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HURRY ORDERS TO CRUISER BUFFALO

Result of Telegrams Received in Washington from U. S. Consulate at Managua

WITH 700 MARINES NOW AT PANAMA

The Cruiser will Sail at Once for Corinto—Americans in Managua Appeal to the Consulate for Protection—Zelaya Plans to Retain His Hold on Power—Commander of Buffalo to Use His Own Judgment.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, now at Panama, with seven hundred marines on board, has been ordered to sail at once for Corinto.

Department Stirred by Telegrams.

This action was taken today as the result of a telegram received from the United States consulate at Managua, that inasmuch as Zelaya in his message resigning the presidency made unpleasant reference to Americans, and a report was current in that city that civilian adherents of Zelaya had been armed with daggers, the citizens of the United States residing in that city have appealed to the consulate for protection.

Zelaya Still Planning.

Another telegram from the American consulate at Managua states that it is currently rumored there that when Madriz arrives in Managua, presumably tomorrow, Zelaya will formally surrender his office to the national assembly, and that that body has already received instructions from Zelaya to cast its vote for Irias as president of the republic.

This rumor is directly at variance with the understanding here, based on despatches from Nicaragua, officially or otherwise, that Madriz would receive the support not only of Zelaya himself, but of his friends.

The conclusion of the United States officers at Managua is that by the selection of Irias, Zelaya will retain his hold on power and continue to dominate the situation.

Zelaya's Change of Front Not Surprising.

The change of front by Zelaya is a matter of no very great surprise to the officials here, it being well known that both Irias and Madriz have long been regarded as Zelaya's willing tools and it has been suspected for some time that Irias was really Zelaya's first choice for the presidency and that Madriz was the second. The orders sent to the Buffalo to proceed at once to Corinto may have some significance other than that stated, inasmuch as her arrival there is expected on the very day that Madriz is expected to arrive in Managua.

Rear Admiral Kimball With the Marines.

Whether the 700 marines, on the arrival of the Buffalo at Corinto, will be placed under the orders of the United States consulate at Managua does not appear, but it is assumed that the commander of the Buffalo will take such steps as he deems necessary under his general instructions to protect American interests.

Rear Admiral Kimball, who went to Panama on the Dixie, will accompany the marines to Corinto. He will then take command of the naval vessels at that port. Those now there are the Albany, Yorktown, Vicksburg and the collier Saturn. The Princeton is expected tonight.

The Eagle Ordered to Bluefields.

Colon, Dec. 17.—Lieutenant Commander F. L. Sandoz, commanding the U. S. S. Eagle, is under orders to proceed to Bluefields. The Marietta is still here. The Dixie sailed this afternoon for Philadelphia. The collier Leonidas arrived here last night for supplies.

Cabled Paragraphs

Punta Arenas, Dec. 17.—The German steamship Utgard, from Portland, Ore., for St. Vincent, C. V., before reported ashore at Baxa Point, has broken in two and only part of the cargo is salvable. All of the crew have been landed.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The French press describes Leopold as a business king who succeeded in expanding Belgium into a first class economic power. The Temps says: "Like all men of action, he was shrewd, intelligent and sensual, but not sentimental. He has accomplished a life work and as a maker of people he will rank with Richelieu, Peter the Great, Bismarck and Cavour."

THE ASTOR PEARLS NOT ALL GENUINE.

Ninety Gems in One Five-Strand Necklace Were Imitations.

New York, Dec. 17.—Not all the Astor pearls are genuine. The report of the transfer tax collector, as filed with the surrogate today, shows that ninety of the pearls in the late Caroline Webster Astor's five-strand necklace were imitations. Nevertheless the necklace is appraised at $51,000. Mrs. Astor left diamonds and emeralds worth $180,000 additional.

Carolina Webster Astor, who died more than a year ago, was the widow of William Astor, and for many years was undisputed leader of New York society. Her husband left an estate variously estimated between $50,000,000 and $70,000,000 and many persons were astonished today that the widow's total estate, including her jewels, is valued at only $1,600,000, after all deductions.

SUGAR FRAUD CASES.

Five Employes of the American Refining Company Found Guilty.

New York, Dec. 17.—The jury tonight found guilty five of the six employes of the American Sugar Refining company, who have been on trial for the past three weeks, charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud the government of customs duties on imported raw sugar. In the case of James F. Bendernagel, a former cashier of the company's Williamsburg plant, the jury disagreed. Mercy is decommended for all those found guilty.

The jury was out ten hours. Under the indictment, Oliver Spitzer, a dock superintendent; John R. Coyle, Thomas Kehoe, Edward A. Boyle and Patrick J. Hennessey, checkers, may be punished for the commission of two overt acts, the maximum penalty for each of which is two years' imprisonment and $5,000 fine.

