

NAVAL RESERVE BILL IS DISCUSSED

Mr. Hale, of Maine, Provokes a Lively Time in Which Many Senators Join.

HOAR CALLS ATTENTION TO BERMUDA CASE

Pension Appropriation Bill Before the House—Two Branches Will Meet on February 27 to Listen to Eulogies Upon the Late President William McKinley.

Washington, Jan. 15.—A spirited discussion was precipitated in the senate today by some remarks submitted by Mr. Hale, of Maine, in respect to bills relating to the formation of a naval reserve, which he introduced. He took strong ground against the organization of a naval reserve, his comments being construed by some of the senators into a reflection upon volunteer soldiers and land militia. Half a dozen senators were on their feet in an instant to defend the volunteers and the National Guard of the various states, and the debate took so wide a range that senators went back in their recollections to the days of the revolution to seek illustrations for their arguments. While no action was possible at this time, it is likely the discussions upon the measure, should they be repeated, would be very lively. No business of importance was transacted, the time of the senate being consumed by matters of routine affairs.

After the adjournment of the senate, Mr. Hale said the naval reserve bill introduced by him today had been presented by request of persons interested in such legislation. In the same manner he had introduced bills representing both the navy department's views and that of individuals or organizations on the question of a naval reserve. He personally, however, did not stand committed to any of them and he questioned whether any satisfactory results would come from them.

In the course of the debate today, Mr. Hoar made the remark that it was the New England sailors who won our independence in the war of the revolution, whereupon Mr. Tillman insisted that Mr. Hoar should give some of the credit of gaining independence to other states besides New England. Amid laughter and applause, he declared: "There's glory enough to go round, as our great admiral in command at the battle of Santiago said."

In the senate today Mr. Hoar introduced the following resolution: "That the president, if in his judgment, it be not incompatible with the public interest, be requested to inform the senate whether the government of this state has any official information as to whether the British government exacts duties on goods intended for prisoners of war in Bermuda, in violation of article 16 of the convention adopted at the Hague, which is as follows: 'Gifts and relief in kind for prisoners of war shall be admitted free of all duties of entry and others, as well as of payments for carriage by the government railways.'"

In explanation of his resolution, Mr. Hoar said that some charitable organizations in this country had sent supplies and comforts to Boer prisoners detained in Bermuda. Upon these supplies duties had been collected in contravention of the Hague treaty. He desired merely to ascertain whether the state department had been informed of the situation.

The house today passed the pension appropriation bill, which has been under discussion for three days, and then adjourned until Saturday. No amendments were adopted. The resolution prepared by the special committee on the McKinley memorial exercises, providing for an address by Secretary of State John Hay in the hall of representatives Feb. 27, was adopted. The two houses of congress will assemble in the hall of representatives on that day to listen to Secretary Hay's address upon the life and character of William McKinley.

The president pro tem and speaker of the house will also invite the president and ex-presidents of the United States; ex-vice-presidents, the heads of the several departments, the judges of the supreme court, the representatives of foreign governments, the lieutenant general of the army and the admiral of the navy and such officers of the army and navy as may have received the thanks of congress who may then be at the seat of government, to be present on the occasion and such others as may be suggested by the executive committee.

Mr. Moody (Massachusetts) reported a joint resolution appropriating \$90,000 in connection with the government exhibit at the Charleston exposition. Mr. Payne (New York) opposed the measure. Mr. Moody said that with this resolution the government's expense in connection with the Charleston exposition would cease. The resolution was passed. On motion of Mr. Payne the bill to allow the redemption of the revenue stamps within two years was passed.

February 1, at 3 o'clock was set aside for paying tribute to the memory of the late Representative Brooks of Pennsylvania. Mr. Woolen (Texas) formally announced the death of the late Representative Burke, of Texas, which occurred last summer, and the house as a mark of respect adjourned until Saturday.

WAR ON "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN."

Daughters of Confederacy Begin Active Campaign Against It.

