

"INSURGENTS" PLAN BIG FIGHT

ARE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE BATTLE TO SECURE AMENDMENT OF RULES.

A THREE-HOUR SESSION

Congressmen Meet in the Room of Representative Hubbard of Iowa and Means of Continuing the Battle Begun Last Session Are Discussed—Committees Are Appointed.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The "insurgent" congressmen met today in the room of Representative Hubbard of Iowa and for three hours discussed ways and means for forwarding the fight begun at the extra session against the house rules. The participants refused to admit that any other propositions had been considered.

Representative Hayes of Iowa, was chairman and Representative Nelson of Wisconsin, secretary. The net result was the appointment of two committees of five members each. One committee was to map out a plan of action regarding further procedure and presumably to sound out the democratic minority on a joint program and the other was to take care of publicity.

The following members were present, according to the list furnished by Chairman Hayes:

Gronna of North Dakota; Haugen, Hubbard, Pickett, Woods and Kendall of Iowa; Hayes of Iowa; Nelson of Nebraska; Madison and Murdock of Kansas; Pollock of Washington; Lindberg of Minnesota; Levering of Massachusetts and Carey, Cooper, Leinout and Nelson of Wisconsin. It was stated that letters were received from several others including Davis of Minnesota; Gardiner of Massachusetts; Valsted of Minnesota and Fowler of New Jersey.

On the Increase.

It was insisted that the attendance did not represent the full strength of the "insurgent" republican movement. Representative Hughes said if a vote were taken today in the house to amend the rules, 50 republican votes could be mustered. "The movement among the republican congressmen to amend the rules," he said, "is on the increase and has been since last session. Every member at tonight's meeting reported the people of his district practically unanimous in their support of their representatives in this matter."

"It should be understood that we are aiming only at the amending of the rules of the house. Upon the various other propositions where the members have been classed as 'insurgents,' the views of all of us vary. But we are unanimous to the last man on this proposition."

When the members emerged from the conference all dodged the reporters, who were referred to Representative Hayes. Mr. Hayes was reluctant about discussing the insurgents' plans. He at first refused to give the names of those present and refused to make public the names of members appointed for the committees. An address to the people probably would issue from the "insurgents" within a short time on the subject of house rules, he said.

INDEPENDENT PLANTS FORM COMBINATION

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—The Imperial Window Glass company, the combination of independent of hand-made window glass manufacturers, today completed a consolidation of the independent plants throughout the country, valued at \$8,000,000. A practical monopoly of the American market is assured the combine because of the strike in the plants of the American Window Glass company, which by use of machines produces one-third of the country's window glass supply.

Prices already have been raised five cents by the combination.

OFFICIALS EXPLAIN CONDUCT OF CITY

Lincoln, Neb. Dec. 11.—Mayor James F. Dahlman, Police Chief Donohue of Omaha and members of the board of police and fire commissioners, were for nearly seven hours today before Governor Shallenberger, defining their administration and denying the right of the executive to inaugurate proceedings to have them removed from office. The hearing follows the charge made to the governor that the officials had permitted gambling and other municipal infractions.

"If I had bought a glass of beer at some place after eight o'clock," said the mayor. "I would never have told about it. That kind of blood does not run in my veins."

Governor Shallenberger took the matter under advisement.

TACOMA SENT TO DANGER POINT

DISQUIETING NEWS FROM NICARAGUA RESULTS IN ACTION BY OFFICIALS.

ZELAYA'S FORCES ACTIVE

Reported Intention of Soldiers to Make Advance Upon Bluefields Causes State Department to Order Protected Cruiser to Proceed There Under Full Steam to Join the Des Moines.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Disquieting news received from Nicaragua at the state department today that there is danger of an attack by President Zelaya's forces being made on Bluefields where there are 150 Americans, resulted in orders being sent by wireless to the protected cruiser Tacoma to proceed under full steam to Bluefields, there to join the Des Moines and await further orders. The Pacific, now at Philadelphia, has been ordered to take on board 700 marines under the command of Colonel Biddle and steam as soon as possible to Colon.

