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TWENTY-ONE MINERS KILLED

Terrible Disaster Results from Explosion at the Lost Creek Mine at Oskaloosa.

TROUBLE DUE TO A DUST EXPLOSION

The Dead and Injured Terribly Burned and Mutilated—Smoke and Debris Blown 300 Feet Into the Air—Fire Follows the Explosion and for a Time Threatens the Mine—Flames Finally Controlled.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Oskaloosa, Iowa, Jan. 24.—As the result of a terrible mine disaster at Lost Creek today, twenty-one dead are in an improvised morgue and eight are in a temporary hospital.

The Dead.

JOE GASPERS.
FRANK GASPERS.
JIM STOHAL.
SYLVESTER CREIGHTON.
JOE BEERTE.
ANDY PASH.
FRANK SECRESS.
JOHN MARTIN.
JOHN BIROS.
MIKE MIRAHA.
JACK MANLEY.
MIKE FOX, JR.
MIKE FOX, SR.
BOONE FISH.
RUSS FISH.
A. B. CREWS.
JACK ELDER.
DAVE MALTER.
SAM HUMPHREY.
JIM HUMPHREY.
ALEX GRAY.

The Injured.

ED SECRESS.
ED SWANSON.
JONAS MADIO.
OLIVE MADIO.
JOHN JERKIN.
WILLIAM HARVEY.
GEORGE GOGO.
HARRY DERROCK.

The explosion occurred at the noon hour and was what is known as a "dust" explosion. The miners had just fired their usual noon shots, one of which proved to be a fizzle. The burning powder ignited the gas and the explosion followed. Smoke and debris were blown out of the shaft 200 feet high. Part of the top works were torn away and the fans and cages were partially wrecked. This made the work of rescue very slow and it was 3 o'clock before volunteer parties dared to venture into the east shaft, where the explosion occurred. When they fought their way in, a horrible sight greeted them. The dead and injured were terribly burned and mutilated, some of them almost beyond recognition.

Fire, which at first was feared would prove destructive to the entire mine, had broken out and this added terror to the spectacle. The flames were finally controlled and after several of the rescue party had succumbed to the fumes, all the dead were carried to the top of the shaft. At the time of the cexplosion more than 100 men were in the mines, but all of those, except those in the east entry, escaped with only slight injury. The total property damage will be about $10,000. It was nearly dark tonight when the last of the dead was taken out, and the scenes of anguish among the families of the men were most pitiful. Nearly all of the men were married and leave families in poor circumstances. The mine is owned by the Lost Creek Fuel company, of this city, and has been in operation about one year.

LEGACY TO ART.

Priscilla Cresson Leaves $500,000 for Benefit of Students.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—The will of Mrs. Priscilla P. Cresson, probated today, creates a trust fund of $500,000, the interest upon which is to be paid to the Philadelphia academy of fine arts, for the expenses of students of great proficiency in pursuing their studies in Europe.

The bequest also includes a legacy left for the same purpose by Emlin Cresson, who died in 1889, which becomes operative through the death of Priscilla, his widow.

The interest will amount to about $20,000 annually. Allowing $2,000 a year expenses, for each student, the academy will be enabled to send ten students abroad each year.

Townsend Pleads Guilty.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Boston, Jan. 24.—The United States grand jury returned an indictment this afternoon against Harry H. Townsend, former cashier of the Bristol County National bank, charging the embezzlement of $35,000 and Townsend pleaded guilty. Townsend was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. He had been connected with the bank for twenty-five years. He admits that he lost the money in speculation. Townsend was under $20,000 bonds and this amount has been paid over so that the actual loss to the bank is but $15,000.

Murdered by Footpads.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—Another murder, supposedly the work of footpads, was committed in the mission district early today, the victim being Joseph Pedro, foreman for a large firm of contractors. Pedro's body was discovered on the sidewalk on Seventeenth street by two policemen about 4 o'clock with a bullet hole in the left side. There is no clue.

