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ear preceding. Will Purchase. on The Associated Press.

WILCOX WILL HAVE HEARING.

Feeling Strong Against Him but Talk of Lynching Has Ceased. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 31.-James Wilcox, who is held in connection with the death of Miss Ella Cropsey, will be given a preliminary hearing tomorrow before five justices. The citizens' committee of five is investigating a possible clue to the cause of Miss Croppossible clue to the cause of Miss Crop-sey's death and will present evidence at the hearing tomorrow. Wilcox is still confined within the jail here. Pop-ular sentiment is very strong against ular sentiment is very strong against him but time has alleviated the feeling somewhat and the talk of lynching has

Wilcox's mother, who is in delicate health, is said to be in a serious condition caused by the suspicion cast upon

NOW AWAITING THE GERMAN MINISTER

Nothing Will be Done at Caracas Until His Arrival Which Will be About January 5.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 31.-Until Dr. O. Schmidt-Leda, the German minister to Venezuela, arrives at Caracas, which will be he space of a twelve- about January 5, nothing will be done by Herr Von Pilgri-Baltazzi, the Ger-man charge d'affaires there, to press

but more than all from the German government. The made for permanent carrying out of the successive steps outlined in these instructions will end in coercive measures, which will prob-After the reaction of ably be applied in four or five weeks' prices remained de-time, if intermediate efforts shall have e months, but gradu-failed in the meantime. It is possible, to the increasing de- however, that events may shorten this

the stubborn strike. in this matter, Baron Von Richthoff, the stude of imperial secretary of foreign affairs, defound in the comparisites to give President Castro ample stocks of pig iron, as time to recognize this fact, and the fact the Iron Age, which also that Germany is really in earnest in the matter. Gernany will not act at a badily declined through- the moment when a foreign difficulty that the moment when a foreign difficulty the moment when a foreign difficulty that the moment when the il only 223,462 tons were might strengthen President. Castro's hold upon his country by uniting Veneslight fall during the zuela national feeling against Gerby the strike, there ap- many. It is understod at the foreign steady gain in produc- office here that the United States is not While the output on toward Venezuela, but pleased that Germany, and not the United States, is to undertake to discipline Venezuela into paying her debts and keeping faith with foreigners doing business there.

Germany's action with regard to Venezuela has been likened here to France's recent course in Turkey, which Venezuela has been likened here to areasonably be expected was considered wholesomely to have affected the controversies between Turkey and other countries.

The German cruiser Gazelle is still at 💠 Kiel, although she has been ordered to 💠 sail for the Carribbean sea. Her departure is delayed by necessary outfitting.

The German press today prints with satisfaction copious extracts from American editorials disapproving the American editorials disapproving the dispatch from Washington to a New York newspaper, printed Sunday, to the effect that persons of importance in the American war and navy departments considered war between Germany and | + the United States to be inevitable.

CHINESE COURT NEAR PEKIN. Will Reach Capital Jan. 7, Proceeding by Railway. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pekin, Dec. 31 .- The Chinese court will proceed by train from Pao-Ting-Fu for Pekin, Jan. 7.

The court will reach Pao-Ting-Fu Jan. 3. The railroad thence to Pekin, m months the value of during the court's transit, will be \$19,087,353, against guarded by General Ma's troops. All the nobles and high officials of Pekin henomenal record, es- have been ordered to assemble on the w high water mark of plaza between the Temples of Heaven at 244,529 tons late in and Agriculture, and prostrate themselves while the emperor and dowager markets: While 1900 empress pass. Officials and Manchu ar ever experienced by bannermen will line the entire route ultural interests, the from the station to the palace gate.

ZIONISTS ELECT OFFICERS.

A New Executive Committee of 45 Members Also Selected.

ason of harvesting and By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Basle, Dec. 31.—Before adjourning today the Zionist congress elected a new iged to such an extent executive committee consisting of fornks are lenders at New ty-five members. Dr. Theodore Herzl of Vienna, founder of the Zionist movewement of money away ment, was re-elected president. Rabbl furing the fall months. Gustave Gottheil, of New York; H. J. Wise, of Portland; Rev. Dr. Schaffer, of Interior correspondents. Baltimore; Perecia Mendez, of Chicago, and Rev. Dr. Sarsohn, of New York, represent the United States. Rev. Dr. Sola of Montreal, is the Canadian representative on the committee.

FLOOD IN ENGLAND.

