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BIG ROCHESTER FIRES.

Two Factories and a Leather Store Destroyed.

Chicago Funerals Interrupted—Marines Guard Isthmus—Seven Deaths in Dormitory Fire—Annexation of Greenland—Senator Green Held For Trial—Steamer Finland Aground.

Rochester was visited last Monday by a series of disastrous fires. The first of the fires was in the building of the F. A. Sherwood Leather company, 108 Mill street, and gave the firemen a stubborn four-hour fight. Before this fire was out, another alarm called the firemen to the Foster-Armstrong piano factory, on Commercial street, near by, and the flames quickly spread to the tobacco factory of P. S. Whalen & Co.

Inside of 20 minutes the flames had made a clean sweep of both structures, and the falling walls partially buried the water tower, damaging it seriously. Almost immediately following the collapse of the walls, another alarm was turned in. This third fire was found to be in another piano factory belonging to the Wendell-Marshall company, at North Water street and Central avenue. This is a branch of the Foster Piano company, members of both firms having stock in the business, and in the building was stored a heavy stock of pianos for the holiday season.

In order to fight the fire from all sides, hosemen were stationed in the icy river, where they worked for hours, suffering terribly from their exposure. Owing to the dense smoke, it was impossible to enter the building and after burning till noon Tuesday the building was destroyed.

Effects of High Price of Cotton.

Bradstreet's summary of the state of trade says:
Holiday and retail business generally is seasonably active, wholesale and jobbing trade correspondingly quiet, while manufacturing industry slackens partly for the above reasons, but also because of low water in streams, or efforts to re-adjust operations to changed conditions of demand and supply.

The cotton goods manufacturing trade is struggling with high costs and unsettled views as to finished goods prices, and international curtailment is suggested. Cotton easily leads the speculative markets. The shorts have again been twisted and the highest prices since last summer have been reached.

So high is the price of cotton that every vestige of merchantable cotton is being saved. Bradstreet's Dallas correspondent notes that frozen cotton bolls are being put through a threshing machine to save the staple contained therein. The cotton thus obtained sells for 2 cents less than the regular price, and many thousand bales will be produced.

Business failures for the week ending Dec. 17 number 229 against 241 last week and 225 in the like week in 1902.

Many Funerals Interrupted.

Shrinking from the espionage of union pickets and fearful that funeral parties would be attacked by the striking livery drivers, many Chicago families have refrained from publicly announcing death in their midst. In the vaults of several undertakers lie the bodies of persons about whose death the utmost secrecy is maintained, and whose funerals will be postponed until the strike is settled. In other cases the stricken relatives have arranged for evening funerals and private burials, of which no announcement was made.

The scenes that attended several funerals Saturday when union pickets attempted to interfere with the removal of bodies, led the health department officials to sanction the secrecy that is being preserved. The undertakers have been informed that unless public safety demands it, burials will not be insisted on until such a time as funeral parties shall be safe from molestation.

Reduction of Wages Predicted.

The statement was made in New York by a leading official of the United States Steel corporation that, beginning Jan. 1, 1904, about 90 per cent of the employees of the corporation will suffer wage reductions ranging from 5 to 20 per cent. This reduction will affect about 150,000 workmen.

The remaining 10 per cent of the employees are working under a wage agreement.

The finance committee of the steel corporation. It is understood, has under consideration the dismissal of many high salaried employees in addition to those already discharged. It was asserted that, barring some unforeseen technicalities, employees of the corporation who participated in the profit sharing plan will in the coming month receive a \$5 dividend on the preferred stock to which they subscribed at \$2.50.

General Reyes' Statement.

Although Secretary of State John Hay is still confined to his home on account of illness he received General Reyes, the Colombian special envoy, and Dr. Herran, charge d'affaires of the legation, who called to notify him that the presentation of the statement which is being prepared by them with the assistance of Wayne

McVeagh would be deferred until after the holidays. It was explained that the document is intended for Mr. Hay's personal consideration. All thought of submitting it to the state department has been abandoned since Mr. Loomis, the acting secretary, delivered his address in New York on the Panama canal question.

