

TWENTY-THREE PERISHED

Terrific Explosion Followed by Stifling Gases.

BODIES ALL RECOVERED

Force of Explosion Shattered Timbers and Mine Cars Blown Out of Opening.

Twenty-three miners in the Coal-dale company's shaft at Coal-dale, W. Va., were instantly killed by an explosion. The explosion was of terrific force and caused intense excitement throughout the surrounding country, many people believing an earthquake had occurred.

Great crowds were attracted by the disaster and a large rescuing party soon began work. They were unable to accomplish anything until new fans were put into position to force the gases ahead so the rescuers might enter the shaft.

The bodies of all of the 23 miners have been recovered. The bodies were found in various places, dragged after several hours work. They were carried from the shaft to a house adjoining the big tipple at the mine entrance, where they were laid in a row.

The big timbers used for holding up the top of the mine were hurled from the drifts, one piece going across a narrow valley, moving down small trees on the opposite side. Mine cars were blown out of the opening and wrecked about the entrance and material, tools and appliances were scattered about in confusion. Four mine mules were killed.

The Coal-dale operation is owned and operated by the Cooper brothers, also owners of the Mill creek and McEwell Coal & Coke companies. The Coal-dale plant is considered one of the best operations in the field.

DRAGGED FROM WHITE HOUSE

Officers Eject Woman Who Insisted on Seeing President.

For insisting that she must see the President and declaring she would not leave the White House offices until she had seen him, Mrs. Minor Morris, a sister of Congressman Hull, of Iowa, chairman of the House committee military affairs, was seized by two officers on duty, dragged screaming and protesting from the building over the wet and muddy pavement in front, and through a long underground corridor the whole width of the White House grounds to the Eastern entrance to which visitors are admitted to the official levees, where she was bundled into a cab and taken to the house of detention, Mrs. Morris resides with her husband, who is a physician, on Massachusetts avenue in the most fashionable part of the city. Mrs. Morris bore every external indication of being a woman of refinement and while she showed some excitement when insisting on her right to remain in the White House office until she could see the President, no one could have mistaken her for an ordinary crank or a dangerous person.

Her husband, Dr. Morris, held a position in the army medical museum until recently, when he was removed for striking a superior during an altercation. It was for the purpose of requesting his reinstatement that she sought the interview with the President.

TAKE CASH, LEAVE BONDS

Rob Safe of Iron Company and Take Funds Belonging to Church.

Burglars entered the office of the Ohio Iron and Steel company at Lowellville, O., and, drilling into the safe, used nitro-glycerin and exploded it when a train was passing, wrecking the safe and vault. They secured \$500 belonging to the company and \$100 belonging to the Presbyterian church.

The burglars examined \$100,000 of registered bonds, but were careful not to take any through fear of discovery. Until recently the safe contained nearly \$1,000,000 in negotiable bonds belonging to members of the company.

PLOT TO KILL THE CZAR

A Trusted Artillery Officer and Two Students Arrested.

A plot to assassinate the Czar of Russia, at Tsarskoe-Selo has been discovered there in the nick of time and by mere accident.

Several artillery officers, most trusted men, upon whom the Czar depends for his personal safety, are implicated. The chief conspirators are a student named Wassiloff, the son of a professor in St. Petersburg University, and another student named Altonowski, the son of a high judge in this city. They and the artillery officers have been arrested.

Turks Conquered Revolutionists.

A return issued by the Turkish authorities shows that 1,022 casualties resulted from the fighting in Macedonia between Turkish troops and Bulgarian, Greek and Serbian revolutionary bands during 1905. Altogether 119 encounters took place in the vilayets of Salonica, Monastir and Uskub, in which the insurgents lost 520 men killed and 20 wounded. In addition the troops captured 225 prisoners. The troops lost 122 killed and 145 wounded.

Howard Must Serve Term.