Great Damage Done in the Valley of the Derwent.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press London, Dec. 31,-Melting snow has caused the rivers Wye and Derwent to overflow, and the whole valley of the Derwent this morning presents a scene of desolation unprecedented for twentyyears. Hundreds of business premises, hotels and residences are flooded, and the occupants of several buildings had narrow escapes, so rapidly rose the waters.

Ten feet o' water covers the Matlock football ground.

Miner's Theatre Burning.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press New York, Jan. 1.—Shortly after I o'clock this morning Miners' Eighth Avenue theater was discovered to be on fire. The chances are that the building will be a total loss.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM WILLIAM CONNELL.

EDITOR OF THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE

Sir: The persistent misrepresentations of the opponents of the ordinance granting consent of the city to the construction of the proposed lines of street railway and the persistence with which my own personal relations thereto are criticized and my motives impugned, compel me to depart from my uniform custom by making a public statement of my position and that of my associates in the enterprise.

I think it is generally known that very few, if any, of the enterprises which have been established in the city of Scranton during the last twenty years, and which have contributed to its growth and prosperity, have failed to receive my hearty personal and financial support. I have never hesitated to invest in such enterprises, trusting to the ordinary methods of business management for returns, some of which have been successful and others not. I have never thus far had a dollar's interest in, or made a dollar of profit from any such enterprises, which received from the city any special benefit or public franchise. I was at one time associated with a number of gentlemen in the organization of a company which sought and obtained public utilities from the city, but when I ascertained that the plan of the organizers contemplated that they should appropriate for themselves one-half of the bonds issued by the company and sell the other half at par upon the open market, I refused to continue connected with the enterprise and withdrew. I could name many men who have accumulated considerable fortunes in the city of Scranton, who have been largely interested in such incorporations, enjoying public franchises for which they gave no consideration to the city and some of which were evidently organized simply for the purpose of being sold out. Not a few of the persons referred to now find their civic conscience seriously disturbed by the application for the proposed new railways.

I, personally, had nothing to do with the passage of the amendments to the street railway statutes at the recent session of the Legislature. After they had been passed, however, realizing that one of the most urgent demands for the prosperity of Scranton was a new and efficient street railway system, I consented to act with others in procuring the charters which are now before the councils for their consent. They were procured in absolute good faith and with the purpose of constructing every foot of track described therein, involving the investment of several millions of dollars, all of which would be of great immediate, and still greater prospective, advantage to every financial and commercial interest of the city.

The ordinances with reference to these railways were withheld from introduction in the councils for several months to avoid the suspicion that the promoters sought to secure any direct advantage from the existence of a strike upon the rival lines, and they were only introduced when the development of the connecting lines and the purchase of several hundred thousand dollars worth of property in the city of Scranton made it necessary that some action should be taken.

The ordinances as originally drawn made a number of concessions to the public interest, such as have never been made by any other similar companies in the city, and the owners of the charters readily and promptly made many other concessions as soon as they were suggested,

Long conferences were held between the representatives of the companies and a committee of the Board of Trade and certain opposing councilmen. By the testimony of the parties themselves the position of the representatives of the company was absolutely frank and open throughout all these conferences, and they were carried on on our part in the utmost good faith. The concession of the payment of street grading damages by the company was made at the first conference, involving the possible expenditure of from \$200,000 to \$500,-000. Practically everything asked of us was granted save the limitation of the life of the franchises and the payment of a large bonus or tax to the city. With reference to the time limit, the opponents of the franchises apparently early recognized that it could not be fairly insisted upon and it was tacitly abandoned. The demand for a graduated tax upon gross receipts, however, was insisted upon to the last. In view of the fact that we had conceded already to the city a large number of advantages which had never been submitted to or imposed upon any previous company owning public utilities in the city, it seemed to us that we had gone as far as public interest required, but after full consideration, and with the desire of doing even more than could be reasonably required, I personally, in the end, committed the companies to the payment of a graduated tax which was

Throughout all these conferences the representatives of the company acted in absolute good faith and openness and are ready to stand by every agreement which they have made. We assumed that those with whom we were dealing were equally fair and frank and would be equally ready to adhere to their agreements. No sooner, however, had the final concessions been made and gratefully accepted than the public press was flooded with abuse, threats, and extravagant demands for further concessions, which in view of the definite statements of what had occurred in the conferences, could have emanated only from some of the persons who were there present. It has thus become evident that at least some of those who are opposing the ordinances are not actuated solely by motives of public interest but are determined to use every concession gained as a weapon by which to force further concessions and ultimately to entirely defeat the ordinances. This inference is strongly confirmed by the knowledge which we have that certain persons who attended the conferences representing the Board of Trade and the councils have been in frequent private consultation with the representatives of the Scranton Railway company, and we are fully satisfied from facts within our knowledge that the various offers to buy out the franchises, which are large in their ultimate promises but petty in their present deposits, emanate from the same source. It needs no argument to convince anyone that the Scranton Railway company could well afford to deposit not \$5,000 alone, but \$100,000 if it could either defeat or postpone for a considerable time the building of the new lines, which are made necessary by its failure to meet public

It being evident that we are not being treated in good faith but that at least some of those with whom we have negotiated have been either striving to protect the monopoly of the present street railway company or securing personal advertisement and notoriety, we are compelled to cease any further relations with them.