Resolutions were adopted pledging the members support to work in every way possible to prevent the play from being put on any stage in the state and the book was denounced as a base libel on the south, and especially on the institution of slavery.

THE POPE VERY ILL.

Rome Correspondent Believes That His Death May Be Expected.

The death of the pope may be expected, says his biographer, can only be said to be just alive. He takes little nourishment and is generally half unconscious. He suffers no pain and simply dozes the hours away without comprehension of what is going on around him.

BLOODY BATTLE OF THE VENCELSICKS

Woman's Desperate but Vain Fight for Life Against Her Murderous Husband, at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Jan. 15.—A ghastly discovery was made at 10:30 this morning when the police, on a complaint coming from the residence of Vincent Vencelsick, a Pole at 209 Spring alley, broke open the doors and found the bedroom of the house saturated with blood. Mrs. Vencelsick lay beside her bed, her face and head crushed against the wall, and her hands and feet covered with cuts and gashes, and the husband almost dead, were dying on the floor.

From what could be learned it appeared that Vencelsick came home intoxicated last night and assaulted his wife with a rail outfit. The first blow inflicted an ugly gash on her shoulder and knocked her down but she was on her feet again in an instant, and with such weapons as she could find in her room, she defended herself. The three children were asleep in one of the beds and the brutal father becoming so angry at his wife rushed to the bed and rained blow after blow upon the sleeping little ones. The sharp edge of the cutter hacked the child in a frightful manner and the hospital physicians say that there is little hope of his recovery.

The attack on the children infuriated the wife and with a knife in each hand she sprang at her husband and stabbed him in the chest. He managed to get a number of blows during the close battle and seeing that he was getting weak he gave her a shove and she staggered back, brought the cutter down on her skull with all his force, crushing her skull, and she fell.

By the time he had killed his wife, Vencelsick was exhausted. He sank on the floor and lay there throughout the night, unable to move. The moans of the children this morning, and one of them crying was what attracted the neighbors.

Vencelsick, it is said, was not married to the woman whose name was Rosa Lock.

A strange man who was found in the house by the police was locked up. He refuses to talk. Further investigation reveals that the name of the murdered woman was Rosa Lak, aged 49 years and names of injured, Vincenzo Visolek, 35; Della, Frank and Anna Visolek, aged respectively 8, 5 and 2 years.

Developments tonight add mystery to the tragedy which may end in a wholesale murder. Three Poles who were boarders in the house are under arrest and the police are scouring the city for John Oksenski, who was also a boarder, but who has not been seen since the murder was discovered. It is learned that the woman had \$1,200 on her person last night and this is also missing. Oksenski is accused of having set fire to a mattress in the house a week ago and later Visolek tried to have him arrested because he had threatened to rob the house.

When found the woman was lying across a couch which belonged to Oksenski, with her face and head battered and her hands and feet crushed. The children's heads were also crushed in and physicians at the hospital say none of the injured can recover. Up to a late hour tonight none of them had regained consciousness.

Ohio Mine Workers.

Colombus, O., Jan. 15.—The fifteenth annual convention of the Ohio Mine Workers directed today's session to an investigation of charges against some of the officers. It is understood that the so-called irregularities go back to 1900.

Population of Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 15.—The population of Canada as officially announced by the census department today is shown to be 5,269,065, an increase of 285,475 for the decade.

FURNACES TO BE OPENED.

Crown Point Works at Port Henry Have Been Leased.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Plattsburg, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Witterbee, Sherman and company, of Port Henry, N. Y., have leased Cedar Iron furnaces at Port Henry to Messrs. Pilling and Crane, of Philadelphia, for a term of years. Work will be begun in a few days to put the furnaces in good shape and to enlarge the stove and engine capacity, which will greatly increase the output of pig iron. By April the furnaces will probably be ready to be blown in. The furnace at Port Henry has been idle for seven years. Two hundred men will be employed. Pilling and Crane will also lease the Crown Point furnaces at Crown Point, N. Y., and will use iron ore from mines at Mineville, six miles from Port Henry, at both places. The works at Crown Point, which are owned by the United States Steel corporation will employ the same number of men. The output of the Port Henry furnace is about two hundred tons of pig iron a day. The two furnaces at crown point combined can make about as much more.

PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT.

He Will Arrive on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm on February 22.—Preparations for Entertainment.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Dr. Von Holleben, the German ambassador at Washington, today received a cablegram from Berlin giving the dates of arrival and departure of Prince Henry and a list of the party who will accompany him to the United States. Prince Henry will arrive on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm, February 22 and will sail for Germany on the Hamburg-American liner Columbia, March 8. He will be accompanied by Hofmarschall, Vice Admiral Von Seckendorff and two aides de camp, Lieutenant Commanders Schmidt, Von Schulin and Von Zeddy. His chief physician will be Dr. Reich. Herr Von Tirpitz, the German secretary of state for the navy, with his aide de camp, Lieutenant Commander Von Trotha, will also accompany the party. Emperor William will send his military general, Von Plessen; Captain of the Navy Von Mueller and Von Gummie, aide de camp to the emperor. Prince Henry will have his own retinue of servants and each of the gentlemen of the party will bring his own valet. Herr Hintze, clerk to the secretary of state for the navy, will be one of the party. Secretary Long today called Rear Admiral Robley Evans into consultation regarding the entertainment to be given to the prince and his party. The United States of Germany. The rear admiral has not yet been given written orders detailing him to act as the representative of the navy at the reception, but that matter has been agreed upon, and Secretary Long today called Admiral Evans into consultation with the preparation of a naval programme for the reception. In view of the number of distinguished officers who are now reported to be about to accompany the prince on his visit, it is evident that Admiral Evans will require the assistance of a number of junior officers. They will be detailed as occasion requires.

New York, Jan. 15.—Mayor Low has taken up the consideration of plans for the reception of Prince Henry of Prussia. He announced today that he would name a large and representative committee of leading citizens to arrange for the welcome of the distinguished visitors. In case the prince comes here by steamer a pier will be specially reserved as a landing place.

London, Jan. 15.—The Candid Friend, a weekly newspaper, is in a position to make the announcement that should Prince Henry's visit to the United States be as successful as expected, Emperor William himself will visit America in the autumn, with the Hohenzollern and a large escort of vassals.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—German naval officers are eager for assignments to accompany Prince Henry to the United States and many young noblemen are bringing influence to bear to obtain appointments for this duty. The list of possible appointments is already several times larger than the suite which can be sent with Prince Henry. This pressure to secure places may cause the prince's suite to be enlarged. The lack of accommodations for a number of persons on board the Hohenzollern is the real reason why Prince Henry does not sail on the imperial yacht.

FIRE AT EDINBORO.

Disastrous Conflagration Sweeps a Town Without Fire Protection.

Pittsburg, Jan. 15.—Early this morning a disastrous conflagration that broke out about 9 o'clock this evening at Edinboro, sixteen miles from this city and is reported to be sweeping away many of the business houses and residences in its path. At Edinboro has no fire protection, Erie has been asked for assistance, and has sent a steamer to fight the fire over the Erie and Edinboro canal company's tracks.

Girl Confesses Crime.

Wielita, Kan., Jan. 15.—Selle Crenshaw, the girl who killed her baby sister with a razor yesterday and yesterday told the truth about the crime, confessed today that she did it, but was unable to assign any reason for the act. She said the baby came into the world on her head and that she could not resist her sudden passion for blood.

Pickpocket Sentenced.

Boston, Jan. 15.—Edward Allen, 34, was sentenced today to a year in the state prison for a series of pickpocketing offenses.

Murderer Keig Dies in Hospital.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 15.—Benjamin Keig, who murdered his wife in a hotel at this place, yesterday, died in a hospital here today.