The supreme court of the United States affirmed the decision of the Kentucky court of appeals in refusing a new trial in the case of James B. Howard vs. the State of Kentucky.

Howard was tried three times in the court of Franklin county, Ky., on the charge of murdering Governor William Goebel, on January 30, 1900, and was executed each time. He is now in the State Prison at Middlesboro, Ky., for a term of life imprisonment.

MORALES CRUSHED

Five Generals, Including Rodriguez, Fall in Battle in Santo Domingo.

After two days' heavy fighting against Santiago and Puerto Plata, the forces of Gen. Demetrio Rodriguez were entirely routed, losing 120 men killed and wounded here. Gens. Rodriguez, Lico and Perez were killed. Among the Caeceres forces, Gen. Perdo Vanega and Antonio Calderon were killed.

American cruisers prohibited the gunboat from bombarding, or the fort from using artillery. The revolutionary forces re-embarked on their gunboat in the harbor.

Mr. Joubert, the Dominican representative at Washington, received a cablegram announcing that Gen. Rodriguez was killed at Puerto Plata; that the fighting there had lasted three days but that the country was quiet and it was hoped the situation would be soon cleared. Mr. Joubert communicated this information to Secretary Root.

Cable advices received at the State department from San Domingo announce that the revolution is practically at an end. The troops are dispersing to their homes and the country is again becoming quiet.

SUITORS PAID \$5 EACH

Failed to Get Introduction to Reputed Widow Worth \$100,000.

J. C. Farrington, head of an alleged fraudulent matrimonial agency in New Orleans, was arrested in New York. He was indicted there for advertising the matrimonial offer of an alleged creole widow who owned a \$100,000 sugar plantation and wanted a husband.

The widow was described as very beautiful and hundreds of men answered the offer, writing to the agency at New Orleans, which Farrington is said to have conducted. The agency asked these correspondents to contribute a \$5 fee each to secure an introduction to the widow.

On complaint of a man from Velasco, Tex., and another from Sinope, Pa., that no introduction resulted from the fee, Farrington was arrested. He forfeited \$1,500 cash and escaped from Louisiana.

WABASH CHANGES PLANS

Gould Interests Decide to Put Pittsburg on Branch.

The Gould lines will reach the water by way of Wheeling, Uniontown, Pa., Cumberland and Baltimore, instead of through Pittsburg, as was originally intended.

The hardest engineering problem was that of getting the line over the mountains between Cumberland and Maryland. The purchase of the George's Creek & Cumberland railroad provided an outlet through the Narrows.

The road will then proceed up Williams creek to Kridgham and thence through Barre, Va., to Mt. Savage, and on to Frostburg. The road will be practically a straight line between Cumberland and Uniontown.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE

Governor Higgins Advises Passage of Strict Insurance Law.

The 129th session of the New York legislature began January 30. In his message Governor Higgins urged the necessity of a drastic life insurance law. Other measures recommended included a mortgage tax law, and electoral reform.

Senator Brackett introduced a resolution demanding the resignation of Chauncey M. Depew from the United States Senate on the ground of disclosures in the Equitable investigation. The resolution was withdrawn for the time being.

Harper Must Pay Millions.

A verdict for \$5,250,000 against Edward E. Harper, once vice president of the Fidelity National bank of Cincinnati, was affirmed in the United States circuit court. Eighteen years ago Harper was convicted of causing the failure of the bank and served six years in prison. The verdict he ordered to pay goes out of this failure.

Harper is vice president and general manager of the Union Iron & Steel Company.

\$350,000 Fire in Kansas City.

Fire in the retail quarter of Kansas City, Mo., caused a loss of \$350,000, destroying the three-story brick building of the Columbus Buggy Company in Walnut street, near Tenth; the adjoining building, occupied by the Klumb Piano Company, and the Hettiger Brothers' Manufacturing Company, and damaged the Commerce building.

John H. Atkinson Dead.