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The news of the movement of marines southward from Panama, based on reported landing of Colombian troops in that part of the isthmus, was received with keen interest in army circles in Washington. There was, however, no outcome in the shape of orders to troops, though the arrival there of Brigadier General J. Franklin Bell was regarded as confirming the previous statements to the effect that the army is making ready to do its share at a moment's notice. General Bell consulted with members of the general staff.

Mayor Collins Re-Elected.

The Democrats of Boston, Mass., won an overwhelming victory in the municipal election Tuesday. Mayor Patrick A. Collins being re-elected by 26,563 plurality, the largest ever given a mayoralty candidate in the history of the city. The board of aldermen next year will be solidly Democratic and that party will have a large majority in the common council. James A. Cullavan, the Democratic candidate for street commissioner, was also successful in defeating Isaac B. F. Allen, Rep., a colored man, and formerly a member of the governor's council. The city as usual favored licensed liquor selling by a large majority.

Resolution to Amend Constitution.

State Senator Merton E. Lewis of Monroe county said that he would introduce a measure into the senate at the forthcoming session providing for an amendment to section 3, article 7, of the state constitution, prohibiting the imposition of tolls on the canals of the state. Said Senator Lewis: "I shall attempt simply to bring about a repeal of this constitutional provision, leaving the matter in such shape that the legislature may impose such tolls as it deems best when the large canal gets in operation."

Seven Deaths in Dormitory Fire.

Seven are dead and 17 injured because of the fire Friday night in the girls' dormitory of the Welles university, at Nashville, Tenn. All are negro girls. The university is a Methodist institution for the education of young negroes. The dormitory was a four-story brick building. There were no fire escapes and the only exit was a stairway which was early choked with flame. The girls who escaped jumped from the windows.

Want to Annex Greenland.

The Dominion government is considering the question of uniting Newfoundland with Canada, also the purchase of Greenland from Denmark. This is the result of the Alaskan boundary question, so unsatisfactory to Canada. While Canada and Newfoundland can enter upon negotiations as to union it will be necessary for the Dominion to negotiate through the imperial authorities with Denmark for the purchase of Greenland. So far no official information can be had.

Infant's 24-Days Sleep.

After having slept for 24 days the nine-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Slatoff of Third avenue, New York city, has awakened. The sleeping of this infant has proved a mystery to the medical profession. The sleep was natural, respiration being regular and the pulse strong during the long period of unconsciousness. The child is fat and apparently healthy and the attending physician said that she is as well as if she had only taken an ordinary sleep.

Senator Green Held For Trial.

United States Commissioner Hall has handed down his decision in the case of State Senator George E. Green of Binghamton, charged with bribery and conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the sale of time recorders and cancelling machines. The defendant is held on all five of the indictments for trial in the city of Washington.

Steamer Finland Aground.

The Red Star liner Finland, which left Antwerp Saturday for New York and which later ran ashore near Niuenwien, Holland, lies in a dangerous position. The weather is foggy.

The Finland had 1,000 passengers on board, all of whom were taken off. Lighters are now alongside the Finland and are taking out her cargo. The sea is calm with light winds.

Life Saving Medal of Honor.

Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw has sent to Captain John H. Glover of Buffalo a silver life saving medal of honor awarded him for gallant conduct in rescuing the crew of the schooner Nellie Mason two miles off Port Colborne, Ont., Sept. 29, 1895.

New Chaplain of the Senate.

The Republican senators have decided upon Rev. Edward Everett Hale of Boston for chaplain of the senate beginning Jan. 1. He is a Unitarian and 63 years old. Dr. Hale has accepted.

Seven Per Cent Advance.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal company will pay its employees 7 per cent advance on the sliding scale for December.