FUSION FALLS IN PHILADELPHIA

Negotiations for a Three-Headed Combine Come to an Abrupt Finish.

COULD NOT AGREE ON DIVISION OF HONORS

The Interests of the Democrats, the Unionists and Municipal League Are Varied—Democratic City Convention Has a Hot-Air Session and Adjourns in Disorder—Republicans Hold Primaries.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 15.—Negotiations between the Democrats, the Municipal League and the Union party for a fusion city ticket came to an abrupt end this afternoon. At a joint conference of the three parties, the Democrats insisted on ex-City Chairman Charles P. Donnelly and James E. Gorman, also a Democrat as the candidates for magistrate; the Union party insisted that one of the nominees should be a Union party man, and the Municipal League was willing to accept any two men, but would not accept Donnelly. The Democrats were willing to nominate a Republican for city solicitor if the other two parties would accept the two Democrats as magistrates. The conference was a prolonged one, and as none of the three would yield, the conference adjourned without arranging another meeting.

The Democratic city convention met tonight for the purpose of nominating a straight Democratic candidate for city solicitor and two magistrates. The leaders had decided upon Donnelly and Gorman for magistrates. This was not acceptable to the friends of John H. Keenan. The convention proved to be a hot-air session, and after wrangling for more than two hours the convention adjourned amid great disorder without accomplishing anything. It will be reconvened either on Friday or Saturday.

Republican primary elections were held tonight in the 1045 divisions in the city and delegates were elected to the city solicitor's magistrature rule revising and ward conventions. With but few exceptions, the primaries were without any incident, and the delegates will nominate tomorrow the candidates previously decided upon by the party leaders.

STATE BASE BALL LEAGUE.

Reading Meeting Announces That Scranton Is in It.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 15.—At a meeting of the Pennsylvania Base Ball League here today, William A. Wittman, of this city, was elected president, secretary and treasurer. It was announced that Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Lancaster and Lebanon have joined the league and will put teams on the field, and that applications have been received from Easton, Harrisburg, Pottsville and Hazleton. Action on these applications was deferred until the next meeting, which will be held on Monday, Jan. 20, at Easton. Lancaster was chosen vice president.

THIRD DAY'S RACING.

The Philadelphia Contest Marked by a Nasty Spill.

Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—Three minutes before the finish of the third day's racing in the six days' bicycle contest at the Second Regiment armory tonight, there was a nasty spill, in which four riders were mangled up. Hatfield had his collar bone broken, Freeman badly sprained his right shoulder, and Fisher and Gough were considerably shaken up. The spill was caused by Hatfield, Fisher and Freeman were compelled to leave the track and their places were taken by their team mates. Gough continued riding after he had been furnished with a new wheel. His partner, Wilson, is ill, and the Freeman was compelled to ride the entire eight hours. The leaders covered 100 miles today, against 125 yesterday, and 175 on Monday. The race at the close of tonight's racing was as follows: Monroe and McEachern 2:13 1 Freeman and Mayo 2:13 2 Gough and Wilson 2:13 3 Leander and Rutz 2:13 4 Chevalier and Fisher 2:13 5 Hatfield and King 2:19 6 Mueller and Bartley 2:19 7

Holland's Premier Returns.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—Dr. Kuyper, the premier of Holland, who has just returned here from England, says his visit to London was one purely personal business. He adds that he did not see any politicians or officials and that he has never been entrusted with any mission in behalf of the Dutch, either to London or Brussels.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Jan. 15.—Clear: La Grosse, Havre, Sailed: St. Louis, Southampton; Prins-John, Antwerp; Tontonia, Liverpool; Grosse-Arrived: Eberst, Bismarck, New York; Charbourg-Arrived: Patricia, New York via Plymouth for Hamburg.

Four Thousand Out of Work.

Buffalo, Jan. 15.—A special from Dunkirk says that more than 4,000 persons have been thrown out of work by the stoppage of the Inland Pipe Lake Erie which supplies the city and many of its industries with water. The pipe is filled with slush ice.

