



THE FUTURE OF RAILROADS

View of the Situation as Given in the Annual Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

MORE POWER IS WANTED

It is Believed That All Railroads Should Be Compelled to Make Equal Charge for Equal Service.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The fourteenth annual report of the interstate commerce commission, transmitted to congress today, calls attention to the fact that the fourteenth time, to the need of legislation to give it power to do the things it is supposed to do.

EARL ROBERTS WILL TAKE NO HOLIDAY

Kitchener is Calling for 5,000 Men to Guard the Rand Mines—Enlisting Men in Cape Colony.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Jan. 5.—Earl Roberts, of Kitchener and Pretoria, is already immersed in his arduous new duties at the war office. He will take no holiday.

ADVANCE IN RATES

Under this heading the commission says that 824 changes were made in the official classification on January 1, 1900, by carriers using that classification, of which 818 produced advances in rates and 6 resulted in reductions.

VENEZUELAN WAR CLOUD

News from Minister Loomis is of a Disquieting Character—State Department Declines to Give the Details.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Cable advices received at the state department today from Minister Loomis are of a disquieting character.

WIN. BRYAN ON A LECTURE TOUR

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Tyler, Texas, Jan. 4.—William J. Bryan lectured here tonight to a large audience. An informal reception was held during the afternoon.

FIRST ELECTROCUTION IN MASSACHUSETTS

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Roston, Jan. 4.—Ludwig Stori, the young man convicted of killing Michael Calcutt with an axe after a game of cards on Nov. 7, 1899, was sentenced today by Judge Bond to be electrocuted at the state prison some time during the week beginning Sunday, April 7.

RAILWAY STATISTICS

The safety-appliance act became fully effective on August 1 last. Since the law went into effect no complete or accurate information regarding accidents has been obtained. But in this connection the commission makes a suggestion.

MONUMENT TO CONFEDERATES

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lake City, Fla., Jan. 4.—A monument erected in honor of the confederates who fell in the battle of Oostana was dedicated here today.

BOSTON BICYCLE RACE

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Boston, Jan. 4.—The forty-ninth hour race in the six day bicycle race was McEachern, the leader; Kasher, Walthour, Stinson, McLean, Dovey and Fischer, all 999 miles 2 laps; Babcock, 998 1/2; Muller, 898.

WEST POINT CADET TRIALS

More Light is Thrown Upon the Booz Case at Hearings in Philadelphia and Bristol.

TESTIMONY OF PHYSICIAN

Dr. Martin Believes That Tobacco Sauce Would Create a Condition in the Throat That Would Make Good Ground for the Lodgment of Tuberculosis Germs—Ex-Cadet Albert Tells of Abuse Heaped Upon Freshmen.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Bristol, Pa., Jan. 4.—The house committee of the congressmen appointed by Speaker Henderson to investigate the boozing charges began its inquiry here today.

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William H. Booz, father of the dead cadet, was the first witness. He related again the story he told before the war department inquiry several weeks ago.

Dr. William H. Martin, of Bristol, who examined Oscar Booz's physical condition preparatory to the young man going to West Point, testified that he found him a fair specimen of manhood.

Effects of Tobacco Sauce. Witness, in answer to a question, said burns produced by the swallowing of tobacco sauce would leave a good ground for the lodgment of tuberculosis germs.

Testimony of Albert. Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—Sigmund S. Albert, an ex-cadet, who was a classmate of Oscar Booz, testified that he was in two fights. His second contest was with a cadet named Doyle, of his own class.

False Demerits. Albert, who is a Hebrew, said he resigned from the academy partly because he felt that he was being unfairly treated.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Hesperia, from Naples; Cleopatra, Rotterdam; Bolognese, Liverpool; Furs Bismarck, Gibraltar; Naples, Genoa, etc.

Big Deal in Coal Land. Pittsburgh, Jan. 4.—The coal under the thirty-seven farms surrounding Indiana, aggregating nearly 4,000 acres, has passed into the possession of the DuBois, Reister and Pittsburg Coal and Iron company.

Deaths of a Day. Scranton, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Ell T. Bangs, a contractor and millwright, died today at his home at Fayetteville, after a long illness.

COLLEGE MEN TO PARADE

One of the Conspicuous Features of the Forthcoming Inaugural Festivities—43 Institutions to Be Represented.

DIED FROM AN AWFUL WOUND

Barber Barnatto Papa Uses a Razor with Terrible Effect on Ex-Pugilist Harry Davis.

TRAGEDY OCCURRED IN DEWEY HOTEL

Papa Was the Principal in a Fight Over Some Dissolute Women and When, After Being Separated Attempted to Renew the Attack, Davis Interfered and Like a Flash Was Laid Low with a Gash from Papa's Razor—Wound Was Seven Inches Long and at One Place Two Inches Deep—The Slayer is Arrested Almost on the Spot and the Razor Recovered.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—It is proposed that one of the most conspicuous features of the forthcoming inaugural parade shall be a section composed of college men from all the leading universities of the United States.

Rivalry for the smiles of Dandy Della, Big Alice and Little Georgia, a trio of dissolute women about town, started a fight in the back room of the Dewey, at 105 Lackawanna avenue, last night, which ended in the killing of Harry Davis, an ex-pugilist and well known character about the central city.