The failure to convict Bendernagel is regarded by the government as a distinct disappointment. The effort of the prosecution has been to trace the customs frauds already admitted to a higher source, and Cashier Bendernagel, though not an executive officer of the company, was still an employe who came in contact with those who shaped the company's affairs in their larger aspect.

Tonight's verdict brings to a close the government's first step in crimnal procedure following the vast underweighing frauds disclosed on the docks of the American Sugar Refining company. Civil suits brought restitution of $135.00 as payment for duties evaded, while $2,000,000 was voluntarily returned.

"Men higher up" are now talked of, while subsequent investigation has involved the Arbuckle Brothers, rivals of the so-called trust, as well as the National Refining company.

MRS. LILLIAN DICK ON TRIAL.

Charged With Engaging in the White Slave Traffic.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Lillian Dick, alias Richards, a resident of Ottawa, was placed on trial in the United States district court today, charged with engaging in the white slave traffic by bringing into the United States for alleged immoral purposes a young French-Canadian woman, who until a few months ago was a waitress in an Ottawa restaurant.

Mrs. Dick was a witness before the grand jury when an indictment was found against Albert Dujuay. A further investigation following a confession by Dujuay resulted in the indictment of Mrs. Dick.

FOUR CARS LEFT RAILS.

Fast Mail Train, New York to New Orleans, Wrecked.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 17.—The Southern Railway's fast mail train, No. 37, New York to New Orleans, was wrecked early tonight at Chimblee, Ga., eighteen miles north of Atlanta. Four cars left the track and two trainmen are reported injured.

Instantly Killed While Walking on Tracks.

East Hartford, Conn., Dec. 17.—Robert Hendee, 45 years old, of this place, was instantly killed tonight while walking on the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad by being struck by a passenger train. Hendee was employed as a farmhand in South Windsor.

Passenger Killed, Large Sum of Money Missing.

Flagstaff, Ariz., Dec. 17.—A coroner's jury is trying to learn what became of a large sum of money said to have been carried by Mrs. Alice D. Bennett of Hartford, Conn., the only person killed in the wreck at Winona, Arizona, last night.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Alice D. Bennett, who was killed in the railroad wreck at Winona, Arizona, was the wife of James E. Bennett of East Hartford. She left here Oct. 4 to visit her sister in La Grand, Cal., and started for home on Dec. 14. She leaves a husband and two sons.

Dr. Doxey Charged with Murder.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—Dr. L. B. Doxey of Columbus, Neb., husband of Mrs. Dora E. Doxey, was arrested tonight and lodged in the police station, charged with murder. Mrs. Doxey is now in jail, charged with the murder of William J. Erder, her alleged husband by what is said to be a bigamous marriage.

American Grip on Bluefields Tightened.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 17.—The American grip on Bluefields was tightened to day when Commander Shipley of the cruiser Des Moines, on the authority of Rear Admiral Kimball, in command of the American forces in Nicaragua, issued a proclamation formally stating that no fighting would be allowed at Bluefields.

Moving Van Hit by Train.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 17.—A man was killed and two girls probably fatally injured and a third seriously hurt when a Pennsylvania passenger train hit a moving van here tonight. The girls were riding from their place of employment to a car line.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Southampton: Dec. 16, Adriatic, from New York.

At Naples: Dec. 14, Re D'Italia, from New York.

Prisoner Raised Her Heavy Veils

MRS. MARTIN SUDDENLY BECOMES TALKATIVE.

SPEAKS FOR SILENT SISTERS

Says She is in the Tombs as Result of Conspiracy — "My Daughter Ocey Committed Suicide."

New York, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Caroline W. Martin raised her heavy veils today and suddenly became spokeswoman for the three silent sisters who must explain to the courts of New Jersey the death of Ocey Snead. Anxious as she was to avoid questioners before her arrest, Mrs. Martin, the victim's mother, in the Tombs proved far more communicative than either Virginia Wardlaw, the aunt at East Orange, or Mrs. Mary Snead, another aunt, both of whom, like their sister, are charged with murder.

A Conspiracy.

"I am here," volunteered Mrs. Martin today, "as the result of a conspiracy on the part of millionaires who want what little property I have left. Every newspaper in New York is subsidized by these millionaires, who are persecuting me. I and my sisters have lived out of the way of the world and things we say are easily twisted. The shock and injustice of my arrest have enfeebled a very old woman. If that is what my enemies want, they need go no further.

