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FROM O'ER THE SEA

The Starving People in England and Germany

EXCEED THE STANDING ARMIES

Agricultural Laborers Demand Protection and Bi-Metalism, Saying They are Starved for a Theory.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Both in England and in Germany the signs of agricultural distress are increasing rapidly. The standing armies of the two countries combined, moreover, are not so numerous as the great crowds of unemployed who walk the streets in the great cities. In this city Mr. Asquith and Mr. Shaw-Lefevere are kept at their wits ends to find, for the cabinet, satisfactory answers to the appeals of laborers delegations for work. In Berlin the minister of trade, Herr Von Berlepsch, has three secretaries answering the written complaints of boards of trade, miners' committees and agricultural societies. From the remote famine-stricken provinces of Russia and the agricultural provinces of Austria and Hungary come the appeals of the half-starved peasants to swell the cry of distress.

General Booth thinks that this widespread depression is responsible for the exceptional suffering among workingmen. John Burns said in a meeting on Wednesday that agricultural laborers had been driven by the hard times from their homes, had sought work in the city and thereby swelled the number of unemployed in London, Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham to 500,000.

In Germany even the rich provinces in the Rhine country have their thousands of unemployed and half-fed families. This fact has moved the chambers of commerce in Munich, Stuttgart, Strassburg, Cologne and Mannheim to protest against the bill before the reichstag to retard emigration.

Plot Against the Czar.

The whole measure they contend is untimely, ill-digested and calculated to aggravate the suffering caused by the present depression of agriculture and trade.

The conspiracy against the Czar, which was discovered in Kief, was a much more serious affair than was at first reported. The conspirators number fifty-one. All were in high life, three of the Polish noblemen involved having been received repeatedly at the St. Petersburg court. Fifteen of the men were officers, six of them above the rank of major. A beautiful young widow from Moscow was the only woman in the plot. The police found papers implicating every member of the conspiracy, several retorts containing high explosives, a plan of the winter palace and a manuscript copy of an appeal to the people to exterminate the house of Romanoff. All the persons arrived have been taken to Moscow. How the police learned of the plot is not known.

On Wednesday the people of Padua unveiled a monument to Galileo to celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of his first appearance as professor of mathematics in the Padua University.

The sentencing of the Jewbaiter Ahlwardt, in Berlin, to five months imprisonment for slander, was received favorably by all Berlin dailies this morning, except the Kreuz Zeitung. Ahlwardt accused the Loewe firm of gunmakers of wholesale bribery of arms and defective work in making 456,000 rifles for the German army.

BIG EUROPEAN WAR.

Germany Must Prepare for a Final Titan Struggle, Hence the Bill.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—General Von Kaltenborn-Stachau, minister of war, introduced the army bill in the reichstag today for its first reading with a long and earnest speech. He declared that Germany must be prepared to enter at any moment into a final war which would dwarf all preceding wars in the magnitude of the forces engaged in the issue to be decided. It was imperative that every man in Germany able to bear arms should be ready to respond when called. This bill was a measure of supreme necessity and demanded no sacrifice that the patriotism of the nation should not be willing to grant, and no sacrifice greater than what other nations were making in preparation for the mighty struggle that might at any time begin. The bill fixes the peace footing of the army, including privates and corporals, on a yearly average at 492,068 men from October 1, 1893, to March 31, 1899. The infantry will be composed of 711 battalions, the cavalry of 477 squadrons, the field artillery of 494 batteries, the foot artillery of thirty-seven battalions, the pioneers of twenty-four battalions, the railway troops of seven battalions and the train of twenty-one battalions. The war ministers of Bavaria, Saxony and Wurtenberg were present during the debate.

Suicide or Murder.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—The autopsy on the body of the late Baron Reinach has been completed. The result has not been officially announced, but it is rumored that Dr. Brouardel states that Reinach either committed suicide or was murdered by poison. Cogarde, the Boulangist publication, says that M. Bourgeois, minister of justice, intends to have the directors of the Panama Canal company put under arrest.

The brains, viscera and spinal cord of the late Baron Reinach have been sent to the laboratory of the faculty of medicine for thorough examination, with the object of ascertaining the cause of his death. Dr. Brouardel, who had charge of the autopsy, declines to speak upon the subject of the rumors to the effect that evidence of suicide or murder has been discovered.