Two Children Perish in Fire.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 15.—John and Henry Kender, aged respectively 4 and 2 years, sons of Stephen Kender, of East St. Louis, perished today in a fire that destroyed their home. The parents had left the children alone in the house.

DOWNNEY'S RECORD CLEARED.

President Pardons the Sailor Who Visited His Dying Wife.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—A message saying "President has signed pardon" came to Ezekiel Downey, of Chicago, from Washington today. Downey enlisted in the navy in 1890 and later participated in the naval operations in the Mississippi. In July, 1895, he received word that his five children had died in one week of diphtheria, and that his wife lay at death's door. A request for leave of absence was refused. A second letter to him told him to hurry home if he wished to see his wife alive. Permission to leave was again refused and Downey left without it. He was detained twenty days in Chicago, and upon his return to the south found that his crew had been mustered out of the service and his own name placed on a list of deserters. Downey's name was cleared his record have been presented to congress since that time, and the case has been reviewed by several administrations. Attorney General Knox recently suggested a pardon by the president as being the only way out of the difficulty, and the latter accepted this suggestion.

SHERIFF AND DEPUTY KILLED IN BATTLE

Frank Smith and George Beck Are Slain in an Attempt to Arrest Highwaymen.

Anthrie, O., Jan. 15.—Sheriff Frank Smith and his deputy, George Beck, were killed by highwaymen early this morning in the vicinity of Anadarko, the home of the officers. A posse of 100 men started immediately on the trail of the murderers but no arrests have been made. The posse expects a fierce fight before the men shall be taken, and it is known that the notorious highwaymen, Bob McCune, Ben Craven and Bob Sims are at the head of the gang in that region. A number of murders and robberies are charged to the gang, and the posse expects a fierce fight before the men shall be taken, and it is known that the notorious highwaymen, Bob McCune, Ben Craven and Bob Sims are at the head of the gang in that region. A number of murders and robberies are charged to the gang, and the posse expects a fierce fight before the men shall be taken, and it is known that the notorious highwaymen, Bob McCune, Ben Craven and Bob Sims are at the head of the gang in that region.

COLUMBIAN GOVERNMENT BUYS A STEAMER

The Chucuito Purchased—Will Be Equipped with Artillery from the General Pinzon.

Colon, Colombia, Jan. 15.—The Colombian government has purchased the steamer Chucuito, belonging to the Pacific Steam Navigation company. Artillery from the Colombian gunboat General Pinzon will be mounted on the Chucuito. Three hundred of the men brought from Savannah by the Pinzon proceeded to Panama today. A small sailing vessel, which has just arrived at Panama, reports that the Liberal gunboat Padilla fired eight shots across her bow, while she was at sea, but that she was permitted to proceed to her port in the department of Cauca. The Colombian government has called General Alban, the military commander of this district, that it is able to send him 2,000 men from Buena Ventura, on the Pacific coast, should he require them. The steamer Libertador, the vessel being used by General Matos, of Venezuela, in the revolution against President Castro of that country, arrived at Savannah, Colombia, January 12, with General Matos on board. Upon disembarking General Matos took the train for Barranquilla, seventeen miles distant. It is believed in some quarters that the Colombian government is in sympathy with the operations of the Libertador.

Ever Liable to Law.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 15.—The Indiana supreme court today in affirming a lower court judgment, held that an employer cannot, by any contract he may make with his workmen, relieve himself from duties and liabilities which the law expressly imposes on him. The decision was rendered on a miner's suit for damages on account of injury.

Charles Chipp Sentenced.

New York, Jan. 15.—Charles Chipp, the clerk of the bureau of assessments and arrears of the comptroller's department, who pleaded guilty last week to four indictments for grand larceny and one for forgery, was sentenced today by Judge Foster to not less than one year and not more than five years' imprisonment in Sing Sing at hard labor. Chipp is 27 years of age.