"My daughter Ocey came to her death by her own hands. I did not see her do it. I did not know that it was done until Virginia was arrested, but I was not surprised."

Ocey Snead Not Despondent.

In direct contradiction of Mrs. Martin's picture of her daughter Ocey as a pining, despondent girl, lapsing helplessly into a fatal melacholia, Mrs. Clarence Burns, a well-known New York woman and charity worker, said today that she remembered Ocey Snead for her beauty and vitality.

"I knew Ocey Snead," said Mrs. Burns, "a year ago as a young woman working for her living. I was greatly impressed by her beauty and her magnificent head of fair hair. She did not seem to be despondent and spoke quite cheerfully of the future. It seemed that she was struggling to tell me something, but could not quite bring herself to it."

Advised Not to Fight Extradition.

Franklin Fort, Jr., counsel for Virginia Wardlaw, said tonight that he had advised New York counsel for Mrs. Mary Snead and Mrs. Martin not to fight extradition.

"I am confident," he explained, "that my clients will be quickly set free after they have been taken to New Jersey. To oppose extradition would mean only longer confinement for them."

Strikers Returned For Two Minutes

WENT BACK UNDER A MISAPPREHENSION.

SMILES CHANGED TO FROWNS

A Strike Settlement at Ludlow Mills That Did Not Settle—Sheriffs and Special Officers Summoned.

Ludlow, Mass., Dec. 17.—Eighteen hundred Polanders went back to work today. Eighteen hundred Polanders walked out two minutes later.

When they went in they were smiling. When they came out they wore such discontented looks that the town authorities summoned all the sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables and special officers within reach to preserve the peace.

It was a great strike settlement that did not settle. For weeks the situation at the Ludlow Manufacturing associates' bagging mills dragged a weary course. The company threw the strikers' families out of the little houses which they occupied under the company's landlordship, and this made the situation exciting, but hardly added to the good feeling. The lieutenant governor came, on behalf of the governor of Massachusetts, and gravely looked the situation over. He reported that it was bad. The state board of conciliation took a hand and tried to bring the strikers and the manufacturers to terms.

Last night it was supposed that their object had been accomplished. The members of the board went home convinced that the strikers would all go back to work this morning.

Strikers Gather on Corners.

After the fiasco the strikers gathered on the corners, with black looks. They declared that they had gone back to their places under a misapprehension. The plan agreed upon by the members of the state board of conciliation, representatives of the mills and representatives of the strikers at a conference here yesterday provided that the strikers return to work at the wages offered by the company, namely, 20 cents per 100 yards of woven cloth, pending arbitration of the dispute. The strikers had domanded 24 cents and the original strike was to enforce this demand.

The strikers said that they supposed they were to receive 24 cents hereafter and that they had gone back to work on that understanding.

The women, who had returned after parlicipating in a sympathetic strike with the men, also became indignant when they learned that no concessions had been made by the company, and they, too, walked out. Later they also made a demand for higher wages.

Strikebreakers Caused Trouble.

Boston, Dec. 17.—The state board of conciliation, when informed of the renewed outbreak at the Ludlow Manufacturing associates, declared that the trouble was due to the presence of strikebreakers and not to dissatisfaction with the rate of pay.

WOULD YOU TALK WITH FAMILIES?

The family paper is the means by which the buying families are addressed concerning timely and seasonable goods and attractive prices. A neat store and pretty display windows and polite clerks and good taste in selection and reasonable prices and satisfied customers are all good advs. for any store, but the best means to connect these advantages with good buyers is by the use of newspaper space—the silent salesman who enters the family and talks on week days and Sundays. This salesman is always at hand to talk business day or night in intervals of leisure. He has no hotel expenses or carriage hire and never intrudes himself. "At your service" is his motto and he lives up to it. The newspaper taking family is usually the thrifty family and it does its trading in an intelligent way. It does not wander out to be artfully dealt with, or to be fleeced; but knows what it wants and where to get it at stated prices. The dealer who gets into print with his bargains gets into the main current of trade. Space in The Bulletin is reasonable and the results satisfactory. Try an adv

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Following is a summary of the news printed during the past week:

Bulletin		Telegraph	Local	General	Tot'l
Saturday,	Dec. 11	80	143	803	1026
Monday,	Dec. 13	68	108	202	378
Tuesday,	Dec. 14	83	108	208	399
Wednesday,	Dec. 15	80	97	218	395
Thursday,	Dec. 16	83	100	202	385
Friday,	Dec. 17	86	100	211	397
Total,	- - - -	480	656	1844	2980

Condensed Telegrams

The Supreme Court of Indiana held that the county option law was constitutional.