Still Talking Silver.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 10.—The special committee of the international monetary conference today considered Sir William Houldsworth's scheme for a bimetallic union. M. Tierard, the French delegate, indorsed the opinion of the Italian delegates. The Latin union could not have bimetallism when Germany, England and Austria refused free coinage. The Dutch and Spanish delegates repudiated the ideas of M. Tierard. The Danish delegate wanted to have an expression from the American delegation. Senator Allison said that the United States would support any scheme adopted by a certain number of nations. Mr. Cannon said that America had expected great things from France and the Latin Union until he heard M. Tierard, and that England had given assistance toward solving the problem when unlooked for. It is believed that Mr. Cannon threw the responsibility for the ultimate failure of the conference upon France and the Latin Union, in the hope of compelling those countries to shome some disposition toward conciliation.

To Make Dynamite.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 10.—Important concessions have been granted by the government to C. L. Loope of Chicago for the establishment of two or more factories for the manufacture of dynamite and other explosives. The company, which was formed in Chicago to work the concession, has a capital of $2,500,000.

For a Telegraph Line.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Hon. Cecil J. Rhodes, premier of Cape Colony, has issued a prospectus for a company having a capital of £400,000 sterling, the shares to be alloted if one hundred and forty thousand pounds are subscribed for a telegraph line to Uganda.

REFORM CLUB BANQUET.

Mr. Cleveland Says Democracy Will Fulfill Its Promises.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—At the annual banquet of the Reform club tonight, at Madison Square Garden, the president-elect was the bright particular star and most honored guest. He occupied the post of honor at the right hand of Ellery Anderson, president of the club. The seat to the left of Mr. Cleveland was not filled by Senator David B. Hill; in fact that gentleman did not grace the banquet with his presence. Many other well known democrats and tariff reformers, however, discussed the choice menu at the same table with Mr. Cleveland. It required fifteen tables to seat the guests, while the galleries were filled with the fair sex. President Anderson saw that all were seated at 7 o'clock, and in a brave speech eulogized the president-elect.

Mr. Cleveland responded and began by remarking that he had nothing new or startling to say, and promptly demonstrated this by apostrophizing the recent democratic victory. He said that those who felt that a debauched suffrage had nearly wrecked popular rule need only to think of this banquet to be convinced of their error. The national democracy and its allies in political principle rejoiced over the defeat of those whose fate is full of instruction and warning.

"Continuing he said: "If we redeem the promises we have made to the voters of our land, the difficulty of our task can hardly be exaggerated. The mission of our party, and the reforms we contemplate, do not involve the encouragement of jealous animosities nor a destructive discrimination between American interests. In order that we may begin with free hands we should vigorously oppose all delusions which have their origin in undemocratic teachings or in demagogic attempts to deceive the people. We shall utterly and disgracefully fail if we attempt these reforms under the influence of petty partisan scheming or the fear of jeopardizing personal political fortunes.

Speeches were also made by Carl Schurz and others.

QUICK MAIL DELIVERY.

Postal Street Car Successfully Tried in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—Postmaster Harlow is a happy man today. The feasibility of his pet project, the delivery of city mail in St. Louis by street cars was demonstrated today. The new method was presented to the department a year ago, and at once excited interest, though the Washington authorities were doubtful about the practicability of the plan. The street car was built expressly for the purpose. On each side were mail boxes, in which letters may be dropped with the assurance of quick delivery. Postmaster Harlow personally supervised the work today and pronounces it entirely successful. The initial trip was made Monday, when the car made the trial trip on the St. Louis and suburban line. The outside appearance of the street railway car is similar to those of the ordinary mail car. The interior is similar to the cars used on the great trunk lines of the country.

FORECLOSED MORTGAGES.