Barnatto Papa, a young Italian barber, is locked up in the center street station house, charged with the killing of Harry Davis, an ex-pugilist and well known character about the central city.

Davis interfered to save a friend from Papa's attack, and, like a flash, Papa drew a razor and gashed Davis in the throat. It was a vicious lunge. The blade swept across the throat from a point under the left ear, making an incision seven inches long and two inches deep at one place. Davis died in twenty minutes. Papa was captured just outside the hotel and a razor with blood on it was found on the street car tracks directly in front of the hotel.

As far as could be learned the two principals of the tragedy had no acquaintances and the probabilities are that Papa never set eyes on Davis until he turned on him with the razor.

Papa and His Friend. Papa entered the hotel about 10 o'clock and joined two of his friends who were drinking at a table in the rear room, where was gathered a motley crowd of men and women, most of them regular habitués of this and other like resorts.

Davis and a friend, Harry Matthews, of Carbon street, came in together about 10:15 and after having a glass of beer, started for the rear room.

Harry Davis, the victim, stopped on the way, and after chatting with a couple of acquaintances began to do a jig on the bar-room floor to the music of the auto-piano which is located at the rear of the room.

Arthur Davis, of 407 New street, one of Harry Davis' acquaintances, went in, and it appears mixed up with the crowd of men and women, of which Papa was a part, and made himself obnoxious by trying to win the attention of the women from Papa.

No one seems to know just what precipitated the fighting, but in the course of a very few minutes, Papa and Arthur Davis were engaged in a rough and tumble encounter. Papa, who is lame, was getting the worst of it when one of the bartenders, G. A. Clark, separated them.

The crash of a breaking chair, which Papa threw at Arthur Davis, was heard above the thumping of the auto-piano, and the ribald songs and general boisterousness of the bar-room, and the crowd that was drinking there flocked back to the rear room to see the trouble.

Harry Davis accompanied them and remained there an interested listener to the post-bellum exchange of warm words.

Papa was sitting on a chair at the rear window, in the extreme westerly end of the room. Arthur Davis was standing in the easterly corner. Harry Davis, the victim, was one of the group in the center of the room.

Davis Grasped Papa. Papa suddenly jumped from his seat and made for Arthur Davis, as if to renew the attack. Harry Davis saw the move, and jumping forward grasped Papa by the shoulder and pulled him backward. Papa had hardly recovered his footing when his right hand emerged from his coat pocket, clasp, and with a vicious swing he brought it across Davis' throat.

A hush fell over the assemblage. The drinking ceased, and everybody stood up dazed. Papa took advantage of the momentary stagnation, and sliding out a hallway partitioned off from the bar-room, ran through it halfway and then cutting through the barroom dashed out the front door and into the street.

He turned to enter the Roma hotel, (Continued on Page 6.)

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Ordinary Increases of Business Continue to Make Gratifying Exhibits.

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CHARTERS GRANTED

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today, FAIR, COLDER.

ARMY BILL IN THE SENATE

The Philippines Question Threshed Over at Great Length in a Five-Hour Debate.

OPPOSITION TO AN ARMY

House Has Another Spirited Struggle Over the Olmstead Resolution to Investigate the Abridgement of Rights of Suffrage in Certain Southern States with View to Reapportionment.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 4.—For five hours today the senate discussed the army reorganization bill. The debate took a wide range at times, but was confined principally to the question of the necessity for the increase in the regular standing army of 100,000 men.

Speeches were made by Mr. Carter, of Montana; Mr. Teller, of Colorado; Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts; Mr. Stewart, of Nevada, and Mr. Caffery, of Louisiana. One of the sharp colloquies of the session was between Mr. Carter and Mr. Worthington, of Maryland, and in the course of it the Alaskan boundary dispute was brought forward prominently. The Maryland senator charging that the president had relinquished sovereignty over the territory, the title to which, he maintained, was vested clearly in the United States.

Mr. Hoar advanced a proposition to appoint a commission to be composed of all shades of political opinion to investigate the entire Philippine question and report its findings to congress in order that a basis might be formed for intelligent action. Some slight progress was made toward the completion of the pending measure.

INSURGENT CAMPS ARE DESTROYED

General Wheaton and Bates Report Many Small Captures of Supplies.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, Jan. 4.—Generals Wheaton and Bates report many small captures, the destruction of insurgent camps and the seizure of supplies, animals and other necessities. Among the captures in Smith's district was Colonel Techon, the insurgent governor of Tarrac. General Grant is personally in command of a mounted expedition in the mountains of Southern Pampangas, which, he says, is the only locality where the insurgents are in force in his district.

Insurgents entered Capan and San Isidro, in General Funston's district, during the night and burned a score of houses. Their firing was ineffective. General MacArthur has commuted several death sentences of military courts to imprisonment.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The following dispatch was received at the navy department this afternoon from Admiral Remey:

Manila, Jan. 4. Bataan Navigation, Washington. An attack on the morning of the 30, by the Fourth Infantry marines and navy at Cavite Viejo, resulted in the capture of one lieutenant-colonel, two majors, five captains, one lieutenant, forty-eight private insurgents and four ladrones. (Signed) Remey.

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