

BIG ICE JAM TO BE DYNAMITED

Indiana Shore Line May be Saved by the Blowing up of the Ice Gorges Which Threaten Damage.

ARMY ENGINEERS GO NOW COUNTING BALLOTS

Car Load of Dynamite Has Been Sent to the Scene to be Used to Open up the Blocked River.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 18.—Relief to Leavenworth, Ind., and Ohio river towns as far up the river as Louisville, Ky., where destruction impends from the water and ice, backed up by the gigantic ice jam at Wolf creek, is promised. Appeals to the government by Governor Marshall, Representatives Sherley, of the Louisville district and John W. Boehne, of the Evansville district, for an immediate effort to dynamite the ice were successful, according to advices received here and at Leavenworth. Army engineers are now on their way from Cincinnati, and will begin to demolish the gorge today.

Capt. Max Sebott, agent of the Monongahela River Coal and Coke company at Louisville, sent a car load of dynamite by rail to Hawesville, Ky., last night, and it will be unloaded to the steel-hulled towboat Mariner, which is now proceeding upstream to Hawesville from this city. The efforts of the government and the coal company were begun separately, but it is probable that the engineers and the company will unite today in attempting to blast a path through the apparently impregnable mountain of ice which bars the river's flow.

Conditions are unchanged at Leavenworth, and people there and at other points further up, where the same danger of inundation and destruction by grinding ice exists, are waiting impatiently for the word that the gorge has given way. Postmaster J. P. Leavenworth, chairman of the committee which addressed the first appeal to the outside for assistance, said that anxiety had not been relieved, and that nothing short of the flow of ice and water would reassure people there.

Rain fell intermittently all Monday at Leavenworth, but it was not heavy enough to increase the height of the river, which has remained practically stationary within eight feet of the town's street levels for the last forty-eight hours. If it had continued long enough, the downpour might have caused the ice to roll and loosen, but there is no such probability in sight now.

\$10,000 Appropriated WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The senate this afternoon passed the resolution adopted by the house, appropriating \$10,000 to enable the secretary of war to destroy the ice gorges in the Ohio river, near Louisville, which have lately menaced life and property along the banks of the government dam at Louisville.

MRS. HARRIMAN BOUGHT THE BANK

Widow of Late Railroad King Has Controlling Interest in Prosperous Concern.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Mrs. E. H. Harriman has acquired a stock majority of the Day and Night bank, and will interest herself in the conduct of its affairs. Thus she becomes as far as known, the first woman of this city personally to own a financial institution.

News of Mrs. Harriman's acquisition came out in connection with the announcement that at the annual election of directors last week Charles C. Tegethoff and Martin Vogel were chosen to the board to succeed the late E. H. Harriman and E. D. Bennett.

Charles Tegethoff is a direct representative of the Harriman holdings. Mr. Tegethoff used to be Mr. Harriman's confidential secretary, and now is Mrs. Harriman's.

E. H. Harriman always held a substantial interest in the Night and Day bank, but the acquisition of sufficient shares to give an actual stock majority, it is thought, has been of recent date.

The Night and Day bank was founded for the convenience of those desiring banking facilities after hours, and accordingly draws its patronage largely from the clubs and hotels of the neighborhood, as well as from the Fifth avenue merchants, who make their collections after regular banking hours. The bank has made money from the start.

MINERS MEET IN INDIANA

Governor of State and Mayor of City Welcomed the 1,500 Delegates to the Annual Convention.

BETTER PROTECTION OF MINERS' LIVES WILL BE ONE OF TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE GATHERING

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 18.—Fifteen hundred miners representing coal districts throughout the United States met in Tomlinson hall at 10 o'clock this morning, when the annual convention of the United Mine Workers met. The miners were welcomed by Governor Marshall and Mayor Shank and President Lewis responded in behalf of the miners.

The first day of the convention will be spent in organizing and little important business will be transacted it is believed. The credential committee made its report this afternoon. The appointment of committees was also made by President Lewis. The tellers who are now counting the votes for the national officers will report tomorrow.

According to a statement made by a miner today, supporters of Lewis are expecting opposition from the friends of John Mitchell. The better protection of miners' lives will be one of the topics discussed. The creation of a bureau of mines, either in connection with one of the departments of the U. S. government or as a department in itself, has been advocated by President Lewis for some time and it is thought some action will be taken on the matter.