Chicago, Kansas City & Texas Road in Trouble.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 10.—Judge Phillips of the United States court granted decrees of foreclosure of mortgages held by the Central Trust company of New York against the Chicago, Kansas City & Texas Railway company for $478,000 and against the Kansas City Bridge and Terminal Railroad company for more than $1,000,000. Walton H. Holmes is appointed master in chancery for the Bridge and Terminal company and Webster Withers is appointed master in chancery for the Chicago, Kansas City & Texas Railway company. They are both to be sold by the masters in chancery at times to be determined on later. The Chicago, Kansas City railway is known as the Winner road, and a part of it is finished and in operation in Clay county. The Bridge Terminal company is the Winner bridge organization.

SEATS A REPUBLICAN.

The Montana Legislature Passes From the Democrats.

HELENA, Mon., Dec. 10.—The democrats lost the Choteau county case and probably the legislature this afternoon. Chief Justice Blake issued a writ of mandamus during the vacation of the supreme court ordering the canvassing board of Choteau county to count Boxelder precinct. Yesterday attorneys for Hamilton, the democrat, to whom the legislative certificates was issued, made a motion to quash the writ this morning. Chief Justice Blake delivered an oral decision, saying that the majority of the court had decided against the motion to quash the writ ordering the canvassing board to count Boxelder precinct, Choteau county.

McAuliffe and Myers Met.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Jack McAuliffe and Billy Myers came together for a six round exhibition tonight at the Second Regiment armory on Michigan avenue. Five thousand people were in attendance and yelled themselves hoarse over the lively sparring match.

CRISIS IN A STRIKE

The Northwestern Road May be Tied Up

FOR AIDING THE ROCK ISLAND

Distressed System Furnished Operators by That Line—Trainmen Talk of Joining the Strikers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Interest in the Rock Island strike centers in possibilities, rather than in everything which is at present taking place. The two most important possibilities are a strike of the operators on the Chicago & Northwestern with its 6,000 or 7,000 miles of road, and a strike of the switchmen, engineers, firemen, conductors and employes of the Rock Island company. The possibility of the first event was discovered by the committee at the Palmer house today, owing to the receipt of information that the Chicago & Northwestern was showing a desire to help the Rock Island through its present trouble by supplying it with competent men to replace those who have quit their work in obedience to the command of their representatives. Chief Ramsay on hearing this report declared emphatically that if it were true he would have no hesitation in calling out the men over the whole line, upon which 95 per cent are members of the order. As to a strike of the switchmen, while nothing has been decided on, it is generally asserted that such an event is highly probable.

How the Orders Feel.

Chief Ramsay attended a conference today with local members of the various railroad organizations on the Rock Island system. The object of the meeting, it is said, was to give Ramsay some idea of the feeling of the various orders toward the striking operators. Further, it is learned that a poll of these orders is being made to guage the sentiment of the members with regard to a general strike.

Today the committee received dispatches from points all over the line stating that the men were all standing firm and meant to remain so. The company is searching for men at every place where it is thought possible to secure them, and is offering $10 a month more than the average rate.

The following bulletin was issued tonight by the committee: "All dispatchers and operators—Report that two of the committee returned to work is false. Do not expect bulletins every hour reporting conditions in situation, because there may be no change for days, and if you only remain firm we will have help. Will mail you circulars daily of situation. Late advices very encouraging. Sympathetic meetings being held all over the road. Some who have returned to work have quit again, and we expect others to follow."

"COMMITTEE."

Steamer Badly Damaged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The steamer La Bretagne, while leaving her pier early this morning, collided with the Morgan docks and was so badly damaged that she had to return for repairs. The accident is even more serious than was at first supposed. The force of the blow was such that the vessel scraped her starboard bow for a distance of forty feet, breaking ten plates, a number of deck beams, her forward ribs and some stanchions. One of the deck planks ran completely through the heavy iron plates. All the damage, however, is above the water line.

Operators Weakening.

DENVER, Dec. 10.—It is reported from the superintendent's office at Colorado Springs that some of the Rock Island men who went out have returned again. It is reported that the agent at Limon asked to be reinstated again yesterday, and was again given charge of the office at that station.

The following was sent out by the local lodge O. R. T. this morning:

"To all operators: Passenger trains all late, and no freight trains either way since strike was ordered. Stand firm, boys; we have a trump card to play for you if necessary."