Chin Yin Ting, the new Chinese minister, arrived with his daughters and a suite of fifty Chinese.

Robbers Dynamited the Vault of the Bank of Exeter, near Fresno, Cal., and secured $7,000 in cash.

Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany was in an auto accident in Berlin, but escaped injury.

The New York Chamber of Commerce has a campaign on to revive American merchant marine.

The Atlantic Battleship Fleet completed its tactical manoeuvres and sailed into Hampton Roads to clal.

A Scientific Investigation of immigration shows that descendents of foreigners soon become Americanized.

Archibald Gordon, second son of the Earl of Aberdeen, died in London from injuries received in an auto accident.

Secretary of the Navy Mayer explained to the house committee his plan for the reorganization of the navy.

President Taft Presided at the meeting of the Jennes fund for the betterment of rural negro schools in the south.

The Business Portion of Gadiner, N. D., was destroyed by fire. The loss amounted to $100,000, about half covered by insurance.

"Count" Gubta and his American wife were convicted in Paris of the charge of swindling M. Fontana, a jeweler, out of $40,000.

Representative Hitchcock, speaking in the house, made an attack on Secretary Ballinger in connection with the public land frauds.

Right Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Shahan was formally invested with the robes of office of a domestic prelate of the household of the vatican.

Charles L. Warriner's Trial on the charge of embezzling funds from the Big Four railroad was postponed at Cincinnati to a later date.

The American-Chilian Protocol inviting King Edward to arbitrate the Alsop claims dispute was submitted to the British foreign office.

Conservation of All Timber Lands lying within the Yosemite National park is urged by Major Forsythe, acting superintendent of the park.

The Japanese Premier gave assurance that the death of Prince Ito will make no change in the government's policy toward China or in Korea.

Engineer Saab Davis of the Georgia Central fast mail, put his hand through scalding steam to apply the emergency brakes after the driving rod had broken.

Official Announcement was made in Philadelphia that James D. Campbell, general solicitor of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company, would retire January 1.

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR THE FOLKS IN THE OLD COUNTRY.

"Christmas Ship" St. Louis Sails from New York for England and France With Big Cargo.

New York, Dec. 17.—A "Christmas ship," the big St. Louis of the American line, bearing the largest consignment of mail which has left the United States this year, steamed away today for England and France. Her sailing had been put a day ahead so that the holiday gifts aboard may reach "the folks in the old country" in time for Christmas delivery. This will enable her to land the mail the day before Christmas and special trains will be awaiting her arrival on the other side. Three thousand sacks and 8,000 packages constituted the Yuletide consignment aboard. Nearly $3,000,000 was received at the New York postoffice today and yesterday for conversion into foreign exchange.

PHILADELPHIA FACTORY FIRE, BODIES OF FIVE GIRLS FOUND.

Missing Employes Are Now All Accounted For.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—All doubt as to the fate of the five girls who were reported missing last night after the fire at Shrack & Sherwood's factory, was removed late today, when the five bodies were found on the third floor of the damaged building.

The bodies were so terribly charred by the intense heat that it was impossible for the half-crazed and frantic parents who had followed the dead wagon to the morgue, to identify them except by pieces of jewelry worn. The body of Margaret Smith was recognized by a chain and locket which she wore and that of Eva Arata by an engagement ring. The other bodies at the morgue are those of Katie Shealy, Louella Porter and Louisa Camac. Including Fireman Joseph Toner, who was suffocated, six persons are known to have perished. All the missing employes have now been accounted for.

RIFLE PRACTICE IN SCHOOLS.

Bill Introduced in House to Teach the Young How to Shoot.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative Hull of Iowa wants to teach the young how to shoot literally, and today introduced a bill in the house providing an annual appropriation from the general funds of Uncle Sam for rifle practice in public schools, colleges, universities and civilian rifle clubs. Traveling expenses of superintendents to teach the art of shooting straight and to manage competitions are arranged for in Mr. Hull's bill.

First "Overland" Driver Dead.

Colorado Springs, Col., Dec. 17.—John Hopkins, once a famous character throughout the west, died in the Ela Paso county asylum yesterday, aged eighty-seven. He was born near Springfield, Ill., and was the first man to drive the historic pioneer pony express that carried the mail overland from St. Louis to San Francisco. He came to Colorado in 1878 and prospected for gold in various well known mining camps with varying success, but without saving anything.

$1,000,000 for Legation Buildings.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Limiting the maximum annual appropriation to $1,000,000, Representative Lowden of Illinois introduced a bill today for the purchase or erection of embassy, legation and consular buildings abroad.