John H. Atkinson, sole surviving member of Virginia's delegation to the Republican nominating convention in 1856, died at his home in New Cumberland, W. Va., Mr. Atkinson was born in Ohio in 1805, and when 7 years old located at New Cumberland. He was active in the events of the Civil war, but for many years had lived a retired life.

Yellow Fever Disappears.

According to an official report issued January 3, the last case of yellow fever has disappeared from Havana. Since the first appearance of the disease, in October, there have been 69 cases, 23 of which resulted in death and 46 of which were discharged cured.

Dance Turned to Battle.

A dance was in progress at the home of Tony Biles at Brooks, Ga., and two young men quarreled about a partner. They were ordered out of the house by Biles, and renewed the difficulty in the yard. Biles ran out with his shotgun and a fusillade followed, participated in by a large crowd, and resulting in the death of Tony Biles and the serious wounding of John W. Goodin, Vander Goodin and Frank Morris.

Michigan Farm House Tragedy.

Neighbors broke into the farmhouse of Clarence A. Barnum, who recently located near Rochester, Mich., and found Barnum, his wife, his daughter Louise, aged 23, and his son, Clinton, aged 16, all dead. The wife, the son and the daughter, had been murdered with an ax. A single barbed shot gun lying near his corpse and the fact that his head was almost entirely blown off, showed how Barnum had met his end.

REBELS STRONG IN BALTICS

Several Attempts Are Made To Wreck a Military Train.

WITTE'S MOTIVES IMPUGNED

Reform Will Not Be Abandoned by Premier, Though "Reds" Are Defeated.

The situation in the Baltic provinces is still critical. The military at Reval, Mitau and Riga are adopting the most energetic measures. A stationmaster, who refused to send out a train at Orloff, has been hanged. The insurgents made several attempts to derail a military train between Libau and Hagenof.

Arrests of extremists in St. Petersburg continue. An editor and others charged with distributing revolutionary literature among the soldiers have been detained by the police.

The "Molyva" (Russ) says that Count Solsky's commission has decided to change the council of state into an upper house consisting of 100 members, 50 of whom will be appointed and 50 elected.

The "Slovoy," the conservative organ, which recently turned upon Count Witte, delivers a broadside, not only impugning the motives of the premier in the present war against the "reds," but openly attacking the records of members of the cabinet. It says:

"Witte is a good deal of a broker and something of a journalist, but at heart he is a political gambler and lacks the ring of sincerity. No government without honesty can inspire confidence.

The government's strongly worded announcement that it proposes to pursue to the bitter end the policy of putting down the "reds," following on the heels of the crushing of the revolt at Moscow, demonstrates the confidence of Premier Witte's government that it has the ability to complete the task it has undertaken. The main cause of this confidence is the fidelity displayed by the troops.

Despite the rigorous, ruthless fashion in which the war against the "Reds" is conducted the government is taking every opportunity by word and deed to try to prove to the public that the repression of the revolutionists does not involve the abandonment of the reform program, but that the new regime may be realized.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Governor Vandaman of Mississippi, has vetoed a House bill to legalize the merger of the Mobile & Ohio and the Southern railroads.

Three Niagara Falls hotels, the Porter house, Imperial hotel and Temperance House Annex were badly damaged by fire.

The majority of the 6,000 members of the housewives' and bridgemen's unions in New York City struck. They demanded an increase in wages from \$1.50 to \$5 a day.

Rev. D. S. Hammond of Weston, has been elected superintendent of the West Virginia Reform school, to succeed O. E. Darnell, resigned. Mrs. George Watson of Pruntytown, succeeds Mrs. Darnell as matron.

Four men blew open the Spangrue-Muller bank at Baltimore, O., during the night, but failed to get to the money in the safe, apparently being frightened by the explosion.

Three regiments of United States infantry, two batteries of artillery and one squadron of cavalry, are under orders to leave San Francisco for the Philippines during this month.