Will Buy French Gunboats.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Paris, Jan. 24.—The government of Colombia has offered to purchase number of obsolete French gunboats. The negotiations has thus far had no [illegible]

COL. WATRES IS HOPEFUL

Has Faith That His Candidacy Will Be Successful—Grateful to his Friends Throughout State.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—In the course of an interview tonight former Lieutenant Governor Watres expressed himself as being hopeful of success in his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor of Pennsylvania.

"Every mail," he said, "brings increased assurances of popular support. Although the names of several other gentlemen have been suggested there are in reality but two candidates before the people. It is even more apparent now than when I announced my candidacy in September last that no factional candidate can be elected governor this year. I have been at Harrisburg for a number of years and the people know where I stand on public questions and whether they want me for governor."

"This is the time," he said, "for the Republicans of Pennsylvania to speak and say who they want and not wait until all the delegates to the state convention have been elected. I am greatly gratified by the generous and continued support of my friends throughout the state."

SCRANTONIANS INWASHINGTON

Mr. Brooks Calls on Representative Connell and Senator Quay—Personals.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—A number of Scrantonians were in Washington this week. Among them were J. A. Lansing, Captain D. B. Atherton, president and secretary, respectively, of the Scranton board of trade, and Colonel F. L. Hitchcock. They were delegates to the convention of the national board of trade. Reese G. Brooks was also here. Mr. Brooks called on Congressman Connell and Senator Quay, ostensibly on business, but seemed considerably interested in the gubernatorial candidacy of Colonel L. A. Watres.

Mr. Brooks, it is rumored, is a prospective candidate for congress, but it is said has assured Congressman Connell that if the latter was a candidate to succeed himself, he would not be a candidate, but would do his best to bring about the nomination and election of the present incumbent. The probabilities are that Congressman Connell will be a candidate for another term.

Mrs. Connell and her granddaughter, Miss Dimmick, left Washington this morning to pay a visit to friends in Montgomery, Ala.

Mrs. McAnulty, who has been paying an extended visit to Prof. and Mrs. Willis L. Moore, will leave here tomorrow morning for Philadelphia.

DANGER IN SCHURMAN'S BOSTON SPEECH

Military Authorities at Manila Deprecate Its Publication in the Philippines.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, Jan. 24.—Both the civil and military authorities here deprecate the publication in the Philippines of Prof. Schurman's Boston speech and the minority report in the senate on the Philippine tariff bill, which, they say, are liable to have a bad effect on the Filipinos.

General Wheaton, commander of the department of the north Philippines, says men have been sent to prison here for remarks such as those of Prof. Schurman, and that if what he advocates was accomplished it would mean the expenditure of much treasure and the shedding of blood like water. Now, as before, he adds, 50,000 soldiers are needed here and will be required in these islands for at least five years. It will then be possible to form a government based on that of the colonies of Holland and Great Britain, they having proved the most successful managers of Oriental races.

General Chaffee is expected back from the island of Samar, January 30.

URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL PASSED IN THE HOUSE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The house today passed the urgent deficiency appropriation bill and devoted the remainder of the session to private pension legislation. It then adjourned until Monday. The Republicans forced a record vote on the amendment to the deficiency bill to appropriate $560,000 for the "protection and shelter" of American soldiers in the Philippines and sixteen Democrats voted for it. Among the pension bills passed was one granting a pension of $50 a month to the widow of the late Rear Admiral Phillip.

Dixon Knocked Out.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Baltimore, Jan. 24.—George Dixon, the veteran colored pugilist, went down and out tonight under a rain of body blows delivered by Eddie Lenny. It was an excellent exhibition of sparring. Lenny had the better of the encounter throughout. Dixon was very groggy.

STOLE FROM PAYMASTER.

Messenger in Office of Major Stevens Is Arrested.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 24.—J. H. Alexander, a colored messenger in the office of Major P. C. Stevens, paymaster of the United States army, was arrested today for the second time by a secret service agent on the charge of stealing government funds amounting to $4,769, which mysteriously disappeared from the satchel of Major Stevens November 9 last, as he was leaving the city for Pensacola, Fla., to pay off the garrison there. The negro was committed to jail for trial.