The importance of these orders are minimized at the state department, where it is said the Tacoma has been instructed to look out for American interests in Bluefields.

While the destination of the Pacific is given as Colon, the fact that she is equipped with wireless apparatus would make it very easy for her destination to be changed at any moment. The news that Zelaya probably would avoid an engagement at Rama, and making a detour, would strike Bluefields, the headquarters of the revolutionary army and provisional government, was received here with some apprehension and almost immediately a conference was held in the office of the secretary of the navy at which were present Secretary Meyer, Assistant Secretary Winthrop, Admiral Wainwright and Assistant Secretary of State Wilson. A prompt decision was reached to hurry additional fighting material to the danger point in Bluefields. Thus far there has been no intimation that a landing is in immediate contemplation.

It is a fair assumption, however, that should American lives be put in jeopardy, or American business interests interfered with, prompt and decisive action would be taken. Naval officials today, while admitting that the marines, which are expected to land from the Dixie at Colon today, would be hurried across the isthmus and put on board the Buffalo, stated the vessel had received no orders to sail to Corinto. However, it is given out that the taking aboard of 725 marines almost certainly means an immediate sailing as otherwise the marines would have been kept on shore until needed.

Questioned today as to the truth of the several statements made by President Zelaya in an interview today, government officials said the interview was full of errors. Two conspicuous examples were pointed out: one was that Zelaya disclaimed the execution of Cannon and Groce was by his order, of which the state department has absolute proof to the contrary. Another supposed false statement was that Zelaya had sent a commission to the United States to name a commissioner to investigate all of the matters in connection with the recent disturbances, to which this government took exception, and he would abide by the results of their investigations. No such communication, it was said, has been received.

Prairie Floated.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—The transport Prairie, which grounded in the Delaware river while steaming down that waterway with 700 marines for Central America on December 2, was floated today, and after an examination at the Philadelphia navy yard, it was announced that the ship had not been damaged. As soon as the orders were received from Washington late this afternoon again to prepare the Prairie for sea, the forces at the yard were at once put to work. All the stores and nearly all the coal, lighted while the vessel was stuck in the mud, were again transferred to the ship.

Read Admiral Harris, commandant of the navy yard, said tonight it probably will be the middle of next week before the Prairie will be ready for sailing. There are 250 marines at the naval station and the quota of 700 ordered by the department to proceed to Colon and a battalion for duty at the yard will have to be made up from other stations. It is expected the Norfolk, New York, Washington and Norfolk navy yards will be called upon to furnish the men needed.

VALUABLE ESTATE.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—According to an inventory filed today by the appraisers in the probate court, the estate of the late Mrs. Sarah Morris, widow of Nelson Morris, formerly one of the great Chicago packers, is valued at \$2,500,000, exclusive of the real estate.

WANTED FOR FORGERY.

Wallace, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Arthur Cook, a stage driver at Grand Forks, has been arrested on a charge of forgery, alleged to have been committed in Baker City, Ore.

WILLING TO SETTLE MATTER.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A dispatch received at the state department from Panama clearly indicates that the government of Panama is desirous of settling the Costa Rican dispute and will give the representatives full powers for the submission of the issues involved in a protocol of arbitration.

Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court has been selected to act as arbitrator in this matter.

RUMORS OF COAL FAMINE ENLIVEN STRIKE SITUATION



At top, headquarters of the Switchmen's union at the Foley hotel, St. Paul. From left to right, R. J. Martin, chairman of the strike committee; A. C. Parker, secretary; Frank T. Hawley, president of the Switchmen's union, and Daniel W. Lawler, counsel for the switchmen. Below is G. E. Pennoch, assistant general superintendent of the Great Northern railway, directing the work of the non-union men in the St. Paul yards, and a group of the striking switchmen.

St. Paul, Dec. 11.—The strike of the switchmen was enlivened today by rumors from Minneapolis of a coal famine and by the report here that from 20 to 30 of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen who have been employed as switchmen and in other duties and who were out on strike would return to their work Monday morning. The coal famine in Minneapolis is not a matter to be feared, according to railway officials.