RAN INTO OPEN SWITCH

Mistake of a Brakeman Caused Many Deaths.

Baggage Car Telescoped the Engine and Smoker and Two Chair Cars Piled on Top of the Engine—Cars Took Fire—Dead and Injured All Western People.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—In the wreck at Godfrey, Kan., of the "Meteor," a St. Louis and San Francisco fast train from the South, nine persons were killed and 32 were injured. Of the injured five probably will die, while 14 were severely hurt. The dead: James Kirkpatrick, George Hoyt, conductor, B. A. Dewees, engineer, Theodore Bishard, fireman, James H. Wyman, Asa Moreland, Lon Corbin, Joseph Corbin, John Bluebecker.

Probably fatally injured: John Brubaker, news agent; Sheridan Kanahele, E. Garroway, John Bell, messenger; H. B. Darlington, mail clerk.

All the dead lived in Kansas and Oklahoma and the injured are residents of the West.

J. A. Bartley, a freight brakeman, whose failure to flag the passenger train caused the wreck, has disappeared.

One man, whose body has not been identified, was thrown 60 feet into a neighboring cornfield.

Two men, one from Oklahoma and the other from Arkansas, were fatally injured. Sixteen persons, including Henry M. McDonald of Lodi, O., were seriously hurt, and 15 others were slightly injured.

Most of the injured were badly burned and maimed.

The crew of a freight train that had preceded the Meteor left the switch open, and the passenger train jumped the track and rolled down a small embankment. The smoker turned over and so fast was the train running that the engine and the forward baggage car landed nearly 60 feet off the roadbed. The sleeper remained upright and none of the passengers in this car was injured.

The responsibility for the wreck is laid to a brakeman of the freight crew who failed to flag the passenger train. He has disappeared.

The engine on the freight had become "dead" and the crew was ordered to remain on the main track and to turn the switch for the passenger train, then about due. The brakeman was ordered to flag the Meteor, but is alleged to have neglected to do so.

In the crash the baggage car telescoped the engine and landed in a cornfield, while the smoker and the two chair cars were piled in a mass on top of the engine. Most of the injured were in the chair cars which took fire soon after the wreck occurred.

KISHINEFF MURDERS.

Two Principals in Massacre Sentenced For Five and Seven Years—Others Sentenced.

Kishineff, Bessarabia, Dec. 22.—Two Russians named Gaetschik and Marosjek, who have been on trial charged with murder as the authors of the massacre of Jews here last spring, were sentenced to seven and five years penal servitude respectively.

Twenty-two persons charged with being involved in the massacre are sentenced to periods ranging from one to two years each. One person was sentenced to six months imprisonment and 12 were acquitted, while 48 civil actions brought against the accused were dismissed. The costs of the prosecutions must be paid by the convicted persons.

Good Roads Association.

Dickinson, Pa., Dec. 22.—Colonel W. 1. Erieon of Springfield, Mass., vice president and road expert of the New York and Chicago Good Roads association, after a conference with President Hamilton and board of directors of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, accepted the invitation of that organization to hold the next meeting of the association in this city March 16 and 17, 1904. Invitations to be present were extended to several United States senators, congressmen and to governors of the States interested in the project.

Trial For Falsifying Records.

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 22.—The trial of Albert C. Twining and David C. Cornell, former president and treasurer respectively of the Monmouth Trust company of Asbury Park, on an indictment charging them with falsifying the reports and minutes of the trust company, was begun here before Judge Heislery.

Instructed to Vote For Treaty.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 22.—Both houses of the Louisiana legislature have adopted a resolution requesting the United States senators from this state to vote in favor of the ratification of the treaty providing for the building of the Panama canal.

75,000 Christmas Presents.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—The idle window glass workers of the country will receive each a Christmas present from the organization of which they are members. Fully 75,000 will be distributed.

ARREST FOR DIVE MURDER.

Bundle of Clothing Traced to Emil Totterman, a Swedish Sailor.