Tobacco Decision Reversed.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 17.—The court of appeals today reversed the action of Circuit Judge Benton of Winchester, in appointing receivers for the 1906 and 1907 pools of the Burley Tobacco company.

9,429,000 Bales of Cotton Ginned.

Memphis, Dec. 17.—The report of the National Ginners Association issued today shows that 9,429,000 bales of cotton had been ginned to December 13, 1909.

BELGIUM'S FLAGS ALL HALF-MASTED

Body of the Dead King to be Removed Tonight to the Palace in Brussels

PRINCE ALBERT BECOMES KING

Next Thursday, the Day Following the Funeral of His Uncle—National Affairs Now in Control of the Cabinet—Will of King Leopold Filed—Practical Disinheritance of His Children.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—The entire kingdom of Belgium mourns its departed ruler, Leopold II. Courts, schools and theaters are closed, parliament and the municipal council have all adjourned, and flags are at half mast in every city, town and village of the kingdom in honor of the dead monarch.

A Regency in Belgium.

Under the constitution the affairs of the nation are in the control of the cabinet until Prince Albert takes the oath of succession next Thursday, the day following the funeral of his uncle, before the joint houses of parliament in the senate chamber.

An official decree issued today lauds King Leopold's career and declares his creation of the Congo Independent State was an act unique in the annals of history. "Posterity will judge Leopold a great king, with a grand reign," it says.

The body of Leopold remains in the mortuary chamber of "The Palms" and tomorrow evening it will be removed to the palace in Brussels. The face of the dead monarch will not be exposed again to public view.

King Leopold's Will Filed.

The filing of the will of King Leopold today shows that he divided $5,000,000 between his three daughters—Princess Louise, Princess Stephanie and Princess Clementine. This practical disinheritance of his children signifies the launching of a gigantic legal battle to obtain the king's wealth similar to that which ensued at the death of their mother, Queen Henrietta. The exact amount of Leopold's fortune probably never will be revealed. Senator Winer, the king's friend and confidential legal adviser, told the Associated Press today that Leopold had turned over a considerable portion of it to the Baroness Vaughan and her children and had created a stock company of his estates in order to forestall a possible raid upon them by the Princesses Louise and Stephanie or their creditors. Senator Winer said that perhaps later considerable portions of his estate would be handed over to Belgium. The Princess Clementine, aside from the bequest she will receive, is provided for by a special income from Congo properties.

Baroness Vaughan May Be Expelled from Belgium.

Investigation shows that the rights of succession to the throne of a child of the king by the Baroness Vaughan are not worthy of serious attention. It is pointed out by Senator Winer if there was only a religious ceremony the laws of the kingdom would prevent the accession of a child of such a union. The senator, however, does not believe there was a religious marriage.

If it is established that the Baroness Vaughan is of foreign birth she probably will be expelled from Belgium, like the favorite of Leopold I, the Baroness Mayer, whose house was attacked and destroyed by a mob after the king's death.

Reforms Expected in Congo State.

London, Dec. 17.—It is thought here that the death of King Leopold can have little effect upon the political situation of Europe, apart from the withdrawal from the scene of the man who knew the innermost secrets of every state and whose intellectual and practical talents, especially in former years, were drawn upon frequently by fellow sovereigns.

All comment here lays at Leopold's door the responsibility for the barbarities committed in the Congo, and it is believed that his removal will be followed by new methods of administration in that colony. It is understood that his successor on the throne profited greatly by his recent tour of Africa and that he will be more pliant in agreeing to reforms than was his uncle, who was so closely identified with the ruthless regime in that region.

CRITICISING OF CONGRESS WITHOUT JUST CAUSE.

Mr. Fitzgerald of New York Enlivens Dull Session of the House.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Denunciation of officials of the executive department of the government who criticise congress without just cause, in a speech by Representative Mann of Illinois, and another speech of similar tenor by Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, in which the latter said a "certain distinguished official" was responsible therefor because of the bad example he set his subordinates, enlivened an otherwise dull session of the house today. It was understood that generally Mr. Fitzgerald had former President Roosevelt in mind.

The reading of the District of Columbia appropriation bill was concluded, but was not put upon its passage and will again occupy the attention of the body on Monday.

Some saving was effected here and there by reducing appropriations for increases in the salaries of district officers and by eliminating altogether paragraphs making provision for the creation of new officers.

Representative Mann made an attack upon Mr. Tweedale, auditor of the District, for criticising congress in public speeches. He said that if that official made the statements attributed to him he ought to be discharged, and added that the officials of the executive department were much too free in their abuse of the legislative body.

Mr. Fitzgerald congratulated Mr. Mann on his attitude, and intimated that ex-President Roosevelt, by his high-handed way of doing and his free way of saying things, during his occupancy of the White house, encouraged criticism of members of congress by those under him.