A. L. Finn and Charles Watson, agents of the state railroad and warehouse commission, sent out to investigate the freight traffic situation in the Twin cities yards affected by the switchmen's strike, reported to the commission today. "From the investigation made," their report says, "we are of the opinion that the companies are making every effort to keep the long-haul carload merchandise shipments moving, with fairly good results, but the amount of carload freight handled is much curtailed. Receivers of freight are having more or less difficulty in having such carload freight as may be brought into this terminal properly placed for unloading, but a careful inspection of the records shows that conditions are gradually improving in that respect."

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Negotiations between the railroads conference committee representing the General Managers' association and the switchmen's

committee will begin Monday in Chicago, according to an authorized statement issued here late today by the General Managers' association. It is expected the different points at issue between the railroads and the employees will be discussed. Interstate Commerce Commissioner Knapp and Labor Commissioner Neill will take up Monday the question of adjusting the dispute between the Illinois Central railroad and its telegraphers, who have asked for an increase of 10 per cent in wages. The demand was denied by the road and the dispute referred to the mediation of the federal commissioners.

URGES CONSTRUCTION OF A MODERN HOSPITAL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The construction of a new hospital at Fort Missoula of sufficient size to accommodate 60 patients, at a cost of \$90,000, is urged by Surgeon General Torney of the army in his annual report. General Torney says in the report: "The present wooden hospital is devoid of modern appliances and to improve it would be a waste of money. As a regimental post is in course of construction, a new, modern hospital of adequate capacity is a necessity."

EVASION OF DUTIES DISCUSSED

New York, Dec. 11.—Evasion of lawful duties by the rich and their frequent willingness to bribe customs inspectors were characterized by Secretary MacVeagh tonight as one of the leading obstacles in the way of straightening out the customs house frauds in New York. Secretary MacVeagh spoke at the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania society at the Waldorf-Astoria. "You know what we are trying to do for this city," he said. "We are trying to cut out a festering corruption. The undertaking needs the president at the back of it and it would be impossible for any man in any position to be more direct and normal in his outlook upon a question of good government or to be more resolved to back to the limit any important and wise project of improvement than President Taft."

"In what the department of justice and the treasury department are undertaking to do at this port and in the less important, but still important things we shall attempt to do with the other parts of the country, we have President Taft behind us. I shall dwell upon one obstacle only—and that is the important influence of the example of those well-to-do travelers who for the sake of what they can make out of it are willing to evade their duties and sometimes to bribe inspectors to get away with them. In view of the lack of sufficient public opinion to aid in correcting these practices."

Addresses also were delivered by Secretary Knox and Attorney General Wickersham. More than 500 were present at the dinner.

DENIED PRIVILEGES FOR HAZING GIRL

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 11.—As the result of the inquiry of the West Virginia state board of regents into the hazing of Miss Mattie Taylor, a student at the Fairmont Normal school, one young woman teacher in that school has been denied the privileges of the girls' hall, and six young women students are denied many privileges for the remainder of the term.

Miss Taylor reported a few days ago that she had been given an ice bath and her body had been pointed red by the hazers.

The regents say that the hazing was not of a vicious character.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Allen F. Read, recently convicted of assault with intent to blackmail Mrs. Genevieve Chandler Phelps of Denver out of \$10,000, was this afternoon sentenced to not less than one year nor more than 18 years in the penitentiary. Mrs. Read, who attempted to frighten Mrs. Phelps by displaying two sticks of dynamite, during an automobile ride, took her sentence stoically. Under the sentence, she will be subject to parole at the end of one year.

THE COURT IMPOSES AN INDEFINITE SENTENCE

CONSPIRACY CHARGE IS MADE

ALLEGED BLACK HAND MEMBERS ARE INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY.

THAW MAKES COMPLAINTS.

MANN BILL DISCUSSED.

AERO CLUB ORGANIZED.

CHINESE FUED SCOURS CITY GROWS MORE BLOODY FOR DARING HOLDUP

MURDER OF CHINAMAN IN OAKLAND ADDS NINTH CHAPTER TO THE TONG WAR.