William Smith and Philip Jones of Bristol, Pa., were drowned in the Delaware river late Monday night by the swamping of a rowboat near Burlington Island. Samuel Bell, also of Bristol, clung to the boat until rescued.

Action will be brought in the Marion County Circuit Court against Daniel E. Storms, Secretary of State of Indiana, to compel him to vacate office. He refused to resign on demand of the Governor.

The In the Pressed Steel Car Company's plant in lower Allegheny threatened a large district and did \$50,000 damage.

The Pabst Brewing Company of Milwaukee, Wis., has filed its answer in the Government case, wherein the company is charged with receiving rebates. The answer is a general denial.

The annual report of the Isthmian canal commission showed that the sanitation of the canal zone has been greatly improved and material progress has been made on the actual construction of the canal.

Dr. S. M. King of Alliance, O., committed suicide while lying in bed by shooting himself through the head. Dr. King several months ago sued his wife for divorce. Letters found among the belongings of the dead man indicate that reconciliation was about to be effected.

Wedding Day Announced.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt announced that the wedding of Miss Alice Roosevelt to Representative Nicholas Longworth of Cincinnati, will take place Saturday, February 17, at 12 o'clock noon in the east room of the White House.

Engineer Held for Neglect.

A coroner's jury which inquired into the collision of 10 days ago when a Poughkeepsie train on the New York Central and Hudson River railroad crashed into a Stamford train on the New York, New Hampshire and Hartford railroad, on the Harlem viaduct of the Central, rendered a verdict holding Engineer John Horn, of the Poughkeepsie train, for criminal negligence for alleged failure to obey the signals for the safety of the trains.

FAMINE IN JAPAN

Poor Classes Are Forced to Subsist on Shrubs, Roots and Bark.

Thousands are starving in North Japan on account of the famine there, according to advices received by the steamer Empress of Japan. A government report says Miyagi, Fukushima and Iwate provinces, with a population of 2,821,557, are confronted by the worst famine since the deadly one of 60 years ago.

So great is the clamor in Miyagi that famine investigators report that "the sentence of death has been passed on one-third of the people of the province." Already thousands in these three provinces are obliged to eat shrubs, roots and bark of trees to sustain life, and a million people are in extreme condition.

The misery arising from the famine is indescribable. Committees of foreign residents have been formed to arrange systematic relief.

TORNADO IN SOUTH

Buildings in Albany, Ga., Wrecked and Many Killed.

A tornado of terrible force passed over Albany, Ga., spreading ruin over portions of a dozen blocks. Several persons are dead, others may die and many are hurt.

The known dead are Ben Jones, a machinist, and Jake Johnson, a 9-year-old boy. Among those fatally hurt are Luta Gladden, Jesse Davis, Annie Davis and Jessie Woodall.

The list is incomplete. Hundreds of negroes are homeless and many have lost their household effects. The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company is the principal sufferer, its destroyed buildings and machinery being worth \$50,000. The total loss will exceed \$150,000. The Southern Bell Telephone Company's lines were blown down.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

President Roosevelt Shook Hands With Thousands at White House.

Washington enjoyed a beautiful New Year's day without war or rumors of war. The placidity of the round of receptions and calling was in striking contrast with the tenacity of the holiday two years ago, when Russia and Japan were on the verge of hostilities, and 12 months ago, when the brilliant assemblage at the President's reception thrilled with the first news of the fall of Port Arthur.

As usual, everyone in the morning went to the White House, where the president, fresh from the outing at Mrs. Roosevelt's farm, "Maple Dell," in Virginia, shook the hands of more than 9,000 persons, beginning with Lady Ludlansians Hengelmueller von Hengervar, the Austrian ambassador and acting dean of the diplomatic corps, attired in a rich magenta dress, and ending with a plain American citizen, who brought up the rear of the procession, which stretched blocks from the portals of the White House.