Starvation at Homestead.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 10.—Homestead appeals to succor its starving. Nearly 10,000 persons, embraced in 218 families, are destitute and in immediate need of food, fire and clothing. The Citizens' Relief association of Homestead has issued a formal plea for aid for the unfortunates, who are all victims, directly or indirectly, of the great and stubbornly fought strike just ended. Many of these people are actually starving, while many others are without sufficient clothing to cover their bodies and protect them from the cold blasts of winter.

Iowa Men Confident.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 10.—Little change has occurred in the strike situation here today. While the Rock Island seems to be having no trouble in moving its trains, the strikers talk in a confident manner of ultimate success, hoping for assistance from other railroad workers. Meetings are being held here and at Stuart tonight to induce the conductors and engineers and switchmen to go out in sympathy. The officials state that only a few stations are without operators and that they are constantly receiving applications.

Is an Enormous Steal.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10.—Auditor Dickinson of the Louisville & Nashville road arrived from Louisville today and at once began an investigation into the shortage of Freight Agent McCorte and Cashier Shotwell. It is rumored that for years stealings have been systematically carried on by Louisville & Nashville employes. It is claimed that the investigation if carried far enough back will disclose one of the biggest complications of steals ever heard of in any railroad.

Hell Too Good for Him.

CONNELL, N. Y., Dec. 10.—George Stevens, who has served one term in state prison for outraging and one for assault, attempted a criminal assault upon his aged mother last night. He is now in custody.

Two Men Killed.

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 10.—A later account of the accident on the New England road says: "Two freight trains collided at Peiqprang valley at 8 o'clock this morning. Engineer William M. Beebe of the west bound train and Fireman Curry of the east-bound train were killed and two trainmen were injured. The accident was caused by the negligence of Conductor Ellison and Engineer Thompson of the east-bound train, who have disappeared."

Slavin and Goddard Matched.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10.—President Charles Dickson of the Olympic club today received the following from New York: "Slavin will box Goddard, $10,000 purse and expenses. Sail at once if necessary. Answer, naming date. RICHARD FOX."

The following answer was sent: "We accept; sail him at once; send Goddard south to train, likewise Slavin. Date from 1 to 3 March. Answer quick. Send wrestlers south. DICKSON."

Burned the Town.

SUMTER, S. C., Dec. 10.—About 9 o'clock last night a fire started in the opera house during the performance by the Chick company. The flames spread rapidly and soon the opera house was in ruins, with burning buildings all around. The theater and eight business blocks were entirely consumed. The fire department did all in its power, but the flames raged five hours and leveled the principal business blocks in the town. Losses and insurance cannot yet be estimated.

Cooked to Death by Steam.

SEYMOUR, Ind., Dec. 10.—John Holliday, aged 40 years and the father of a family, was fatally scalded and George Brown and John Meikel were fearfully burned by escaping steam from an exploded factory engine this morning. Holliday's body was burned to a crisp and his skin all came off with his clothing. The chances are that both Brown and Meikel will die.

Aiding the Men.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 10.—This morning word was received at local O. R. T. headquarters that operators on the Rock Island in western Iowa were returning to work by pressure of necessity. At once a representative of the order started out with $500 to assist the strikers. The strikers who are needy will be brought to Omaha and paid salaries to do nothing until the strike is settled.

Strike Ends at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 10.—The places of the six striking operators in the Rock Island freight offices in Kansas City have all been filled. One striker went back to his job. The strikers tried to keep other operators from working for the company, but were unsuccessful, and as far as Kansas City is concerned the strike is ended.

Bald Knobber Killed.

OZARK, Mo., Dec. 10.—Mat Day, son of the old Bald Knobber captain, was shot and killed by James Byers last Thursday night on Bear Creek, Taney county. It was reported here today that Day was stealing chickens when shot. There is considerable excitement at Bear Creek, and more trouble is expected.

Jewely House Assigns.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Kottlinski & Gatzert, one of the largest and best established wholesale jewelry houses in the city made an assignment for the benefit of creditors to the American Trust and Savings bank. So far as known assets and liabilities are about $75,000 each.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 10.—A boiler exploded in a sawmill at Red Springs, Robinson county, today, instantly killing two men and badly wounding several others, some of whom are not expected to recover.

CUT THE UNDERTAKERS.

Differences Arise as to the Proceeds From Funerals.