The situation as it now stands is simply this: These companies have been organized to furnish bona fide competition to the inadequate street railway system of the city. Their construction is desired by the great mass of the community, particularly the residents upon the streets through which they are located, who would flood the councils with petitions to pass the ordinances if they were asked to do so. The company stands ready to spend several million dollars in the city of Scranton, which would result in very great benefit to it. In order to do this, however, it is necessary that it should receive its franchises upon such a basis as will enable it to float its securities into the money market. It has gone already to the extreme limit in making concessions; to grant more would be to simply cripple the enterprise at its birth.. If the ordinances are passed as they now stand in councils the promoters will stand by their agreements and build the roads. If the ordinances are amended by imposing further conditions and burdens upon the company they will simply refuse to accept them, and retain their charters until such time as the city is ready to do what is fair and reasonable. This is the only opportunity that the city has had or can have for years to come, to secure an efficient and adequate street railway system. A large proportion of the members of councils, recognizing this opportunity, have steadily supported the franchises, and I am satisfied that they are entitled to the gratitude and not the abuse of the public for so doing. There has never been a time since these charters were granted when the owners of them could not have sold them out to the Scranton Railway company for sums very much larger than those represented by the bluffing offers of various more or less responsible persons who are rushing into the public press. The companies, however, were not organized to be sold out and will not be sold out either to the Scranton Railway company or to individuals. From the position which we now take we shall not be moved by cheap abuse, hypocritical pretence, sham civic virtue or empty bluff.

The only interest which can benefit by continued opposition to the franchise ordinances is the Scranton Railway company, and it is neither unnatural nor unfair to conclude that solicitude for the interests of that company furnishes the real motive for such opposition. WM. CONNELL.

DIAMOND NECKLACE HAS TURNED UP

A \$3,500 Package Thought to Have Been Stolen Is Located.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 31 .- The \$3,500 diamond necklace, supposed to have been shipped by Messrs, Shaw & Berry, of this city, to Joseph Frankels & Sons, of New York, and which was thought to have been stolen, has been found. A long distance telephone message from a lady in Pittsburg to the jewelry firm here contained the information that the necklace had reached her among other Christmas packages from Washington, but as it bore no card of the sender she made inquiry from the firm as to who had sent it. In this way the necklace was located. An error of a shipping clerk gave rise to the conclusion at once that the package containing the diamonds had been tampered with and its contents removed. The necklace is

Pittsburg. The original belief of Messrs. Shaw & Berry that the diamonds were abstracted from a package while it was in transit from Washington to New York by express is shown to have been incorrect. The firm desires clearly to absolve the Adams Express company from any connection whatever with the temporary disappearance of the jewels, which was due wholly to the incorrect address placed upon the package.

on its way to Washington from

Murder and Suicide.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Spokane, Wash., Dec. 31.—At Wayside, cen miles north of this city today George mann, postmaster and a leading merchant. his six-year-old daughter and then shot his Both died in a few minutes without making

statement. Vromann's wife secured a divorce THE BAND'S JEWELRY FOUND last week on the charge of cruelty and the two daughters were awarded to her custody. It is thought Vromann brooded over this and the tragedy is the result.

PREDICTS REVOLUTION IN U. S.

Prof. Herron, Formerly of Chicago, Addresses Brussels Socialists.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Brussels, Dec. 31.-Prof. George D. Herron, formerly of Chicago, who addressed a large meeting last evening at the Malson du Peuple, declared that seven-eights of the total of fortunes in the United States were monopolized by \$2,000 individuals-"the masters of the trusts." The only solution of the situation, he said, was a revolution.

The Chicago socialists, said Prof Herron, intend to erect a Maison du Peuple similar to that in Brussels.

Pardon Board Meets. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

Harrisburg, Dec. 31.-The board of pardons will

hold a short executive session tomorrow sider several cases heard at today's Among the number are the cases of John J. Robinson, of Lazerne, second degree murder; Alfred Smith, of Philadelphia, first degree murder; John Waltz, of Susquehannu, second degree murder; and William Fuirfax, or Fayette, first degree murder.