Released from the duty of extending greetings to the President and wives of members of the cabinet, officials spent the rest of the day receiving or being received. All the cabinet members, with the exception of Attorney General Moody, who is a bachelor, kept open house. The calling was limited almost entirely to men.

M'CALL RESIGNS

Board of Trustees Reduce Number of Vice Presidents.

John A. McCall resigned the presidency of the New York Life Insurance Company, and Alexander E. Orr was appointed in his place at the salary of \$50,000 a year. Mr. McCall's salary was \$100,000. The board of trustees also cut down the number of second vice presidents, so that hereafter there will be but two of these officers instead of three.

Mr. McCall, who has for 14 years held the office which he resigned, sent a letter to the trustees in which he stated his errors probably seemed greater to him than his critics, but he was comforted to think of the company's unprecedented achievements, and to know no officer or trustee had profited improperly at the policy holder's expense.

EAGLE ATTACKS HUNTER

Misses His Mark the Bird Starts Battle, and Man is Wounded.

While hunting in the woods near Arlington, O., Carl Stevenson was attacked by an eagle and a bitter fight ensued. The bird scratched the man about the body, tore out his left eye and left him unconscious.

His family was alarmed at his non-appearance and a searching party found him. He says he shot at the bird, missing it, and had no time to reload, but used his rifle as a club.

BANKERS INDICTED

Bills Returned Against Former Trust Company Officials.

The grand jury, which has been investigating the affairs of the Maryland Trust Company, of Baltimore, returned presentments against three of the former officials. One of them, Henry J. Bowdoin, who was the vice president, was arrested and released under a bond of \$10,000. The other two have not been arrested and until they are taken into custody, their names are withheld by the State's attorneys office.

Balkan States Forming Union.

The reports from Belgrade, Serbia, to the effect that Serbia and Bulgaria are about to establish a customs union, are regarded here as important, not only from an economic standpoint, but as possessing far greater political significance. The steps is looked upon here as evidence that the Balkan states are mutually binding themselves closer together in order to better be able to resist future political pressure on the part of the governments of western Europe.

EX-GOVERNOR MURDERED

Assassinated by Dynamite Bomb Placed at Back ate.

STRIKERS BLAMED WITH CRIME

Believed That Murder Resulted from Steunberg's Activity in Crushing Riots at Coeur d'Alene.

Former Gov. Frank Steunberg was assassinated at his home at Caldwell, Idaho, by means of dynamite bombs. The murderer adopted a method almost identical with that used when two Croations, Milovar Kovovick and Milovar Petrovick, killed for robbery Contractor Samuel T. Ferguson, at West Middletown, Pa., in September, 1903. They used dynamite to blow up the buggy in which Ferguson was riding, exploding it from some distance by means of a wire and an electric battery. This was the plan used by the slayer of Steunberg.

Two dynamite bombs were placed at the rear gate of Steunberg's home. To them was affixed a wire insulated in waxed fishing line. This wire led to a convenient nook some distance away, where the murderer hid and exploded the bombs, undoubtedly with a battery, when Steunberg passed near the bombs to close the gate, after passing into the yard of his home.

Steunberg was terribly wounded, the right arm being nearly torn off. His right side was fearfully torn, the right leg being mangled and shattered. The left leg was also mangled. Portions of clothing were scattered 10 feet from the gate, where a small hole 10 inches in depth, shows the spot where the bombs lay. The gate is gone, not a splinter being found. All the windows in the rear side of the house were broken, and much glass was broken in other houses in the neighborhood.

The conviction grows that Steunberg was murdered as a result of his activity in crushing the miners' strike riots at Coeur d'Alene in 1899. On this theory one man was arrested, but his name is kept secret by the police, who say the evidence against the prisoner is strong. Five other men have been detained on suspicion.

Mr. Steunberg was governor of Idaho from 1897 to 1901, having been twice elected. He was born in Iowa 44 years ago and had been in Idaho since 1887. He leaves a widow and three children.

