. No action was taken, the meeting being adjourned sine die to give the directors a chance to consider several propositions of the stockholders.

THE PERUVIAN MARRIAGE BILL.

Our State Department Has Lost no Opportunity to Secure a Change in the Measure.

Washington, Jan. 4.--United States Minister Dudley, at Lima, Peru, has forwarded to the department of state a copy of the marriage bill passed by the Peruvian congress November 12 last, but vetoed by the president December 3. Mr. Dudley's dispatch clears up a great deal of misunderstanding which existed as to the attitude of the Peruvian government towards this subject, of so much importance to foreigners, and which has been the object of protestant element of the community for many years.

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Local--Dr. O'Malley's Lecture on Dante's "Paradise."

Local--West Side and Suburban.

Lackawanna County News.

Neighboring County Gleanings.

The Markets.

COL. MORRISON'S SUCCESSION.

A Western Man Will Be Appointed on the Interstate Commission.

Washington, Jan. 4.--While no information of an official character is to be obtained at the white house regarding the succession to Colonel W. H. Morrison on the interstate commerce commission, the belief is general that the president has not yet decided whom he will appoint.

AN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

Miss May Thomson Seeks a Horrible Death.

Leroy, N. Y., Jan. 4.--Miss May Thomson, aged 25, of Dallas, Tex., who, since last August, has been visiting at the residence of M. F. Thomson, attempted suicide today by setting fire to her clothing. She first saturated her hair and clothes with kerosene oil and applied a match. In an instant she was enveloped in flames. Members of the family extinguished the fire, but no before every particle of hair was burned from her head, and the upper part of her body was badly burned.

THE COAL KING MISSING.

Two Tugs Have Been Sent in Search of the Barge.

New York, Jan. 4.--Word has been heard yet in this city of the missing barge Coal King with five men aboard, which broke away from her tug on Sunday night, while bound for New York from Newport News. Two powerful tugs have been sent to search for the barge and it is still hoped that the men aboard may be rescued.

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STRIKE THREATENED.

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CHINA TURNS TO ENGLAND

Negotiations in London for a Loan of \$80,000,000.

THE SECURITY OFFERED

A Land Tax Under English Control.

Late Advice Announce That There Is Good Reason for Believing That the British Government is Considering the Question of Assisting China to Raise a Loan--Chinese Proposals Urgently Supported by Business Men Interested in China.

Berlin, Jan. 4.--The Cologne Gazette, on authority from the best-informed quarters in Paris, announces today that since Thursday last important negotiations have been proceeding in London for a Chinese loan, the attempts made in Paris and St. Petersburg to arrange a loan having failed.

GERMANY AND CHINA.

Baron Von Heyking Temporarily Uaup Prince Henry Arrives.

Pekin, Jan. 4.--The ministers and the Tsung-li-yamen, (Chinese foreign office) spent the whole of one night in discussing the deposition of the Chinese commandant of Teao-Chou, province of Shan-Tung, who is accused of having used threatening language to a German missionary. The commandant has not been summoned to Peking for examination, as previously cabled, the difficulty having been smoothed over.

MICHAEL WANTS HIS LAND.

Experience of a Man Who Deeded Property for a Consideration.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 4.--Michael H. Collins, of South Brunswick township, today brought suit in the court of chancery to have set aside a deed made by him conveying all his property to Agnes Aiton. The property was conveyed in July, 1887, for \$1 and "other valuable consideration."

LETTER'S WHEAT SOLD.

Chicago, Jan. 4.--Joseph Letter is said to have closed contracts for the greater part if not all of his 8,500,000 bushels of wheat. Negotiations have been under way for several days and are now closed. The buyers are L. Dreyfus & Co., of New York, the French export, and Gill & Fisher, of Baltimore.

FATAL QUARREL.

Russellville, Ky., Jan. 4.--Robert and George Duncan, school boys, were killed in a quarrel when Evans stabbed Duncan in the heart with a pocket knife. Duncan expired in a few minutes and was buried in the morning.

L. A. W. Will Accept.

New York, Jan. 4.--The executive committee of the League of American Wheelmen decided today to accept the invitation of the Indiana state division and various clubs in that state to hold the annual meet at Indianapolis.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Jan. 4.--Sailed: Normandia, Genoa; Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen; Cleared: Westerland, Antwerp; St. Louis, Southampton; Germanic, Liverpool. Quayside--Arrived: Manchester, New York for Liverpool and projected.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Jan. 5.--In the middle states today, partly cloudy to fair, warmer weather and fresh westerly winds will prevail, preceded by cloudiness and fog on the upper coast. On Thursday, clear and warmer weather will prevail.