The house adjourned until Monday. The senate was not in session today.

$2,000 DAMAGES FOR MISS HERO

Awarded Against Dr. Anibal Zelaya for Breach of Promise.

New York, Dec. 17.—Fortune gave the Zelaya family another prod today, when a jury awarded Miss Juliette Hero $2,000 damages against Dr. Anibal Zelaya for breach of promise.

"It might as well have been $50,000," said the young relative of the Nicaraguan dictator, when he heard the verdict. "I have no money and can't pay."

Under the law, unless Zelaya settles, he can be committed to jail for an indefinite period. Miss Hero sued for $100,000 damages, alleging that Zelaya promised to marry her while a medical student here. Two years ago, however, his courtship waned. The plaintiff, who is a Greek girl and pretty, expressed satisfaction with the verdict, not because of its amount, but because she considered herself vindicated.

At the trial Zelaya introduced evidence to prove that she consoled herself with other young men after his own love grew cold. Miss Hero's trump cards were a number of letters the young Nicaraguan wrote her, filled with picturesque terms of endearment and bits of verse.

Reduction in Free Time on Freight Demurrage.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Resolutions opposing a reduction in free time on freight demurrage, at least until such time as the shipper may be paid for losses sustained through delays, were adopted today by 200 business men at a meeting held at the chamber of commerce. At the meeting was made up of retailers, wholesalers and representatives of nearly all the business organizations in five states, the declaration is regarded as fairly indicative of the attitude of New England on the set of car subject and demurrage of rules submitted by the national committee to the National Association of Railroad Commissioners.

Striking Granite Cutters Refuse to Arbitrate.

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 17.—A proposition to submit their cause to arbitration was today refused by the striking granite cutters at Northfield, who started the movement that has thrown six thousand men out of work in the Vermont granite industry for the last four weeks.

The proposition submitted by the manufacturers was that the disagreement over the use of the bushing machine and the other matters at issue be presented to committees representing the National Association of Granite Cutters and the National Association of Granite Manufacturers.

FORMER AMBASSADOR BIGELOW CRITICISES PRESIDENT TAFT

On a Statement in His Message Concerning a Protective Tariff.

New York, Dec. 17.—"President Taft in his recent message to congress denies that the recent and constantly increasing cost of living is due to a protective tariff, a statement which proves nothing so clearly as that his training as a lawyer has not made of him a statesman, still less a political economist."

John Bigelow, former ambassador to France, statesman, diplomatist and author, thus criticises the president in a letter written to the Civic Forum, whose annual banquet will be held in New York tomorrow.

Mentally alert, although in his 92d year, Mr. Bigelow gave his views by letter because he was unable to attend the banquet. The Civic Forum, which counts President Taft, W. J. Bryan, Bishop D. H. Greer, Justice Brewer, Archbishop Ireland, William Dean Howells and other distinguished men among its officers, encourages the freest utterances of opinion from its platform, though it does not make itself responsible for the views expressed.

"Of course, under these auspices," continues Mr. Bigelow, "I see more prospect of a revolution than of any reform in our government. For the last two years there has been a larger army of wage earners on strike, that is, in revolt against their employers, than was at any time engaged in our Civil war by the confederate states, thus far less bloody only because of enforced concessions to the demands of the wage earners.

"How will he (Taft) explain the recent extraordinary impulse given to the white slave traffic, except by the tariff, which compels women to abandon their proper home life and take refuge in factories of protected industries for their daily bread, or else if not in consequence abandon themselves to a life of shame."

"WHITE SLAVE" BILL

Considered at Meeting of Chairman Mann's Committee.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The "white slave" bill, introduced by Chairman Mann of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, was considered in today's meeting of Mr. Mann's committee, but was not acted upon. The committee will assemble again tomorrow to take it up. The advocates of the bill believe that one or two of the minority are weakening in their opposition to the measure.

The contention of the immigration committee that it and not the interstate commission, has jurisdiction of the matter, was brought up at today's meeting of the commerce commission, but it was contended that the bill in no way divests the immigration committee of its prerogatives.

In his report, Mr. Howell, chairman of the immigration committee, says that the changes in the law are based almost entirely upon the United States immigration commission's investigation.

GUGGENHEIM DIVORCE STANDS.

Right to File a Petition for Annulment Denied Mrs. Guggenheim.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Judge Honore entered an order here today in the circuit court denying to Mrs. Grace B. Guggenheim the right to file a petition asking that the decree of divorce obtained by her in 1901 from William Guggenheim, of the firm of Guggenheim Brothers, be set aside. The woman, who married again shortly after the decree of divorce was entered, has been seeking in the courts here to have the decree annulled on the ground that it was obtained by faud, she not having been o citizen of Illinois when the case was tried. The attempt to annul the decree was combatted by counsel for William Guggenheim, who also has married again.