N. Y. Central Stock to Be Increased.

New York, Jan. 15.—The board of directors of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad company decided today, subject to the approval of the stockholders, to increase the capital stock of the company from \$150,000,000 to \$160,000,000.

Two Men Frozen to Death.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 15.—Henry Notteloff and George Perlin were found frozen to death in each other's arms near John's Mills last night. While driving home they were thrown over an embankment into a creek.

MOVEMENT AGAINST THE PETTY STRIKES

FELL TO HIS DEATH.

Body of John Hobbs Found at Foot of High Embankment at the Old Rail Mill.

Patrick Lynott, the watchman at the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company's old rail mill, was making his rounds last night shortly after 8 o'clock, when he came across the dead body of John Hobbs, of 524 Harrison avenue, lying at the foot of a thirty-five foot embankment which runs from the company's railroad track above. The dead man had probably fallen down this bank. Clutched in the dead man's hand was an empty dinner bucket and the body lay in a most unnatural condition, as if Hobbs had been instantly killed by the fall. Coroner Saltry was notified and he gave permission to have the remains removed to Cusick's undertaking establishment. Here he performed an autopsy and ascertained that the death had been caused by a broken neck. Hobbs was employed at one of the Conell mines as a company hand and was known to come home along the steel company's railroad track every night. He was last seen while at work on Monday, and it is supposed that he slipped while on his way home and fell down the bank. He was about 50 years old and was unmarried. The coroner has empaneled a jury and will conduct an inquest at Cusick's this afternoon.

A COASTING ACCIDENT.

Bob Loaded with Nine Boys Collided with a Buggy on Pine street. Three Lads Were Injured.

The first coasting accident of any importance to occur this season, occurred yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock on Pine street, between Adams and Jefferson avenues, and it is most remarkable that, under the circumstances, there was no one killed. A large crowd of youngsters have been coasting down Pine street, from Madison avenue, ever since the snow now on the ground first fell, endangering their lives every time they came down the hill, because of the street cars which are constantly passing on Adams avenue. It wasn't a street car, however, that was responsible for yesterday's accident. About nine or ten boys came on the hill yesterday afternoon, after school hours, with a big "chub" sled belonging to a boy named Charles Murray. There were several other "bobs" on the hill, but Murray's was the largest and the biggest and fastest of them all, and the lads who were riding on it were the most envied youngsters within two miles. The "bob" started down the hill about 2:30 with an extra big load on and skidded along over the snow at a terrific rate of speed. A colored man driving a horse and buggy belonging to F. S. Godfrey, started to drive out of Kressler court into Pine street at about the same time and had just reached the center of the street when the "bob" came flying past Jefferson avenue. Cries of warning were given and the colored man drove right across the street, thinking that the steersman of the "bob" would turn to the left. The latter thought that the driver would stand still, and the result was a terrific collision. The "bob" sailed into the buggy with great force, turning it over and throwing the horse to the ground. The colored man was thrown to the ground, but escaped injury. The nine small boys who were riding on the "double ripper" went sailing into the air in all directions, and the sled itself was ruined almost beyond repair. Jerome Caveney, a 10-year-old lad, residing on Canopus avenue, struck on his head, and was the last to get up, and was rendered unconscious. He revived about ten minutes later and was taken to his home in the police patrol wagon. It is believed that he also sustained internal injuries.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—Colonel Jesse R. Millson, a veteran of the Civil war, died at a hospital here today of pneumonia, aged 74 years. He was born in West Town, Pa., and was the last of his family. At the beginning of the war Colonel Millson enlisted as a private in the Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania volunteers. His bravery earned for him the rank of captain and he was later appointed major, finally rising to the rank of colonel. Stroudsburg, Jan. 15.—George C. Adams, of Delaware, N. J., president of the Warren county, N. J., board of health, died at the age of 75, after a long illness, at his home here today. He was the originator and for 10 years president of the Warren County Battlefield Memorial association. In 1865 he represented the Franklin Adams district in the state senate, and since has held many local offices.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for January 15, 1902: Highest temperature 37 degrees; lowest temperature 13 degrees; relative humidity: 88 per cent.; wind: S. E., 10 to 15 miles per hour; precipitation, 24 hours ending 8 p. m., none.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Eastern Pennsylvania, partly cloudy; Thursday, Friday, fair, slightly colder; light westerly wind.