JILTED LOVER SLAYS FAMILY

Breaks into House and Kills Sweetheart, Sister, Mother and Himself.

Matthew Sizer, infatuated with Pearl Wheaton, daughter of S. N. Wheaton, a wealthy farmer, broke into a window of the Wheaton home, near Caledonia, Minn., shot and killed the girl and then fatally wounded her sister Ruth, her mother and himself. Sizer is a dental student at the University of Minnesota. Pearl Wheaton had refused to marry him.

Ruth Wheaton, with a revolver, tried to protect the family. Sizer wrested the revolver from her and shot her twice through the breast. He then turned upon Mrs. Wheaton, shooting her in the throat and arm. He ran upstairs to Pearl's room. Breaking in the door he shot her through the heart, and then shot himself. The only other inmate of the house, a child escaped by leaping through the window Sizer had broken.

SCHOOLS LOST MILLIONS

Shortage in Superintendent's Accounts Covering 18 Years' Speculations.

The report of the Everett Audit Company on the defalcations of N. C. Dougherty, the former city superintendent of schools at Peoria, Ill., who is now serving an intermediate sentence, shows a shortage for seven years of \$541,498.50. The audit company gave out the opinion that the total shortage for 18 years would fall slightly short of \$1,000,000.

The report holds the board and its officers responsible for all shortage which cannot be collected from Dougherty and the Peoria National bank, of which the latter was president. It declares that the bank is liable for every cent.

World's Oil Production.

Of the world's total production of petroleum, in 1904, which amounted according to the figures of the British board of trade of 9,303,000,000 gallons, the United States supplied more than half, or 4,915,000,000 gallons, with Russia stands second on the list with a total production of 3,650,000,000 gallons, Austria next with 292,500,000 gallons.

PUERTO PLATA ATTACKED

Twenty-five Killed and Many Wounded in Fight.

The State department has received the following dispatch from Puerto Plata: Revolution broke out here late today (January 2). Gen. Rodriguez fought his way into the town and then retired. No fewer than 25 have been killed and many were wounded. Gen. Caeceres is holding the fort. Fighting continues.

The troops under command of Gen. Rodriguez are those of the fugitive president of Santo Domingo, Morales.

The revolutionists desired to prepare for a fresh attack on Puerto Plata. A portion of the town has declared in favor of Morales, and Rodriguez has announced that if his campaign is successful he will proclaim himself a candidate for the presidency of Santo Domingo.

Gen. Caeceres is the temporary president of the republic and the people of Puerto Plata showed their hostility to his soldiers by firing on them from windows and tops of houses while they were attempting to repulse the rebels.

Governor Surrenders.

Mail advices from Monte Christi, Santo Domingo, say that Gen. Derez, governor of Puerto Plata, has surrendered to the revolutionists in Monte Christi. They also say that the Dominican cruiser, Independencia, loaded with ammunition, has been given up to Gen. Deschamps, who, with Gens. Demetrio and Rodriguez, have left for Puerto Plata with 250 men on board. Gen. Barba with 200 men is in Altirima, 15 miles from Puerto Plata.

GOVERNOR IS AGAINST LOBBY

Herrick's Message Denounces Men Responsible for 'Milking Bills' That Make Trouble.

The seventy-seventh General Assembly of Ohio convened January 1, the House being organized by the Republicans, who have 62 votes against 59 for the Democrats, and the Senate being organized by the Democrats, who have 19 votes, counting one Independent, Senator Lamb of Lucas county, who voted with them, against 18 for the Republicans.

Lieutenant Governor Harding presided in the Senate. He will be succeeded January 8 as President of the Senate by Andrew L. Harris, Republican Lieutenant Governor-elect.

All the Democratic caucus nominations in the Senate and all the Republican caucus nominations in the House were ratified.