A statement which Alexander is said to have made on the 11th of the month to Colonel James S. Scully and Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Calef, in regard to the discovery of $2,755 of the missing money hid away in Alexander's room in the paymaster's department on the morning of that date, led to the arrest.

SALE OF DANISH INDIES.

Treaty of Cession Is Signed—Price Believed to Be $5,000,000. To Go to the Senate.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The treaty of cession of the Danish West Indies island from Denmark to the United States was signed at the state department today by Secretary Hay and Constantine Brun, the Danish minister. The treaty will be submitted to the senate for ratification immediately.

Following the invariable rule in such cases, the state department officials decline to make public any of the details of the treaty, so that it is not possible to state positively the price to be paid, though this is believed to be in the neighborhood of $5,000,000. It is known that Denmark has abandoned the position she was inclined to occupy toward the conservation of the political rights of the inhabitants of the island, and leaves the United States a free hand to deal with them, without pledge of American citizenship or of free trade privileges. It is assumed that the status of the Danish West Indian islands, politically and commercially, should the treaty be ratified, will be similar to that of Porto Rico. Having gained these points in the negotiations, the state department officials believe that the treaty is certain to receive the approval of the United States senate.

The new treaty is peculiar in that it will require action not only by the senate and the Danish rigsdag, but the United States house of representatives, since it will be necessary for the house to supply the needed appropriation to defray the expense of purchase. It is regarded as a strong point by the framers of the treaty that the people of the Danish West Indian islands are to have a voice in this question of cession. The treaty itself does not contain any reference to a plebiscite, but the Danish government has given notice that before it ratifies the treaty it will submit the question of cession to the people of the islands. Not much objection is received here from these people, as the treaty is so framed that they are not called on to surrender their Danish allegiance and they may remain Danes in fact and in name, while enjoying whatever advantages, in a commercial way, that may result from a transfer of the islands to the United States. The plebiscite will not be controlled in any sense by the United States. It is stated distinctly that the Danish government itself will take steps to ascertain the inclinations of the people of the islands before the final steps in the transfer are taken.

St. Thomas, the largest of the islands, is formed by a chain of high hills running east and west. It is thirteen miles long, measures three miles at its greatest width, and contains an area of seventeen square miles. The sea surrounding this island is filled with small islets, called keys, which belong to it. About two miles to the northeast lies the island of St. John, and some forty miles to the south is the third island, St. Croix, or, as it is perhaps more generally known, Santa Cruz.

The port of St. Thomas is a good one, and it is stated that 200 vessels can anchor there with safety. The islands are considered of great strategic importance. The initial efforts to secure them were begun by the United States during President Grant's first administration.

Mrs. Dale Sued for Divorce.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Elizabeth Howe Dale, who last November was charged by the authorities of Hoboken, N. J., with the murder of her 5-year-old daughter, has been sued for divorce, Harvey S. Dale, the husband, names as one of the corespondents Robert Waller, who was arrested at Hoboken at the time Mrs. Dale was taken in custody.

An Irish Kingdom.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Belfast, Jan. 24.—According to the Irish News an effort will be made to clear Tory island (off the northwest coast of Ireland, county of Donegal). Wholesale ejectment papers have been served upon the inhabitants of the island, who are chiefly fishermen and kelp gatherers, and number about 200. They elect their own king and have not paid rent or taxes for many years.

Karageorgewitch at Petersburg.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 24.—Prince Peter Karageorgewitch left Geneva today to join his son, George, at St. Petersburg. Prince Peter's entourage openly say that his visit is in connection with the Prince George's succession to the throne of Servia, in place of King Alexander, who is said to be willing to abdicate.

Mr. Quay at Philadelphia.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—Senator Quay came here from Washington today and was visited at the Hotel Walton by Insurance Commissioner Durham, Senator Penrose, State Senator Grady and other political friends. Senator Quay declined to be interviewed. He returned to Washington this afternoon.

No Attempt Upon Life of George.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Athens, Jan. 24.—Investigation of the report that an attempt had been made upon the life of King George of Greece, in the park at Phaleron, proves the story to be without foundation.

MITCHELL IS RE-ELECTED

Other Officers Selected by the Mine Workers' Without Contest.