New License Fees for Chicago Amusement Places.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—New license fees for the various classes of amusements were provided for in an ordinance adopted here today during a special session of the city council. The National league and the American league baseball parks will be obliged to pay $1,000 a year. The same license rates apply to theaters of the first rank. The former minimum rate on the ball grounds was $500 a year.

REEDY FORK TRAIN ACCIDENT.

Reports from Injured in Hospital Not So Encouraging.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 17.—The list of dead as a result of the wreck at Reedy Fork trestle Wednesday morning has not grown since yesterday, although reports from the hospital, where seventeen injured are being cared for, are not as encouraging as yesterday.

Robert Russell, the New York journalist, who was traveling as the guest of George Gould, John Phillips of Petersburg and Frank Smith of Danville are now reported in a critical condition.

George Gould and son Jay spent an hour at the hospital today with Mr. Russell.

RAILS WERE FROSTED.

Collision on Central of Georgia Road—Two Persons Killed.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 17.—Two persons were killed, one fatally injured and seven more or less seriously hurt when a Central of Georgia northbound passenger train this morning at 7.50 o'clock at Harris City, Ga., crashed into the combination second class baggage and mail car of train No. 42, eastbound, of the Macon and Birmingham road.

The accident occurred at the crossing of the two roads and was due, according to statements from railroad officials, to a frosted track.

Discussion of Union of Five Central American Republics Revived.

Toledo, O., Dec. 17.—In an address before the annual meeting of the Toledo chamber of commerce tonight, John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of American Republics, declared that the present difficulties in Nicaragua have revived favorable discussion of a union of the five Central American republics

SHOT THROUGH THE HEART.

Complete Recovery of Francis Drysdale Is Expected.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 17.—Although shot through the heart three weeks ago, Francis Drysdale today is able to sit up in bed at St. Joseph hospital, and his complete recovery is expected. Drysdale accidentally shot himself on November 24, while handling a revolver. The bullet struck the left ventricle, ploughed a furrow an inch long, and made an opening in the cavity. The wound was closed with sterilized gauze, which was removed yesterday with no bad effects. The only abnormal condition now is a high pulse. Drysdale is a farmer 21 years old.

KEG OF POWDER EXPLODED.

Four Persons Killed, Seventy Others Made Homeless.

Punxsutawaney, Pa., Dec. 17.—Four persons were killed, seventy others made homeless and another fatally injured today in a fire which destroyed a house at the Frostburg mine of the Rochester and Pittsburg Coal and Iron company near here today. Shortly after the explosion of a keg of powder, into which a spark had accidentally been dropped, a greater quantity of powder exploded and the two story building was destroyed. Six families lived in the building, but nearly all succeeded in escaping before the second explosion occurred.

The bodies of Joseph Mango, his wife and two children were found in the debris by firemen.

TRAGEDY IN PHILADELPHIA BOARDING HOUSE DINING ROOM.

Man and Woman Seriously Wounded—Shooter Commits Suicide.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—After shooting and seriously wounding Minnie B. Carey, aged 33 years, and William B. Bostick, aged 37 years, today, in the dining room of a boarding house in the center of the city, Joseph E. Murray, alias Ernest Bird, of La Plata, Md., committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Murray came to this city yesterday from Morris Plains, N. J., where he was employed as an orderly in the hospital for insane under the name of Ernest Bird. He had formerly been a friend of Miss Carey's, according to detectives who investigated the case, and he at once sought her at the department store where she is employed. Today he followed Miss Carey and Bostick, who is employed as a scene shifter in a local theater, to a boarding house on Arch street, where they went for lunch. Upbraiding Bostick for "stealing his girl," Murray drew a revolver from his pocket and shot the girl through the right lung and Bostick in the right arm and breast. When they ran into an adjoining room to escape further bullets he turned the weapon on himself, putting a bullet in his brain. The wounded couple were removed to a hospital, where it was stated that the woman would probably die.

WRECK OF CAR FERRY LOCATED.

Officials of Bessemer Railroad Have No Knowledge of the Find.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 17.—Despite the fact that lake men and officers of the tugboat Reed, Captain Ole Christ commanding, assert that the wreck of the Marquette and Bessemer No. 2 car ferry, which had thirty-three persons on board when she steamed from this port ten days ago, had been found today about twelve miles north of the south shore off Waldamer, a summer resort four miles north of this city, officials of the Besemer railroad here claim that they have no knowledge of the finding of the ship of fate.