SETH BULLOCK IS RE-APPOINTED

Friend of Roosevelt Is Named for Another Four-Year Term by President Taft.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Capt. Seth Bullock, of Deadwood, S. D., hero of the plains and intimate friend of Colonel Roosevelt, was renominated for another four-year term as United States marshal for the district of South Dakota. The fact that the South Dakota senators, Gamble and Crawford, were opposed to the appointment of Captain Bullock had no weight with the president. Some months ago Mr. Taft promised Colonel Roosevelt that if his old friend Seth wanted to hold his job as marshal that he would be re-commissioned.

The South Dakota senators opposed Mr. Bullock on the ground that the marshal might be opposed to Senator Gamble when he came up for re-election three years hence. Bullock was asked to take the oath of allegiance to Gamble, but he refused to be sworn and would not make any promises as to what he would do in politics three years from now. His nomination may be held up by the South Dakota senators, but ultimately it will be confirmed.

BIG COMPANY GOES TO WALL

Ten-Million-Dollar Concern Goes into the Hands of a Receiver.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 18.—Judge Taylor today appointed Gen. George A. Garretson, president of the Bank of Commerce, and S. E. Shayne, general manager of the Gilchrist Transportation company, receivers for the Gilchrist company, a \$10,000,000 corporation.

Each was placed under \$50,000 bond. Application for a receiver was made by Frank W. Gilchrist, of Michigan. Poor business last season is said to have been the cause for the failure.

DR. COOK FOUND IN A SANITARIUM

North Pole Man is Suffering From Severe Nervous Collapse in German Hospital.

FRANKFORT, Germany, Jan. 18.—The Frankfort Zeitung is authority for the statement today that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, is in a sanitarium near Heidelberg, suffering from a serious physical collapse. The correspondent says that Cook's mind is in danger from melancholia. Mrs. Cook is reported to be with her husband.

UNIFORM LAWS FOR THE STATES

Important Object of the Conference of Governors Which is Being Held in Washington Today.

GOV. CARROLL ATTENDS MEETING IS EXPECTED TO EXERT A VERY POWERFUL INFLUENCE ON FUTURE LEGISLATION IN THE VARIOUS STATES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Having for their object the furtherance of uniformity in state laws, the executives of thirty-odd commonwealths met here today for a three-days' conference which may exert a tremendous influence on future legislation in the states. After perfecting organization, and hearing a brief speech by Governor Wilson, of Kentucky, outlining the objects of the conference, adjournment was taken to attend a luncheon at the Metropolitan club and later to call on the president. Gov. B. F. Carroll, of Iowa, is in attendance.

THE NEW STOVAINE CAUSES DEATH

Chicago Hospital Case Causes the Surgeons to Put Ban on the Discovery.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—When Coroner's Physician Warren H. Hunter attributed the death of John Roherty, which occurred at the county hospital last Thursday, to stovaine, he put an end to the use of this anaesthetic in Chicago hospitals for an indefinite period, in the opinion of Dr. Henry F. Lewis, who used stovaine when he set Roherty's fractured kneecap. "A statement like that, coming from a reputable physician like Dr. Hunter, and at the same time one in the high official position which he occupies, is bound to place a stigma upon the drug which will take some time to overcome," said Dr. Lewis.

Dr. Lewis, as well as other prominent physicians of Chicago, refused to go on record yesterday with regard to agreeing or disagreeing with the belief of Dr. Hunter. But from conversations with several it was gleaned that stovaine still has its friends, and as far as could be ascertained, Dr. Hunter stands alone in his condemnation of the newly discovered anaesthetic.

As a prelude to the inquest today into the death of John Roherty, who died following an operation in which stovaine was used at the county hospital, Dr. E. C. Dudley, a prominent surgeon, declared it to be futile. Dr. Dudley said that stovaine, in his opinion, will produce a mortality of two per cent, and is more dangerous than chloroform or ether.

FROM THE WILD AND WOOLLY WEST

Stranger Made New Yorker Dance to the Tune of Six Shooter and Plugged His Ankle.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—"I'm from the wild and woolly west," yelled a stranger in an uptown hotel, as he drew a six-shooter and pointed it at the neat patent-leathers of a mild-mannered young man. "Dance, you tenderfoot, dance."