New York, Dec. 22.—By the arrest of Emil Totterman, a Swedish sailor, the police believe that they have cleared up the mystery in the murder of Sarah Martin whose mutilated body was found Sunday in Kelly's hotel, a sailors' resort on the East river front.

The arrest, which was made in the Sailors' union headquarters in South street, followed information received from Detective Sergeant McCafferty of New York, who was sent to Bridgeport, Conn., to trace a purchase check of Meigs & Co. of Bridgeport for a pair of shoes and a sweater which were found in the room where the crime was committed.

On the wrapper of the parcel left in the room by the murderer was written the name "Fred C. Helano" and underneath the name "E. Totterman." McCafferty reported by telephone from Bridgeport that the schooner Fred C. Helano was lying at that port and that a sailor named Totterman had been discharged from her on Saturday. He also obtained a good description of the man who on Saturday purchased the shoes and sweater from Meigs Co. Information was secured, too, which led the police to the sailors' union.

Furnished with a description central office detectives picked out Totterman from among a crowd of seamen at the sailors' union. When searched there was found on him a sailor's clasp knife the blade of which appeared to bear blood stains.

At police headquarters the prisoner was fully identified by James Kelly the proprietor of the hotel, his wife and other persons as the man who on Saturday night accompanied Sarah Martin to the room in which her body was found.

Totterman said he had never been at the hotel, although he admitted that he had come from Bridgeport on Saturday, but denied having purchased there the shoes and sweater. Undergoing a long examination by Inspector McClusky and Assistant District Attorney Garvan he was arraigned in the police court and remanded on the technical charge of being a "suspicious character" to police headquarters.

Later Louis Baldwin and Parker T. Silvernall, salesmen for Meigs & Co., fully identified Totterman as the man who bought the shoes and sweater. The police say that Totterman is also known as Carl Nielsen.

MR. BRYAN VISITS CZAR.

Talk Was on Subject of Public Instruction in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—William Jennings Bryan was received in audience by Czar Nicholas at noon yesterday. The audience, which lasted 15 minutes, was arranged almost on the spur of the moment by Ambassador McCormick, who until Sunday was uncertain as to the time of Mr. Bryan's arrival at St. Petersburg.

During the conversation with Mr. Bryan His Majesty expressed in the most emphatic manner the feeling of friendship entertained by him and by the Russian nation for the United States and the hope that the good relations which have always existed between the countries would never be disturbed. He gave evidence of the deepest interest in and acquaintance with affairs in the United States.

In response of Mr. Bryan's inquiry concerning the progress of public instruction in Russia His Majesty gave a minute description of the system of education in the Russian empire, showing an intimate knowledge of educational methods and the statistics relating thereto.

Mr. Bryan was entertained at dinner by Ambassador McCormick at night. He left for Berlin today.

Explosion in Nottingham Mine.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 22.—A serious explosion occurred in No. 3 slope of the Nottingham mine, at Plymouth, yesterday. Great excitement prevailed and ambulances and physicians were hurried to the top of the slope. Eight men were brought from the mine, burned by the gas. The injuries of three are serious. The explosion hurled timber and bracing work in all directions, though no serious damage was done to the workings. The carelessness of a miner in carrying a naked lamp caused the explosion.

January Dividend Passed.

New York, Dec. 22.—The directors of the United States Reduction and Refining company have passed the January dividend on the preferred stock. In a circular letter to holders of the preferred shares the statement is made that the business of the company has been seriously affected by labor troubles since February last at which time a strike was declared in a Colorado city works of the company by the Western Federation of Miners.

Alderman Brennan Sentenced.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Alderman John J. Brennan was sentenced to one year in the house of correction by Judge Gary on a charge of complicity in illegal frauds. A sentence of six months was given to Charles McCarty, and three months to Herbert E. Keat on similar charges.