Captain Christ of the tug Reed is said to have notified another tug today while on a trip up the lake that she had discovered the missing boat. While lake men give full credit to the report, the officials of the car ferry company place no confidence in it. The fate of the other twenty-four persons is still unknown.

DR. COOK'S RECORDS EXAMINED

Copenhagen Report Expected Today—Viewed as Bad Omen.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—The examination of Dr. Cook's polar records seems likely to be concluded much sooner than had been expected. It appears possible that the report will be presented at tomorrow's meeting of the consistory of the university of Copenhagen.

The prospect of such an early termination is not regarded as a good omen by the public which is friendly to Cook.

Rewards Presented to Heroic Lifeboat Crew.

Antwerp, Dec. 17.—Henry W. Diederich, the American consul general, on behalf of President Taft, today presented rewards to Captain Barman and the chief officer and eight men of the lifeboat crew of the Red Star line steamer Vaderland for saving Captain Bigelow, his wife and child and the crew of the schooner Eugene Borda off the coast of Nova Scotia Nov. 30. The Borda was on her way from Liverpool for Philadelphia and was wrecked by a violent storm.

All the members of the shipwrecked crew were present at the ceremony today.

Battleship Utah to Be Launched Next Thursday.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—The battleship Utah, the largest warship of her class ever built in the United States, will be launched from the yard of the New York Shipbuilding company at Camden, N. J., next Thursday. The sponsor will be Miss Mary Alice Spry of Salt Lake City, daughter of the governor of Utah.

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE

Sentence Will Be Imposed on Bridgeport Man Next Tuesday.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 17.—Napoleon Bissonnette was today found guilty of murder in the second degree for shooting his brother-in-law, Rome P. Demery, on October 14. Sentence will be imposed Tuesday morning. The case was given to the jury at 12.30 o'clock and after three hours' consideration they returned to the court for instructions. All were agreed as to the guilt of the accused, but were divided between manslaughter and second degree murder. The court explained the difference in the degrees and in ten minutes the jury returned with their finding. The accused was overwhelmed and sat in a dazed condition for some time and when removed to jail had to be assisted by his keepers. Bissonnette on Thursday was offered the chance, by the state, to plead guilty to second degree murder, but refused.

The crime for which he was convicted was the shooting of his brother-in-law, Rome P. Demery, in Bissonnette's home on the evening of October 14. Mrs. Bissonnette was ill and her brother called to see that she secured the proper treatment. In a wordy war with Bissonnette which followed, the latter drew a revolver and fired, Demery dying almost immediately. Bissonnette is the father of fourteen children and two of them were witnesses of the shooting and were the principal witnesses against him.

BIG FOUR EMBEZZLEMENT, WHAT BECAME OF THE MONEY?

More Than $300,000 Unaccounted For—Prosecuter in a Quandary.

Cincinnati, Dec. 17.—Another obstacle has been encountered by Prosecutor Hunt in his efforts to discover what became of the $643,000 which was embezzled from the Big Four railroad, for which embezzlement Charles L. Warriner, former local treasurer, is at present in jail under indictment.

According to a statement given out by the prosecutor tonight, Henry Clews & Co., New York brokers, through whom Warriner says he lost vast sums in speculation, have refused to allow Hunt to examine their books.

The brokers assert that they gave a Big Four accountant all the information they had. According to Mr. Hunt, the railroad accountant received a slip showing that Warriner lost $17,000 in the stock market. As more than $300,000 of the defalcations remain unaccounted for, Prosecutor Hunt is in a quandary to know what became of it.

FUNERAL MRS. HORACE D. TAFT

Will Be Held at Watertown Today at Noon.

Watertown, Conn., Dec. 17.—The body of Mrs. Horace D. Taft, wife of the brother of President Taft, who died at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, yesterday, following an operation, was brought here today. The body was met at the station by one hundred of the pupils of Taft school, of which Mr. Taft is principal, and escorted to the Taft home.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow at twelve o'clock and will be conducted by the Rev. H. N. Cunningham, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Taft was a member.

President Taft, who left Washington tonight, will arrive here in his private car at 8.15, coming from Bridgeport, where the car was sidetracked on its arrival from Washington tonight.

Mr. Taft, on his arrival here, closed the school for the holidays, the regular closing time to have been on the 22d.

Quarreled With Sister and Shot Himself.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 17.—After a quarrel with his sister at his home here this afternoon Leonard Freer, a former member of Company L of the Seventh United States cavalry, shot himself dead. He attacked his sister during the quarrel and injured her severely