All is not as peaceful among the hackmen as appears on the surface. Two or three months ago when an organization was first discussed the undertakers were "in it," but in the present organization the name of an undertaker does not appear, nor do his interests cut any figure in the rate schedule. This is not all. The hackmen are treating the undertakers in a manner that would indicate they never expect to have any use for them. At the last meeting of the association it was decided to allow no undertaker to make an order for hack service for a funeral.

The system in practice, heretofore, has been to allow the undertakers to order as many hacks as were desired for a funeral and the undertaker would get a commission from the hack owner. The trade has been combined to three or four hack owners, the undertakers carrying their orders to the man who would give the best commission. Of course these three or four favored hack owners objected to a change, but the majority of the association demanded one and made it. The undertakers are not at all pleased with the change. It is rumored that some members of the association are breaking the rule regarding the undertakers and are receiving orders from them. The matter will come before the next meeting of hackmen for settlement.

Arrested at a Dance.

Stella Hathaway was arrested last night at Germania hall by Detectives Gast and Jakeway for stealing a hat, cloak and dress from her employer, Mrs. Visner, residing at No. 167 South Ionia street. When arrested she was clothed in the stolen finery.

Scalded in Brine.

LUDINGTON, Dec. 10.—Leonard Seviers, foreman at Percy's salt block, accidentally stepped into a boiling vat of brine last night and had his legs horribly scalded up to his knees.

State News in Brief.

At Howell on Wednesday a demented old lady named Mrs. Moynahan wandered away from the county house, got lost in a swamp and perished from cold and exposure.

Tramps are doing a lot of damage in Kalamazoo county school houses. They burn up the books to keep themselves warm during the night.

A dear little deluded Jackson bride thought she could commence housekeeping with a carpet sweeper and an oil stove.

W. H. Gray is in trouble at Jackson, having obtained goods by representing himself as a Michigan Central detective.

A doctor advertising in the Kalamazoo papers says: "My cures are not only permanent, but they remain so."

Sheep killing dogs are making life miserable for Van Buren county farmers.

Dr. C. W. Jarvis of Ishpeming has succeeded in growing oranges. Next!

ARE NOT THE MEN

Alleged Murderers of Molitor Swear Their Innocence.

WITNESSES TELL NOTHING NEW

Furhman Has a Remarkable Memory for Events Which Happened Seventeen Years Ago—Banks' Case.

ALPENA, Dec. 10.—In the Molitor trial William Schmidt, the justice before whom the examinations were held, produced his dockets and said he had discharged on examination Louis Bruder, Frederick Bruder, Frederick Sorgenfrie, Carl Weisengart and Gottlieb Mende. He said he now thought it was an error to have discharged them. Andrew E. Banks testified that he knew nothing of the murder; that the testimony implicating him was false. He never knew anything of the murder until after it was committed. He did not leave his boots at Bertram's after the murder, and was not at Renke's Hill. He was arrested and examined before Justice Harris August 23, 1875, and was discharged. The night of the murder he was at Mrs. Crouse's. He was on friendly terms with Molitor and all the others.

Albert Karston, Frederick Sorgenfrie, Stephen Reiger, August Furhman and Herman Hyeft have all been on the stand this morning. Karston is the present township clerk of Melitkee and identified the records. Sorgenfrie and Reiger had been on the stand before, but were recalled. No new or contradictory evidence was obtained from them. Furhman swears he had no hand, act or part in the murder of Molitor. He has no difficulty in remembering just exactly what he was doing on his farm seventeen years ago. Knows he was home the night Molitor was shot because he asked his son when he went to bed if everything was all right, and the son replied yes. Herman Hyeft testifies that he was in Detroit at the time of the shooting, and claims that he had no knowledge or hint that it was going to be done. He is still on the stand.

TURNING TO THE ARTS.

Now That Football is Over U. of M. Students Settle Down.

ANN ARBOR, Dec. 10.—The junior laws are again having a struggle, this time over a mere technicality, ensuing from the appointment of a committee to act with the senior committee in securing a speaker for Washington's birthday. Last Friday in the absence of the class president a meeting was held for the election of a committee of three for the above purpose. On the return of the class president the illegality of the election was raised, and has resulted in two subsequent meetings this week, where a bitter partisan fight was inaugurated. The majority of the class were satisfied with the first committee, which was composed of C. A. Fowler, C. A. Park and Mr. Hopkins. It is claimed that politics is the cause of the trouble, so that the politics of the speaker will depend on the political complexion of the committee.