PROTEST AGAINST LEWIS NOT READ

The Communication Regarded as Not Worthy of Notice—Delegates Are Also Selected to Attend the Meeting of the American Federation of Labor.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 24.—The delegates were apparently ready to get right to work from the start at the opening session of the United Mine Workers' convention today. The credentials committee was first called and the question of seating delegates from district No. 5 was taken up. The eligibility of five delegates from district No. 5, Pittsburg, was questioned by the committee, which recommended that as the local unions sending these delegates were in arrears on dues, the delegates be not seated.

Patrick Dolan, of district No. 5, made a motion to seat them, but the motion was tabled. Thereupon the report of the committee on credentials was received.

Patrick Dolan contended that the committee on credentials had not favored district No. 5, and that the district had acted honestly and deserved recognition. He said that district No. 5 was the only district whose delegates were thrown out.

But the convention maintained that local unions that have not paid their dues promptly ought not to be allowed representation in the convention, and refused to act in his favor.

The following officers were re-elected without a contest: President, John Mitchell; vice-president, T. L. Lewis; secretary-treasurer, W. B. Wilson.

There were no other candidates for these three offices and the entire ballot of the convention was cast for them by the secretary. The only opposition was in the form of a communication sent up to the secretary after the ballot had been cast, protesting against the unanimous election of T. L. Lewis as vice president. The protest came from the delegate from Local union No. 319, in Ohio, the state the Vice President Lewis comes from, and was not read to the convention.

The protest was regarded by the officers to whose notice it came, as not worthy of official or formal recognition.

Delegates to American Federation.

After the three principal offices had been chosen, voting began on the election of delegates to the national meeting of the American Federation of Labor, and on the choice of members of the auditing and credentials committee. Under a rule of the convention, the polls must be kept open three hours, at the end of which time the ballot boxes are removed from the convention hall and the votes counted.

While the voting went on, no attempt was made to do any other business. John P. Reese, of Iowa, presided during the voting.

For delegates to the American Federation of Labor meeting, the following candidates were voted for:

John Mitchell, W. B. Wilson, John P. Reese, Patrick Dolan, W. Haskins, W. D. Ryan, T. L. Lewis, John Fahey, W. R. Fairley, George W. Purcell, T. D. Nichols, W. J. Campbell, E. C. McCullough, H. Stevenson, G. W. Savaga, J. Haddow, W. E. Williams, Anthony Schlosser, B. Rice, Edward Flynn, James Beattie, Daniel Young, Edward McKay, William Dodds, Thomas P. Duffy, John F. Roam, William Blakely, John Dempsey, Joe Vasey, William Wilson, J. A. Springer, D. H. Sullivan, J. W. Howe, Adam Rescavage, George Manuel and Thomas J. Llewellyn.

Seven were to be chosen. The seven candidates receiving the next highest number of votes were to be named as alternate delegates.

For membership on the auditing and credentials committee the following candidates were proposed:

John J. Mossop, M. McTaggart, John Oakley, S. F. Brackney, Uriah Bellingham, W. E. Williams, H. Stevenson, A. Thorpe, G. E. Stock, E. H. Reedy, Patrick Fitzsimmons, Joseph Hollier and John F. Bowden.

Three were to be chosen.

The result of the election of delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention will not be known until the ballots shall be counted.

Money for McKinley Memorial.

The convention adopted a resolution appropriating $500 to the national McKinley memorial fund, after a prolonged discussion.

Delegate W. D. Ryan, of Illinois, was one of those who opposed the appropriation of the funds for any other purpose "than for which the money was appropriated."

Delegate Dolan, of Pittsburg, moved that $1,500 be appropriated. Finally, President Mitchell said:

"In order to bring this matter to a settlement, I move the secretary be instructed to draw his check for $500."

President Mitchell's motion was carried with cheers.

The committee on officers reports recommended all suggestions made by President Mitchell in his annual address and the convention considered them.

The recommendation that locals throughout the country petition their representatives in congress to favor the limitation of the power of federal judges in the issuance of blanket injunctions in times of labor troubles, was adopted.