The terrified young man did his best at a buck and wing, but the stranger demanded: "Faster, you dude, faster!"

The young man couldn't go faster, and the man with the gun sent a bullet through his ankle and quickly escaped into the street.

The victim is in a hospital with a permanently crippled foot and the police are seeking a man who looks like a wild westerner.

Political Corruption. LONDON, Jan. 17.—Seven Irish nationalists, including John Redmond, were nominated without opposition, immediately called elected. Liberal leaders allege that \$15,000,000 is now adrift in England to bring about a conservative victory, the money coming from various organizations, including a large sum from the U. S. Steel corporation. The corruption of voters is declared to be flagrant.

Doubling Up. WATERLOO, Iowa, Jan. 18.—J. F. Klingaman, superintendent of charities, says that poor families are doubling up to economize in fuel, which is almost impossible to get. There is much suffering.

JOHN FARSON DIED EARLY TODAY

Millionaire Chicago Banker Passed Away Early This Morning From an Attack of Heart Disease.

SON REACHED BEDSIDE CALLS THEM DIRTY LIES

Chartered a Special Train From New York at a Cost of \$3,000 and Reached Home in Time.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—John Farson, millionaire banker, died early today at his Oak Park home, after three days' illness. Heart disease was given as the cause, but Farson's relatives have summoned a toxicologist to make a post-mortem examination and determine the cause definitely.

John Farson, Jr., who was in New York, chartered a special train, which cost \$3,000, and made the run to Chicago in seventeen hours. He arrived three hours before his father's death and was in time to be recognized by him.

Farson was well known because of eccentricities of dress. For years he invariably wore red neckties and a few years ago appeared in white evening clothes.

Mr. Farson was born in Union City, Ind., October 8, 1855. He was the son of Rev. John T. Farson, a Methodist Episcopal clergyman, and Harriet Page Farson. He was educated in the public schools at Champaign, Ill., and attended the University of Illinois between the years 1874 and 1876. After coming to Chicago he studied law in the office of J. R. Doolittle, at one time a United States senator from Wisconsin, and was admitted to the bar in 1880. Mr. Farson was married in Chicago September 1, 1881, to Mamie A. Ashworth, two children, John Farson, Jr., and William Farson, being the result of the union.

THEY WILL OR THEY WON'T

Machinists Walkout in Sympathy With the Northern Switchmen, May or May Not Take Place.

TWO OPPOSITE OPINIONS

Straw Vote in Shops Shows 90 Per Cent of the Men Not in Favor of Quitting Their Work.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—"The machinists will not strike to aid the switchmen" said third vice-president Slade of the Northern Pacific today.

"We have taken a poll among the machinists in our shop and fully 90 per cent stated that they would not go out, even if ordered to do so by the international officers."

President Van Lear of the north-west district of the international association of machinists said that the machinists would go out whenever the order was given, notwithstanding Mr. Slade's poll.

SO FAT THAT HE WENT CRAZY

Baby Bliss, Who Weighed 575 Pounds, Attacked His Family With a Club.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Jan. 18.—Leonard ("Baby") Bliss, Bloomington's famous fat man, became suddenly insane today and attacked members of his family with a club. He was overpowered before he succeeded in inflicting serious injuries. "Baby" Bliss weighs 575 pounds and became widely known on bicycle tracks throughout the country as a rider some years ago.

Leg Shot Off.

OSKALOOSA, Iowa, Jan. 18.—Thomas Bell, aged thirteen, had his leg shot off in a hunting accident. A shot gun was accidentally discharged by a companion, who was walking a few paces behind the boy. The shot took effect below the knee.

MADE HIM MAD AS A HORNET

Secretary Ballinger Who Criticizes Others, Does Not Like Any One to Speak Ill of Himself.

WALSH LEAVES AT 6:00 O'CLOCK

Will Start This Evening for Fort Leavenworth Where He Will Become a Federal Convict.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Secretary Ballinger of the Department of the Interior, last night in positive and strong language, branded the charges made against him by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska before the House Committee on Expenditures for the Department of the Interior as false. "The charges made by Representative Hitchcock against me today are dirty, malicious, premeditated lies from beginning to end," said Secretary Ballinger.