ENTIRE FRISCO POLICE FORCE IS SEARCHING FOR DESPERATE HIGHWAYMAN.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The murder of Yee Tin, whose body was found in Oakland's Chinatown early today with four bullet wounds in the head, furnished a ninth chapter in the history of one of the fiercest tong wars ever waged in the state. There is no clew to the murderers, but the police learned that several strange Chinese, believed by leaders of the Yee tong to be highlanders imported by the On Yick tong, were seen in the vicinity of the tragedy yesterday.

For several weeks the Chinese consul general in this city and officials of the six companies have been trying to effect a treaty that would prevent repetition of such feuds in the future as well as end the present one. Several conferences already have been held between white attorneys and yellow leaders of the rival tongs, but owing to the intense feeling between the two families and their numerical strength throughout the country, these have failed of result.

As a last resort representations have been made to the new Chinese minister, Chang Yin Tsang, who arrived here yesterday on route to his post at Washington in the hope that he could effect a compromise. For more than a month hundreds of "gun fighters" and "hatchet men" have stalked marked victims and have skulked about laundries and residences where Chinese servants are employed, awaiting for opportunity to do murder. According to the testimony of prominent Chinese before the grand jury, which is investigating, there is a "woman at the bottom of it." About six weeks ago Yee Hong, a youthful member of the powerful Yee family, of which there are branches in many cities, from New York to San Francisco, abducted Bow Yee, the daughter of a woman whom he was in love, from the house of an On Yick. The On Yicks are equally, if not more, prominent than the Yees and the theft created a sensation among the 10,000 denizens of the oriental quarter. After Yee and Bow Gue had disappeared the On Yicks laid the matter before the leaders of the Yee family. It was suggested that the least the Yees could do was to pay a fair price for the girl, who was highly prized because of her beauty.

Several family consultations were held on both sides. Finally word was sent to the On Yicks that the Yees would not pay the sum demanded. This was a declaration of war, according to Tong etiquette and the first shot was fired November 2, when Yee Sing was murdered in San Francisco and Yee Gee fell with an assassin's bullet in his heart in Oakland's Chinatown. Yee Sing, the aged head of the Yee family, for whose death it is said, \$10,000 would be paid, had a guard of 10 men and has not ventured from his home for several weeks.

Another leading Yee is said to be quartered in a fashionable hotel, constantly attended by white guards. As a result of the grand jury's investigation of the first murder in the series, six tong leaders are under indictment as accessories. Two of these are among the most prominent Chicagoans in the United States, Gee Hong On, president of the On Yicks, and Ting Chong, head of the supreme lodge of Chinese Free Masons, editor of a Chinese daily newspaper in the city and lieutenant of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the noted revolutionist.

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Newburgh, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The latest arguments to obtain the release of Harry K. Thaw from the Matteawan hospital were heard today before Justice Tomkins of Nyack, who is holding a special term of the supreme court. Willett Hoystradt, Thaw's counsel, made a motion for the transfer of Thaw from Matteawan to another state institution.

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St. Louis, Dec. 11.—A western federation of aero clubs, with headquarters in St. Louis, was organized by Albert Bond Lambert of St. Louis today.

Spokane, Dec. 11.—R. K. Neill, a mining man of this city, one of the holders of a coal claim in the Cunningham group, was a witness in the Alaska coal lands investigation this afternoon. He stated that Cunningham had made a proposition to him that he be allowed an eighth interest in the coal claims for locating and looking after the group, but Neill promptly objected to this and told Cunningham that the best plan would be for him to have a salary to be paid by the entrants.

The witness testified that he went to Alaska in 1907 and inspected the coal lands and also a group of oil claims owned and controlled by Cunningham. He said that he afterwards raised \$25,000 to bore an oil well on one of the group, expecting to develop a "gusher," but his expectations in this respect had never been realized.

Paris, Dec. 11.—France is stirred today by the discovery of two horrible crimes. At Marseilles, a wine seller slew his whole family and killed himself. He shot his mother and three of the throats of his wife and her children. At a farm near Tourenne, two Swiss cowherds, bent on robbery, lured a farmer with his wife and four domestics to a cow house, where all were slain. The murderers escaped to a nearby forest.

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