The Students' Christian association is engaged in a lively discussion regarding a reorganization of the association on a broader basis. At present only members of the churches recognized by the international committee of the Y. M. C. A. are eligible to active membership. It is proposed to change the organization so as to admit anyone, whether a church member or not, who is willing to take the pledge of fidelity to the work to be carried on by the association. It is expected that the question will be settled within the next two weeks, although a factional fight may ensue, prolonging the settlement much longer.

The organization of a press club is to be effected, to include all the students who have had newspaper experience or are now engaged in any way with the journalistic profession.

At a meeting held last week for the consideration of feasibility of organization, C. A. Denison was elected temporary chairman and Miss Margaretta Shaw temporary secretary. The following committee were appointed to draw up a constitution and make such other arrangements for organization as are necessary: Messrs. Ottaway, Wakefield and Pearson. The committee to solicit members includes Messrs. H. W. Webber, law department; J. R. Arneill, medical department; E. K. Towl and Misses Shaw and Tanner literary department. It is expected that the club will start out with an active membership of about seventy-five.

John R. Mott, who has won a national reputation among the college S. C. A., will be in Ann Arbor December 18 to deliver an address to the students.

The inter-class series of football games is completed, and the literary class of '93 holds the banner, as the winning class, having won three games from actual contest and one game by default. This is the third season that the class of '93 have won. To celebrate the victory in a fitting manner, a banquet will be given next week, for the success of which neither pains nor expense will be spared.

The November Inland has just appeared and is a very credible publication. It contains a number of contributions from the alumni and professors of the U. of M. The Oracle, published by the sophomore class, will be issued soon and placed on sale December 20. This is the first time in the twenty-six years of its history that the publication has appeared at the fixed time. A new feature has been introduced in the fact that it has been determined to "grind" the "coeds." A local society threatens to boycott the Oracle if the girls are "ground," but it is thought that no such action will be taken.

Work on the Costalian, the senior publication, is progressing rapidly and it is expected that it will be ready by the first of February.

Peace reigns once more within the ranks of the freshman class, as the election of a new set of officers to take the place of those deposed some time since, was accomplished without any difficulty as was anticipated. The list of officers includes: W. N. Clute, president, Miss B. Finch, first vice president; James M. Eakins, second vice president; James J. Franc, secretary; Miss E. Eberly, assistant secretary; Arthur M. Huvey, treasurer; Warren W. Traves, sergeant-at-arms; E. M. Holland, toastmaster.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Jewell and Kerr was appointed to make arrangements for the organization of a freshman glee and banjo club. At a meeting to organize the club, held last night, fifteen members of '96 applied for membership, an unusually large number, which will be materially reduced by the rigid examination which the members are required to pass.

Last night the faculty of the university school of music gave a very fine concert, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

An effort is being made to arrange a joint debate between the U. of M. and some western university. It is quite probable that the movement will meet with the success that it deserves.

A very successful series of lectures is being given under the auspices of the S. C. A., by Prof. Thompson on "Mosaic Law," considered from a legal standpoint."

CHANNEL BIDS OPENED.

General Poe Is Examining Estimates for Work on the Twenty-Foot Channel.

DETROIT, Dec. 10.—Bids are now being opened by General Poe, United States engineer here, for work on the twenty-foot channel between Chicago, Duluth and Buffalo, the work to begin as early as possible next spring.

There were eleven bids opened today for the work at Gross Isle, ranging from 14½ to 43 cents per cubic yard of excavation. Breiman Bros. of Toledo were the lowest bidders. The bids for all the sections are now in and if the amount does not exceed the appropriation the contracts will be let. Otherwise no bids will be called for.

Preparing for the Fray.