That the paramount questions to the miners in the anthracite fileds are an eight-hour day, recognition of the union and a minimum wage scale. Consideration postponed until next Monday.

That a national department of statistics be created. Adopted.

That the mine hoisting engineers be organized under the supervision of the United Mine Workers, with separate districts, in keeping with the action of the American Federation of Labor. This was not concurred in by the convention and a motion that the "unconditional surrender" of the engineers be demanded was passed with a vim. In connection with the consideration of this recommendation of the president, it was urged by delegates from the Illinois field that the organization of the hoisting engineers in separate districts would cause no end of trouble to the miners by the precipitation of strikes here and there by a handful of engineers, who would be able to cause the closing down of mines, and the throwing out of employment of hundreds of miners.

THE BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SITUATION

Review of the Field by R. G. Dun & Co.—Wages Voluntarily Advanced by Manufactors.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Little of a novel nature has developed in the business or financial situation during the past week. Wages were voluntarily advanced at a number of manufacturing plants, hours reduced at others. There were few labor controversies, while skilled workmen are in greater demand than the supply.

Conditions in the iron and steel industry are shown by record breaking production at many plants and rapid increase of facilities at others. When orders for rails cannot be taken because delivery is desired before the last quarter of the year, it would seem that new figures of output were assured for 1902. Structural mills are equally well occupied, having contracts for office buildings, factories, bridges, track elevation and othe reconstructive work. Plates and sheets are available more promptly, owing to enlarged capacity of mills. Railways handle coke with less delay, which accelerates blast furnace operations. Despite the pressure for nearly all steel products and pig iron, there is no tendency to force quotations, but rather a stubborn resistance to a very upward movement. This feature of the market is watched most intently, as the abnormal activity would lose its value as an indication of prosperity if business were stimulated by excessive prices. Incidentally foreign competition would also be invited, and mills abroad are in position to take full advantage of any such opportunity. Textile markets are quiet; although reports of the jubbing trade are most favorable. Cotton mills are busy as a rule, but uncertainty as to the future of the raw material tends to unsettle prices.

Footwear holds firmly to the advance reported last week with only a moderate volume of business.

Hesitation is general in the markets for staple products. There is no longer the reckless buoyancy so conspicuous a short time ago. Disaster to one prominent operator has a calming influence, and in the case of corn the insignificant exports cannot well be entirely explained.

From Atlantic ports for the week the movement was but 352,450 bushels, against 3,472,614 a year ago. Foreign buying of wheat, flour included, is much more favorable, better prices prevailing than a year ago.

Failures for the week numbered 301 in the United States, against 306 last year, and 28 in Canada against 46 last year.

BIG RAID ON THE BOWERY

Large Number of Notorious Resorts Closed and Thirty-two Prisoners Locked Up.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 24.—A raid of unusual proportions was made by nearly one hundred policemen on the Bowery tonight. Several notorious resorts were closed and thirty-two prisoners locked up. The large number of policemen on the scene prevented any outbreak of violence and there was little difficulty in getting the prisoners to the police station.

The raids foreshadows the doom of the Bowery, for they marked the preliminary step in the wholesale cleaning of that somewhat famous thoroughfare. In nearly every raid, the proprietor of the resort was arrested.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Jan. 24.—The following charters were issued at the state department today: Food Publishing company, Williamsport; capital, $5,000. Rieffer & Sons, incorporated, Tanner's Falls; capital, $40,000.

Harrisburg, Jan. 24.—Governor Stone today reappointed W. G. Taylor, of Lancaster, and Edward Cranch, of Erie, to be members of the Homeopathic State Medical examining board.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed the residence of William Barrett, manager of Adams Express company, at 4015 Pine street. The adjoining dwelling, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George H. Inslee, was seriously damaged. The loss on the houses is estimated at $22,000.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 24.—The Central Labor union of this city will tomorrow open a shop for the employment of those journeymen horseshoers who are now on strike because their employers refused them an increase in wages.

Harrisburg, Jan. 24.—Governor Stone has been notified by the war department that Pennsylvania's claim for money expended in putting troops in the field during the rebellion has been allowed to the extent of $689,146.29, and that the claim has been certified to congress for an appropriation.