"As a matter of fact, Jack Ballinger is not my nephew; he is a distant cousin. When I came here to be commissioner of the general land office there was no provision for a private secretary and I asked Secretary Garfield to find a place for him. He procured an executive order making Ballinger a private secretary. It was after this that I reduced Judge Wright. I did this because Judge Wright was getting old and could not do the work."

"I resigned on March 4 to again take up the practice of law, and it was after that that Secretary Garfield, not at my instance, appointed Jack Ballinger a special agent. It is true the latter resigned some time later, but not as soon as he procured his transportation, as Hitchcock would have the public believe."

One of the charges against Secretary Ballinger made by Mr. Hitchcock related to the employment of the secretary's nephew, Jack Ballinger, while Mr. Ballinger was commissioner of the land office. Mr. Hitchcock charged that Mr. Ballinger demoted Judge Wright, one of the law clerks, from a \$2,000 position to a \$1,400 position, in order to make room for his nephew. He also charged that when Mr. Ballinger was ready to retire as land commissioner and after Jack Ballinger had announced that he would retire at the same time and go to Seattle to practice law, the position of special inspector of offices was created in order that young Ballinger might return home at the expense of the government and continue to draw pay.

He resigned his position, Mr. Hitchcock says, two weeks after he reached Seattle. Mr. Hitchcock also charged that salaries are being increased and new positions created in the Interior Department without authority and law and that many of the field agents are utterly unqualified to do the work at once to which they were appointed.

Chairman McGuire announced that the charges made by Mr. Hitchcock were specific enough to warrant his committee to make a searching investigation of the expenditures in the department and said that the investigation would be begun at once.

GAS JET WAS NEW TO HER

German Woman Had Never Lighted One and Was Asphyxiated While Trying to Turn It.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Theresa Jaser, eighty-seven years old, was killed by gas asphyxiation at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, 3533 Liermann avenue, while dressing to attend her first service at the new St. Anthony's Catholic church, dedicated Sunday. She came to America three months ago from Germany and had never lighted the gas jet in her room, according to her daughter. She arose at 3 a. m., and two hours later her daughter was awakened by the odor of gas. A physician was called, but Mrs. Jaser died an hour later, without regaining consciousness. She was partly dressed and the presence of several burnt matches in the room causes the daughter to believe that her mother was overcome while trying to light the gas after she had turned the cock.

Found Dead in Barn.

CORYDON, Iowa, Jan. 18.—The body of William Cooper, a grocer, was found in his barn by his wife, who, wondering why he did not return to the house, started to find him. He is supposed to have dropped dead of heart disease, although there is talk of suicide by poison.

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WILL SERVE FIVE YEARS

Brief But Dramatic One Hour Session of Court, Brings His Case to an End and He is Doomed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Within twenty-four hours John R. Walsh, former multi-millionaire, will be a convict behind the bars of the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. After a brief, but dramatic, hearing lasting one hour, the United States circuit court of appeals, shortly before noon today, denied the application for a new trial and ordered that a mandate issue, committing the aged ex-banker to prison immediately.

As soon as the mandate had been prepared, a mittimus was served upon United States Marshal Hoy, who announced that he and a deputy would start for Fort Leavenworth with Walsh at 6 p. m. today.

John S. Miller, presented a petition for a new trial, based on affidavits signed by Taggart and Palmer, members of the jury which convicted Walsh. They swore that Palmer had been coerced in signing the verdict of guilty.

COMMON LABORER WAS A PRINCE

Armenian Noble Came to America to Escape Political Persecution and Was Killed.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—A man supposed to be an Armenian laborer was killed last Monday in Madison by a train. Yesterday, with much pomp and ceremony, he was buried, with all of the Armenians, Macedonians and other affiliated races attending the funeral, for after his death the identity of the man had been established and it was found that he was Prince Pagasdar Mongosorvia, 39 years old, and a former general of the Armenian Army.

During revolts in Armenia against Turkish rule he led a losing cause, and escaped from the country to avoid capture and probable execution, though held a hero by his people. Coming to New York, he became a director in a Macedonian-Bulgarian banking association which failed a year ago with \$800,000 liabilities. Then he came to Granite City to hide himself. He was known there as a mechanic, and worked for the American Car Company of Madison.

Supreme Court Decisions.

[Special to The Gate City.] DES MOINES, Jan. 18.—Morrow, appellant against Smith, Wapello, affirmed.