LANSING, Dec. 10.—Both Senator Stockbridge and would-be Senator Luce have secured quarters at Lansing hotels for the senatorial campaign, and the preliminary battle will be waged in the Hotel Downey. Senator Stockbridge has engaged parlor B and the entire front row of rooms on the second floor at this hotel, and has also secured the front rooms at the Hudson house. Ex-Governor Luce thus far has recured only rooms 113 and 114 at the Downey, but has an option on several others. Governor and Mrs. Rich will also make the Downey their winter home, and will take up their residence in Lansing January 2.

He Was a Jay Cop.

SAGINAW, Dec. 10.—William Tolan was arrested in Joe Maney's hotel by an Ithaca officer on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He asked permission to step into another room a moment and speak to a lady, which was granted, and upon the officer poking his head through the door shortly after he found the room empty and the bird flown, the woman being a myth of the prisoner's invention. Tolan returned after a vigorous search without his man, but the Saginaw police spotted the fellow and he was taken to Ithaca today.

Suit to Recover Cash.

FLINT, Dec. 10.—The First National bank of Flint has began suit by declaration for $10,000 damages against the Union Central Life Insurance company, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Ohio. The transaction upon which the suit was brought, occurred June 18 last, when John W. Rock, the authorized agent of the above company, called at the bank and had cashed a properly indorsed draft on the American Exchange National bank of New York, for the amount of $7,000.

Wants Good Citizens.

LANSING, Dec. 10.—The New York World will today print Governor Winan's sentiments upon the restriction of foreign immigration. The governor is not a believer in the prohibition of immigration to the extent of absolute restriction. He believes the Chinese, the Mafia, the Russian Jews and all foreigners who will not make good citizens of the United States should be excluded, but he would deprive no one desirous of improving their condition of admittance to this country.

May Ask a Recount.

SAGINAW, Dec. 10.—Mr. Robinson, of Charlotte, member of the democratic state committee, has been in the city looking after the interests of Gen. George T. Shaffer, state land commissioner, and late candidate for re-election. It is given out that the vote is an exceedingly close one as between Berry and Shaffer, and that if a recount were had of the votes cast for land commissioner in the eight district, Shaffer might overcome the small plurality against him.

Cashed Forged Checks.

ANN ARBOR, Dec. 10.—A clever forgery, by which two firms were fleeced, came to light today. A stranger sent boys to L. Gruner and Bach & Abel with checks purporting to have been drawn by Maj. William C. Stevens, and endorsed by W. W. Wheden, for $30 each. Each boy had a note with Whedon's name signed, asking that the checks be cashed, and each firm parted with $30, which the boys gave to the stranger, who departed without leaving a clue.

Horrible Death of a Child.

DETROIT, Dec. 10.—Oscar Burgatcky, 4 years old, was playing around the kitchen stove at his parents' residence yesterday afternoon when his dress caught fire. The child was severely burned about the body, and Dr. Cree was called, but could do nothing for the little sufferer, who died this morning. Coroner Downs will hold an inquest next Tuesday afternoon.

Walked Off the Bridge.

BYRON, Dec. 10.—Lowell Wiltse, a well-known young man of this place, missed the bridge while on his way up town in the darkness Thursday night and fell into the water and was drowned. He belonged to the Masonic order and the Maccabees. He made his home with his aged mother.

Just Talked and Talked.

DETROIT, Dec. 10.—Underwriters, vessel owners and ship builders, in session here for three days on the inspection and classification of steel steamers, adjourned their meeting today without having reached any basis of agreement.

Destroyed by Fire.

SAGINAW, Dec. 10.—The residence of F. Bird, on Linton street, was totally destroyed by fire last evening with its contents, the family being temporarily absent. The loss is $800, supposed to be partially covered by insurance.

Heir to Millions.

JACKSON, Dec. 10.—J. E. Geiger, a well known draymen of this city, has just been notified that as the grandson of a Cuban millionaire he is one of the heirs to a nice little estate valued at $3,000,000.

WILL BE A DRAIN

The Pension List Likely to Create a Deficit

IN THE SURPLUS REVENUES

The Total Disbursements for the Year Will Reach at Least $150,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The small surplus at present in the United States treasury and the falling off in customs and internal revenue receipts have caused conjecture whether pension payments may not, at any time, come near creating a deficiency. As is generally understood, pension certificates are only issued for quarterly payments, but according to the system adopted by this bureau a regular monthly requisition is made upon the treasury department.