Resolution Adopted at the Mine Workers Convention at Wilkes-Barre.

IMPORTANT GRIEVANCES ARE CONSIDERED

Among Those Mentioned Are the Eight-Hour Day, Coal to Be Mined by the Ton, Instead of Car—President Nichols Urges the Amalgamation of Small Organizations.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 15.—At today's sessions of the United Mine Workers' convention, District No. 1, a considerable amount of business was transacted. Resolutions were adopted and forwarded to the secretary of the national convention of miners, which meets at Indianapolis next week, requesting that body to send out written notices to all the operators in the anthracite region requesting them to meet the miners in joint conference to consider the grievances promulgated by the Hazleton convention. The most important of these grievances are an eight-hour day, coal to be mined by the ton, instead of the car, and the recognition of the miners' union. A resolution was also adopted which will probably put a stop to some of the petty strikes in this region. The resolution provides that the members of any local who go out on strike without first having obtained the sanction of the executive committee of the district shall be suspended for a period of three months.

President Nichols, in his annual address, urged the carrying out of the suggestion made by the American Federation of Labor convention at Scranton, viz: That the smaller organizations of the same trade be subservient or amalgamated with the dominant one in the community. Mr. Nichols said the dominant organization in the anthracite field was the miners' union. It comprised 98 per cent. of all the men employed in and about the mines. It was, therefore, not fair to the miners that they should be at the mercy of the case last four per cent. That was the case last July, when the stationary firemen went out on strike, and threw all the miners out of work.

The firemen are reluctant to give up their organization, and Mr. Nichols' address was a sort of appeal to them to join the United Mine Workers. There are now 75,778 men and boys employed in the mines in District No. 1, which comprises the territory between Forest City and Shickelany, and of this number, 68,000 belong to the United Mine Workers. There were eight strikes in the district the last six months. The report of the Hazleton convention, the organization to be in a prosperous condition.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MCKINLEY MEMORIAL.

Col. Herrick Says That Wealthy Men Have Given but Little.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 15.—Colonel Myron T. Herrick, treasurer of the McKinley National Memorial fund, said today that the report of the American Bankers' association, said today: "There have been practically no contributions to the McKinley fund from the men of wealth or those at the head of our great commercial and manufacturing enterprises, much to my surprise. They have left the building of this memorial to the wage-earners in factories, shops and stores, and to the school children, who are not flinching in this expression of their love and confidence in William McKinley. Those men who should contribute seem to have delayed or forgotten."

CONDENSED STATE NEWS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—The directors of the Cambria Steel company today declared a semi-annual dividend of 12 per cent. on the stock for 1901. This is the first dividend since the organization of the company.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Michael and John Fisher, bookies, were arrested today while working in the blast furnace of the Tidewater Steel company. John Ballan was rescued in time to save his life, but the other two men expired soon after being taken from the pit.

Harrisburg, Jan. 15.—A letter was issued by the state department today to the Champion Sanitary Enamel Ware company, Harrisville, Pa., \$200,000.

Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—A conference was held today at the Ponce de Leon works between representatives of the American Bridge company and the Bridge and Iron Workers' International union on the wage scale for the ensuing year. The demands of the union include an eight-hour day, a wage rate of 30 cents an hour and the employment of only one man for every 75 cents of work.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Representative Young, of Philadelphia, and Major John M. Carson, of this city, presented to the president today a memorial from the Society of Friends of the Society of Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, of Philadelphia, on the death of President McKinley.

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