Altoona, Jan. 24.—The Wolf building on Eleventh avenue, occupied by Fox & Fox, novelty dealers, and the Republican league, was damaged by fire tonight. Loss on building, stock and furniture about $15,000, incured. Origin of fire unknown.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 24.—Cleared: Rotterdam, Rotterdam via Boulogne; Lahn, Naples and Genoa. Boulogne—Sailed: Statendam (from Rotterdam), New York. Lizard—Passed: Friesland, New York for Antwerp.

Germany's Coal Production.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—The coal production of Germany during the year 1901 amounted to 197,825,000 tons, against 109,290,237 tons produced in 1900. The statistics do not include lignite.

Pensions Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 24.—James Fallon, of Dunmore, has been granted a pension of $22.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO BE REORGANIZED

Dowager Empress and Councillors Desire the Assistance of Foreign Advisers.

FOREIGN METHODS TO BE ADOPTED

Yuan-Shi-Kai Recommends the Employment of Eight Foreigners of Eminence in Various Branches of Government Science—He Takes Japan as a Model and Hopes for Practical Results.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pekin, Jan. 24.—The dowager-empress and her councillors are seriously discussing the engagement of foreign advisers to re-organize the government. Yuan-Shi-Kai, viceroy of Pe-Chi-Li, is the inspiration of the movement. He will return to Pao-Ting-Fu tomorrow, having devoted several days to impressing upon the court the importance of real reforms and urging the adoption of foreign methods as being the only practical measures. He memorialized the throne, recommending the employment of eight foreigners of eminence in various branches of governmental science, attaching them to different boards.

The scheme in its present form, after having been discussed by the members of the council, is to engage six foreigners as authorities respectively in international law and finance, and one in military, naval, parliamentary, and governmental affairs.

Yuan Shi Kai and his followers are hopeful of practical results. They are taking Japan as their model. Any attempt to institute a parliament of any sort would, however, meet with tremendous opposition.

While the employment of foreign advisers is no new idea with the Chinese, in only exceptional instances has it produced lasting results, because inferior men were often engaged to advise and were usually only half heartedly followed. Yuan Shi Kai proposes to secure men of unquestioned abilities and clothe them with some real authority. If the court adopts the plan, its outcome will be watched with interested skepticism and lobbying by the powers for representation among the councilors will probably begin.

Prince Ching, president of the new Chinese foreign office, desires that his eldest son should represent China at the coronation of King Edward, and his appointment as the Chinese special envoy is expected.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE IS HEARD FROM.

Resolution Condemning the Action of President Roosevelt.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 24.—In the house today Representative Averdick (Dem.), of Covington, introduced a joint resolution condemning the action of President Roosevelt in sending a special envoy as the representative of this country to the coronation of King Edward, and expressed the shame felt by the legislature because of this action.

Representative Rigdon, of Bracken, introduced a joint resolution to prohibit the use of any books in the schools of this state which do not give Admiral Schley full credit for the victory at the battle of Santiago.

REFERRED FOR COMMENT.

President Roosevelt's Disposition of Admiral Schley's Appeal.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The president has referred Admiral Schley's appeal to the navy department for "comment." This is the technical term employed in naval law to designate a reply, in the nature of a criticism, to any presentation. If charges are lodged against an officer, they are referred to him in order that he may "comment" upon them, and his reply is known legally by that name.

It is understood that the preparation of this comment will consume about two weeks' time.

Died in a Dentist's Chair.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 24.—Thomas Condron died in the office of Dr. A. A. Barton this afternoon while under the influence of ether. He was having three teeth pulled and one was out when he died.

BOWLING CONGRESS ENDED.

Scranton Men Prominent Among the Pin Knockers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 24.—The annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress ended tonight. It was one of the most successful meets by the organization, both in the number of entries and management. The newly-elected officers were installed tonight.

The individual bowlers who were last on the programme finished tonight. H. H. Strong won first money with a score of 649 pins. In the individuals, Hopkins scored 572 and Riehl 509, both from Scranton, Pa.