Saar, appellant, against Carson Mills, affirmed.

Winslow against Commercial Building Company, appellant, Blackhawk, affirmed.

Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway and Light Co., against C. R. & P. Ry. Co., appellant, superior court, Cedar Rapids, affirmed.

McGrew, appellant, against Holmes, Monona, affirmed.

Dillivan, appellant, against German Savings Bank, Carroll, affirmed on Heaton's appeal, reversed on plaintiff's appeal.

Shorthill Co. against Aetna Indemnity, appellant, Woodbury, reversed in part, affirmed in part.

Constanti against Rowland, appellant, Johnson, reversed.

TO TAKE THE PLACE OF DAWSON

Howell, of Iowa City, and Griik, of Davenport Have Been Mentioned So Far.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 18.—State house politicians say that there is every indication that Judge Ralph P. Howell, of Iowa City, will soon announce himself as a candidate for congress in the Second district. He does not belong to either faction in the republican party.

Lane Endorses Griik. DAVENPORT, Iowa, Jan. 18.—Joe R. Lane, chairman of the Second district republican committee, endorses the congressional candidacy of Charles Griik, of Davenport, a progressive, to succeed Dawson.

JAPS REFUSE KNOX'S PLAN

Will Soon Send the United States a Courteous Note in Answer to the Secretary's Proposal.

CHINA IS INTERESTED

Russia and Japan Have Agreed on the Same Plan and Will Leave no Room for Further Propositions.

TOKIO, Jan. 18.—The Japanese government is preparing to send the United States a courteous but well-guarded and absolute refusal to accept Secretary of State Knox's plan for neutralization of the Manchurian railroad, according to a well-grounded rumor circulated here today. The refusal will leave no room for future proposals by America on similar questions.

It is believed here that Russia and Japan have agreed to send their refusals of Knox's proposal simultaneously within the next few days.

According to messages received from Peking today, the public there is also beginning to doubt the motives of Secretary Knox and fear that his proposal will place China in greater danger than ever.

THE HIGHEST DAM IN THE WORLD

Shoshone River Project is Completed to Hold Back the Flood Waters of Stream.

CODY, Wyo., Jan. 18.—The last bucketful of cement to complete the big government dam to impound the flood waters of the Shoshone river, eight miles above Cody, was put in place and the event is being celebrated in true western style.

The dam is the highest structure of its kind in the world, 328 feet. It is eighty-five feet long at the bottom and 200 feet long at the top. It is designed to hold back only the flood waters of the Shoshone, which will form an artificial lake ten miles square. This is expected to furnish water for the irrigation of 150,000 acres of land.

CRAZY PREACHER KILLS HIMSELF

Murdered His Wife Before He Ended His Own Life and Also Killed Others.

OXFORD, Miss., Jan. 18.—Will Vaughn is dying today and three others are dead because Rev. James Owens, a Scotch Baptist, believing that his crusade against sin had been useless, suddenly went insane.

"I am going to put you out of the way of sin," shouted the minister, grasping a gun. He killed his wife and his sister-in-law, Sarah Macaulay, fatally wounded Vaughn and then killed himself.

Owens had been discouraged because his religious work was not as successful as he desired.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday; rising temperature Wednesday.

For Iowa: Fair tonight and Wednesday; rising temperature Wednesday and northwest portion tonight.

For Illinois: Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly colder tonight.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly colder in east portion tonight.

Weather Conditions. The depression from western Kansas, deepening as it advanced, has passed to the lake region, attended by rain or snow, and rising temperature from the Mississippi valley to the Atlantic coast.

The Atlantic field of high pressure has passed eastward, and the Pacific field of high pressure has moved to the southern mountain region, while an area of low pressure has formed in Montana, which is causing higher temperature in the northern mountain region.

Conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight and Wednesday, with somewhat cooler tonight, and becoming warmer Wednesday.

Local Observations.

KEOKUK, Iowa, Jan. 18.—Bar Ther. Wind. Weather. 17, 7 p.m. . . . 29.57 37 W Cloudy

18, 7 a.m. . . . 29.83 25 W Clear Rainfall for past twenty-four hours: 10 hundredths inches.

River: Frozen. Jan. 17.—Mean temperature, 38 degrees; maximum, 44; minimum, 33.