Carmi A. Thompson of Lawrence county was elected Speaker of the House, and in accepting the honor declared economy is to be the watchword.

The sentiment of the speeches made in both branches was that partisanship should be avoided in legislation; that economy should be practiced in public expenditures; and that all forms of graft and corruption should be eliminated.

The governor's message was read this afternoon. Speaking of the state canals, he says:

"It will not do to go on forever declaring for the maintenance of what we ironically call our 'water ways' and the permit them to sink gradually into a worse and worse condition of ruin and wretchedness. If the people want to keep them, the duty is plain and the way is clear. The state cannot both maintain and abandon the canals, what it has been trying to do for many years.

I most earnestly recommend the abolishment of the lobby in Ohio. It is neither possible nor desirable to isolate members of the general assembly from the people. It is right and proper that executive and administrative officers of the state, who are the servants of the people, should keep in close touch with the members of the legislature in order to ascertain and carry out their wishes. It is necessary and desirable that the public at large, or any citizens who are specially interested in some subject of legislation, should have full opportunity to appear before the proper committees in either house to be publicly heard on any matter affecting the welfare of the state, of the interests of any business or class of people. But beyond these limitations all contact between legislators and outsiders in the work of legislation should be stopped.

There is a creature, however, who more richly deserves the scorn and contempt of men than the lobbyist. It is he who is responsible for the so-called 'milking bills' introduced for the purpose of extorting money from special interests. He it is who often brings the lobbyists in self-defense to the legislature.

The Governor recommends additional legislation to protect life and property in mines insofar as the same is required by the modern methods employed in such industries; that authority be given to the Dairy and Food Commissioner to enforce the poison and cocaine laws; the enactment of laws to foster and preserve the rapidly diminishing forest areas of the State.

ORDERED TO FIND NORTH POLE

"Build an airship, go find the North Pole and report by wireless telegraph and submarine cables the progress of your efforts." This was the assignment given a few days ago to Walter Wellman, Washington correspondent of the Chicago "Record-Herald."

As an assistant on this expedition Mr. Wellman will have the services of Alberto Santos-Dumont, of Paris, who will have charge of the construction of the airship and will act as aeronautic director and pilot of the ship on its voyage toward the North Pole. It is expected that everything will be in readiness to get away next July.

Railroad Investigation.

Representative Reeder, of Kansas, introduced a resolution in the House requesting the Attorney General to investigate and report to the House whether there exists or has existed a combination or agreement between the Pennsylvania railway system, the Norfolk and Western, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Baltimore and Ohio Southern and the Chesapeake and Ohio, or any or more of these companies, in violation of the anti-trust law.

WITH THE TOILERS.

The printers' strike in Richmond, Va., has assumed a sensational phase. The Canadian Typothetae has begun to import printers from England.

The American Federation of Labor, in session at Pittsburg, passed a resolution favoring women's suffrage.

The Sydney (N. S. W.) Wharf Laborers' Accident and Burial Society has \$542 to the credit of its burial fund.

Bricklayers and other laboring men of Eastern Washington have boycotted the brick made by convicts at the Walla Walla Penitentiary.

The plasterers in Germany receive eight marks (\$1.90) per day; from ten to twelve marks (\$2.38) if doing piecework, and the carriers a like amount.

Women in all parts of the United States are to be asked to join in the fight against the age limit which bars men above forty-five years of age from employment.

The Coastal Operative Butchers' and Slaughtermen's Union, in West Australia, intends to make an effort to resuscitate the one-time powerful Goldfields Butchers' Union.

It is reported that radical changes in the immigration laws will follow if the suggestions of Commissioner-General Inmigra ra of mhm m mmbmbm of Immigration Sargent are put into effect.

The Victorian (Australia) Anti-Sweating League has discovered that a number of girls who are good shorthand writers and smart typists were receiving an average wage of only 3s 6d a week.

In the United States 1,620,000,000 gallons of coffee are drunk every year.