Fell Off the Train.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Dec. 31.—James Connelly, of No. 256 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., a passeuger on the Cincinnati and Circiand express west on the Pennsylvania railroad, this morning fell off the train before it arrived at the Harrisburg station and his life was crushed out on the iracks underneath the Mulberry street by James C. Kennedy, who will bring the match before.

Kern, the Valet, Failed to Return for His Pawn Ticket. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 31,-It was made known at the detective bureau this afternoon that \$30,000 worth of jewelry stolen from Paul G. Theband had been recovered. Some of it was found in a pawn shop in this city and the rest in satchel. Kern, the valet had left the jewelry with the pawn broker and was to have received a loan of \$1,500. He received \$700 and was to have returned yesterday for \$800 and the ticket. did not come back,

PENNILESS IN HIS OLD AGE.

Man Who Nominated Greeley for President Applies for Charity. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Syracuse, Dec. 31.--Lewis Carmichael of Sidney, 70 years old, has applied to the overseer of the poor for assistance. He was once a power in the politics of this state, having made the speech placing Horace Greeley in nomination for the presidency at the Democratic national convention in 1872. He was a personal friend of Greeley.

His property was wept away through unfortunate business investments, and he is a cripple through rheumatism

McGovern Will Fight Sullivan.

TO GERMANY SCHLEY AT BALTIMORE. Pays a Long Deferred Visit to His

Sister. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press,

Washington, Dec. 31.—Admiral Schley left here this afternoon for Baltimore to pay a long deferred visit to his sister. He will return on Thursday to act as honorary pall-bearer at the funeral of the late Rear Admiral Roe. On January 8 Admiral Schley will go to Savannah, Ga., for a ten days' visit with General William W. Gordon. Or the 25th, 26th and 27th of January he will be the guest of the Hamilton club, of Chicago; January 29 and 30 he will visit Louisville as the guest of the Board of Trade and the Knights Templar of that city; Feb. 1, 2, and 3 he will be in Nashville, as the guest of the board of trade and Knights Temp-

AN INSANE JEWELER SHOOTS FIVE PERSONS

lar. He will visit Knoxville on Feb-

ruary 5 and 6 as the guest of the city

The Memphis trip has been arranged finally for the last week of April.

Two Are Dead-The Other Victims May Live-The First Killing Was Accidental.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Turner's Falls, Mass., Dec. 31.-Louis Bitzer, a jeweler of this place, today 5-year-old son, are dead. His other victims were his wife, Christina, and his two daughters. Annie, about 16 years of age, and Carrie, 12 years old. It is thought they will not die. There is evidence that it was Bitzer's purpose to take his own life, but his prompt arrest apparently prevented him from carrying out this purpose. He is about 35 years of age.

From a note left in his store by Bit-

zer, it appears that while he was cleaning a revolver, the weapon was discharged accidentally, and the bullet hit Miss Columbe in the head, killing her instantly. Overcome by the situation, Bitzer apparently rushed to his home, hatless and wild with excitement, and began the work of exterminating his family.

and in the ear. The 12-year-old daughter. Carrie, was shot through the neck. Mrs. Bitzer was hit in the face, the bullet passing through the nose.

The sound of the shots brought the neighbors into the house and Bitzer

The police believe that Bitzer is insane. The note which they found in the store after the affair was almost an incoherent jumble of words. After telling of the shooting of Miss Columbe. Bitzer wrote that he had determined to go to his home and end the lives of his wife and children and his own. He asked that at his funeral the hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," be sung.

He wished that his property should be given to his brother and to his ag mother and ended the letter with an expression to the effect that "God would not blame a man-for doing what he had done." Substantially the same story was told by Bitzer after his ar-

CUBAN ELECTIONS QUIET.

Light Vote Reported at Havana and Santiago de Cuba.

By Exclusive Wire from Th. Associated P. Havana, Dec. 13.-Clection have not yet been received h indications promise a light partisans of General Bartol in Havana did not vote.