Pensions are paid through eighteen agencies, which are divided into three groups. Group No. 1, comprises the agencies of Buffalo, Concord, New Hampshire; Chicago, DesMoines, Milwaukee and Pittsburg, and will make a quarterly payment on January 4. Group No. 2, contains the agencies of Indianapolis, Knoxville, Louisville, New York, Philadelphia and Topeka, Kan., which will make a payment on February 4. In group No. 3 are the agencies of Augusta, Me., Boston, Columbus, Ohio, Detroit, San Francisco and Washington, which will make a payment on March 4. This latter group will make a requisition this month for a sum closely approximating $12,000,000, which will be sent to the treasury department the latter part of December. The checks for this money will not be mailed until the second or third day of January.

The last pension requisition was honored on November 23 and called for $1,975,000. The amount required averages about the same each month. The amount expended in the payment of pensions during the first four months of the present fiscal year was $50,000,000, which, if not increased in ratio, would indicate a total pension disbursement for the year of $150,000,000.

BIG SUGAR OUTPUT.

Production More Than 20,000,000 Greater Than Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Returns received by Mr. Mason, commissioner of internal revenue, shows that the beet sugar factories have closed up for the season. "There are but six factories that make beet sugar and these show an increased production this year over last year of more than 100 per cent. It is estimated at the treasury department that the production of cane sugar this year will reach 390,000,000 pounds, an increase of 20,000,000 pounds over last year. To pay the bounty it will take, according to the best estimates, $9,755,000. This is a considerable increase over the amount estimated in the annual report of the commissioner of internal revenues, which was only $8,400,000.

CRISP IN A WALK.

Looks as Though the Speaker's to Succeed Himself.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Talk of opposition to the election of Mr. Crisp to the speakership does not seem to grow, and the idea that another man should rule the house is not received with that enthusiasm expected by its most ardent advocates; even a large number of those known to be unfriendly to the interests of the speaker refusing to take part in the hoped-for agitation.

Mr. Breckenridge of Kentucky and Mr. Wilson of West Virginia are the two most formidable opponents of Mr. Crisp, but it is believed that Mr. Wilson lends no sanction to his name in this connection, while Mr. Breckenridge is saying nothing.

DECREASE IN EXPORTS.

Breadstuffs Fall Below the Figures of Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—There has been a decrease of nearly $7,000,000 in the exportages of breadstuffs from the United States during the past month as compared with November, 1891. Total exports last month were $17,450,000 as against $25,588,000 in 1891. The chief off is in wheat, which dropped from $15,716,000 down to $9,199,000. The only items which show an increase are corn and cornmeal. The exports of corn have increased $350,000, of cornmeal $10,000 and of wheat flour nearly $500,000. The latter increase has mainly gone to Cuba in reciprocal exchange for free sugar.

Made Murphy Mad.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 10.—A well-informed democrat and intimate friend of Chairman Edward Murphy said today that Mr. Murphy had at present seventy members of the legislature pledged to vote for him in the caucus which would select both the speakership and senatorship nominees. He stated, moreover, that Mr. Murphy did not intend at first to make any fight for the honor. He was willing to accept the senatorship if the party deemed him worthy the honor, but would not have contested the place against any good man had not the papers commenced attacks on him. This settled him and made him resolve to win the nomination and election.

Broke a Running Record.

SANTA ANA, Cal., Dec. 10.—The world's seventy-five yard running record was broken here today by Tom Morris of Orange county, who defeated James Quick, Canadian champion, by two feet, making the distance in seven and one-fifth seconds. The match was for $10,000 and Orange county men backed Morris heavily.

Steel Mills Closed Down.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 10.—The Lackawanna Iron and Steel company today shut down for an indefinite period, its north steel mill owing to depression in the steel rail market. Over 1,000 employes are thrown out of employment by the suspension of the works.

Louisiana Town Scorched.

PLAQUEMINE, La., Dec. 10.—Fire this morning destroyed three squares of business houses and residences in this village. Loss $50,000; insured.

Another Idiot Dead.

CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Jourdin Russell, aged 19, died here today after after a few hours illness. His death was due to cigarette smoking.