BOSTON TEAMSTERS' STRIKE.

Mob Makes a Demonstration—Fourteen Arrests Are Made.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Boston, Jan. 24.—One of the most serious demonstrations since the strike of the teamsters began, took place on Atlantic avenue this afternoon. A dray got pocketed and a tremendous crowd, including many boys, collected. The patrolmen and mounted men charged the throng, but were met and checked by a volley of muddy snow, ice stones and brick.

The police rallied in a moment and charged again. This time the crowd gave away. Fourteen arrests were made, thirteen of them being lads from 13 to 17 years of age.

DEMOCRATS OUTLINE THEIR PLAN OF ACTION

The House Caucus Are Without the Power to Promulgate a Platform of Principles.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The Democratic members of the house of representatives met in caucus in the hall of the house this evening, and after a short but spirited contest, adopted resolutions, presented by the majority of the caucus committee, declaring that they were without power to promulgate a platform of principles for the party, owing to the binding character of the party platform heretofore regularly made at a national convention.

The resolution recited the work of the committee and closed with thee following recommendation:

We are of the opinion that as the representatives of our various constituencies and as members of the caucus, made up of such representatives, we have no power or authority to construct or promulgate a platform of principles for our party; that we cannot increase or minimize the binding effect of platforms of the party heretofore regularly made, and adopted by the people in convention assembled for that purpose.

That in the house of which we are members, we should vigorously and aggressively battle for Democratic principles and with equal vigor and aggressiveness we should oppose everything contrary, in substance or method, to those principles, and should meet each question as it arises with a full confidence and a solid and undivided front.

The caucus also adopted the following:

Resolved, That the territories of Arizona, Oklahoma and New Mexico are entitled to statehood, and should be admitted to the Union on equal footing with the balance of the states, and we pledge the support of the Democrats in the house of representatives to such a bill.

VERDICT OF JURY IN N. Y. CENTRAL WRECK

John M. Wisker and E. C. Fyler Are Completely Exonerated—Blame Placed on the Officials.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 24.—The coroner's investigation into the causes of the recent disaster in the New York Central railroad tunnel was brought to a close tonight, when the jury, after being out three hours and five minutes, returned a verdict completely exonerating John M. Wisker and E. C. Fyler, the crew of the engine that crashed into the rear end of the train, causing the death of seventeen people. The verdict places the blame for the conditions leading to the accident on the officials of the railroad. Both Wisker and Fyler were immediately discharged from custody.

After reciting the details of the accident, the verdict continues:

We find that the engineer, John M. Wisker, owing to the heavy atmosphere, due to weather conditions, together with the presence of large bodies of steam and smoke escaping from trains passing the various tracks in said tunnell, obscuring said signals, was unable to locate said danger signal.

We further find faulty management on the part of the officials of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad, and we hold said officials responsible for the reason that during the past ten years said officials have been repeatedly warned by their locomotive engineers and other employes of the dangerous conditions existing in said tunnel, imperilling the lives of thousands of passengers, and they have failed to remedy said conditions, and also for the reason that certain improvements in the way of both visible and audible signals could have been installed and the disaster thereby have been avoided, and for the further reason that no regulation of speed at which trains should run in said tunnell has been enforced, thereby allowing engineers to exercise their own discretion.

Deputy Sheriff Shoots Horse Thief.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 24.—Deputy Sheriff Edward Martin, of Fergus county, today shot and instantly killed Bud Tyler, who it is claimed, stole a team belonging to a rancher named Adam Rusch. The deputy attempted to arrest Tyler who ran and refusing to halt, was shot dead.

Prize Fight Postponed.

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—The Yosemite club tonight decided to postpone indefinitely the proposed Jeffries-Sharkey fight. The chief reason given is the unsatisfactory ending of the recent Sharkey-Maher fight at Philadelphia.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for January 24, 1902:
Highest temperature ..... 35 degrees
Lowest temperature ..... 27 degrees
Relative humidity:
8 a. m. ..... 67 per cent.
8 p. m. ..... 68 per cent.
Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., none.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania, fair Saturday and Sunday; light to fresh westerly to northerly winds.