According to a dispatch to the ciated Press from Havana Dec. General Maso, candidate of the Democratic party for the presidency of Cuba left there that morning from Manzanillo having given up the campaign. Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 31.-The elec-

tions passed off today without notable incident in the district. The Nationalist was the only ticket in the old and consequently it was elected. Very few votes were cast in this city, and little interest in dings was appar-ent. The day days old and

EMELINE DALE'S BODY SHIPPED TO CHICAGO

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, New York, Dec. 21.-The body of Emeline

Dale, the child who died in Hoboken after hav-ing eaten stryclatine tablets, which her mother had provided for her own use, was shipped to Chicago today. Counsel for the father and counsel for the mother came to an agreement by which the interment is to be made by Mr. Dale.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes Barre, Dec. 31 .-- Simon C. Long, of Wilker-Barre's wealthiest merchants died day, aged 74 years. He entered business on small scale here nearly half a century ago with the growth of the Wyoming valley trade increased to such proportions that at the

ably the largest clothing house in northeastern Pennsylvania. A fall on an icy pavement some weeks ago brought on fatal illness. La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 51.—Rev. Constantine Maria VonDroste Huelshoff, son of Baron VonDroste Huelshoff, of the diocese of West Palen, Germany, die'd at the St. Francis hospital here today. Having given up the life of a nobleman to enter the priesthood, he came to America thirty years ago and had lived in La Crosse for the past fifteen years.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Almon Streeto of Rennelarr Falls, died today, aged 107 years.

the past fifteen years.

Position of the United States Regarding the Venezuela A!fair is Defined.

MEMORANDUM OF THE **GERMAN GOVERNMENT**

Says It Was Indicated by the President in His Communication to Congress-Monroe Doctrine Not Intended to Sustain Southern Republics in Refusal to Pay Debts. No Complications Which Will Involve the United States Are Ex-

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 31 .- Secretary Hay's view as to the proposed German programme in Venezuela was communicated to the German government in the shape of a written memorandum. This supplemented verbal exchanges that had taken place in Washington between Ambassador Von Holleben and President Roosevelt, and between the ambassador and Secretary Hay at shot five persons, two of whom, his greater length. The state department clerk, Miss Ida Columbe, and Bitzer's positively declines to make public the memorandum or its substance, but it is pointed out again that the basis of the United States representa, ns is to be looked for in the utterances of President Roosevelt in his annual message to congress touching the Monroe doctrine in its application to South American countries which do not pay their

Nothing has been heard from Caracas to sustain the report that United States Minister Bowen, through urgent representations, has induced the postponement of the execution of the German programme. It is certain that no instructions to that effect have been given Mr. Bowen, though it is admit-The little boy, ill in bed with the measies, was shot and instantly kille. The 16-year-old daughter, Annie, was wounded theorem the little boy, ill in bed with the United States minister to exercise all of his powers, within the lines of the general policy of this powers. was wounded through the left hand general policy of this country, to prevent possible bloodshed. Confirmatory evidence is had from unofficial sources of the purpose of the German government at least to delay action against Venezuela until the Issue of the present against President Casro,

The subject was discussed casually at the cabinet meeting today. No complications are expected which will involve the United States.

CASTRO DEFENDS HIS COURSE.

President of Venezuela in Letter Also Attacks the Opposition.

Washington, Dec. 31.-President Castro, of Venezuela, has writetn an open letter, copies of which have been received by officials here, in which he defends the general policy he has pursued and throws considerable light on his aspirations. An indirect allusion is made to the German affair in the presidents appeal for united support in defense of the republic. The letter was in response to an application, which was granted, for the release of several journalists imprisoned at Cars cas. In the course of the letter, President Castro says:

"It is painful to observe that the rashness of some, the impatient ambition of others, the mistaken criticism of the leading classes, and the obstinacy of the revolutionary spirit have sorely tried the virtues of my liberal to At a time when I have desired to the country happy and its citizens enjoying every comfort, I have had the painful duty of adopting repressive measures, contrary character, my education and all my sentiments.

"If the offenders in this case have not succeeded in overthrowing the government, they have, nevertheless, contributed to the propaganda which delays the fruit of peace and makes our progress and our prosperity captive in the clutches of the monster of civil Our prosperity has been withheld through errors and entanglements for which my government is not responsible, but which claim a prompt and quick solution. fr carrying out this policy, I should have the support of all the citizens of Venezueia, because therein rests the sovereignty

the fatherland. "It is my wish that you convey these journalists my wish to see them again fulfilling their duties of party opposition. I desire that the press shall bring all the charges it may have against me, being confident that judgment will not affect me. I do th in order to establish under our repub can system the absolute justification of my political purposes. I do it, all because I have no fear of an adverpublic judgment upon my acts.

Traction Employes Get Increas

By Exchaive Wire from The Associated Press. Lancaster, Dec. 31 .- It was annot that an increase of 10 per cent. for mo-and conductors on the lines of the Con Traction company will go into effect on J

WEATHER FORECAST.