Definite Date of Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The secretary of state has issued a circular letter which declares that the Cuban and treaty treaty becomes operative one minute after midnight, Dec. 27.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Pointed Paragraphs Chronicling the Week's Doings.

Long Dispatches From Various Parts of the World Shorn of Their Padding and Only Facts Given in as Few Words as Possible For the Benefit of the Hurried Reader.

Rochester was visited by three big fires Monday night, involving a loss of between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

A. C. Bushnell, cashier of the Yale National bank at New Haven, shot and killed himself in the bank building just before the opening hour.

Republican senators agreed upon the Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale of Boston, Mass., for chaplain of the senate, and he will accept the office.

The executive committee of the Denver Citizens' Alliance has adopted resolutions favoring a congressional investigation of Colorado strikes.

Senator Hanna made a formal demand that the committee on military affairs summon General Leonard Wood from the Philippines to be examined as to his conduct in Cuba.

Thursday.

The force of the cold wave is broken in the Northwest. A general rise in temperature is reported.

Disorder, unrest and conflicts with the Japanese are on the increase in Korea, and foreigners are becoming alarmed.

Jacob Ellis, after a tour of the Washington slums, announced that he found them much worse than similar districts in New York city.

Mrs. Daniel Manning of Albany, N. Y., was elected president of the World's fair board of lady managers, vice Mrs. James L. Blair, resigned.

Arguments in the Northern Securities case were concluded, Attorney General Knox speaking for the government and George B. Young closing for the corporation attacked.

Friday.

President Roosevelt signed the Cuban reciprocity bill.

The sea of Azof is fast disappearing, and strange scenes are witnessed at Tangarog, at the head of the vast lagoon, vessels lying stranded and helpless.

An agreement has been reached between General Taft and the Philippine friars, by which the United States will acquire the friar lands for the sum of \$7,219,000 gold.

The Chemung county board of supervisors has appropriated \$254,000 for the construction of good roads through the county, in accordance with the provisions of the Higbie-Armstrong act.

The report of Charles J. Bonaparte and Holmes Conrad on the postoffice scandals declares former Assistant Postmaster General Heath and George W. Heavers primarily responsible for discreditable abuses.

Saturday.

The council of the French war office has considered the details of M. Dreuff's reinstatement in the army as a lieutenant colonel.

Joseph Chamberlain has obtained the services of a number of prominent business men on his commission of experts to draw up a British tariff reform measure.

Senator Hour, in calling for the facts in the Panama situation, severely criticized the president's course. Senator Gorman followed in the same line, and Senator Foraker defended the administration.

The cruiser Atlanta, in the gulf of Darien, found 500 apparently hostile Colombian soldiers just outside the Panama boundary. A landing party was ordered to lower the Stars and Stripes on its boat, but the order was disregarded.

Monday.

Governor Odell and Attorney General Cannon spoke at a dinner of the Buffalo chamber of commerce.

Seven students were killed and 17 injured by burning of Wadsworth university for negro girls at Nashville, Tenn.

Owing to a strike among livermen in Chicago many dead went unburied and a millionaire's body was taken to a cemetery in a rumson wagon.

Tuesday.

Report that Americans in the Darien district have been notified by the Colombians to leave within 24 hours.

ANOTHER TOWER HOLD-UP.

Telegraph Operator Assaulted While Arrest is Made For Clendenin Murder.

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 21.—While Edward Moyer, a pedler, was being arrested for the murder of William Clendenin a month ago at Sunbury, Frank Brown, the night operator at Winburn, was being assaulted by a highwayman, the eighth hold-up of telegraph operators in this part of Pennsylvania since the mysterious murder of Clendenin in his tower at Brown's.

Winburn is a lonely station on the Pennsylvania division of the New York Central on the crest of the Allegheny mountains. At midnight the operator was aroused by a man who demanded admittance. When this was refused the stranger crushed the door in with a heavy club and made for the operator.

Brown's left arm was put out of use by a heavy blow from the club, but the weapon dropped from