

TRADES UNIONS' FIGHT.

PREPARING TO CONTEST THE TAFF VALE DECISION.

CORONATION ROBES STILL A MATTER OF DISPUTE—EMIGRATION—MR. SHAW'S PLAY.

London, Jan. 6, 1 a. m.—The trades unionists are preparing vigorously to contest the claims of the Taff Vale Railway Company against the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.

Constitution continues to prevail in court dressmaking circles, owing to the Earl Marshall's order suspending the making of perrees' coronation robes.

Official statistics show that 302,848 emigrants left the United Kingdom for places outside of Europe during 1901, an increase of 4,287, as compared with the figures for the previous year.

Among the most striking developments of the modern drama is the growth of the Stage Society, an association of earnest students and lovers of the drama.

"The Standard," referring to a statistical abstract of the trade of the British colonies which has just been issued, says: "The main lesson of the return is only too plain, and it is that the business done by England with her colonies is too often smaller than it should be."

This morning's newspapers give prominence to a report of the American consul in Liverpool, which takes an unfavorable view of England's chances in industrial competition with the United States.

It is estimated that the British fire insurance companies paid last year claims amounting to between £30,000,000 and £35,000,000.

ANOTHER BRITISH LOSS.

BOERS AMBUSH TROOPS—SIX KILLED, THIRTEEN WOUNDED.

Pretoria, Jan. 5.—The Boers ambushed a party of the Scots Greys last Saturday near Bronkhorst Spruit (about forty miles east of Pretoria on the railroad). The British casualties were six killed and thirteen wounded.

THE TOTAL BRITISH LOSSES.

London, Jan. 6.—The total reduction of Great Britain's military forces in South Africa, from the beginning of the war to the end of December, including deaths from disease, men reported missing, etc., amounts to 24,290 men.

VIRCHOW BADLY INJURED.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Professor Rudolph Virchow, the pathologist, slipped while alighting from a streetcar and has seriously injured his thigh. Professor Virchow's injury is not dangerous, except in consideration of his age.

GERMAN MORMONS' CONFERENCE.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—The German Mormon Conference has assembled here under the leadership of Hugh J. Cannon, son of the late George Q. Cannon, the well known Mormon apostle.

STANDARD GAUGE FOR INDIA.

London, Jan. 6.—The Calcutta correspondent of "The Daily Mail" says that at a recent conference it was decided to adopt the standard gauge on the Indian railways. This proposed change will apply to the permanent way and to bridges.

DEATH OF AMERICAN ENGINEER.

Santiago de Chile, Jan. 5.—Richard Goldborough, a well known American engineer, is dead here.

THE CAREFUL MAN.

As the Pennsylvania Railroad went westward last night, because it is so careful, it was nearly lost for Chicago and St. Louis—Advt.

PEKING IN GALA ATTIRE.

ELABORATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION OF CHINESE RULERS.

Peking, Jan. 5.—The Chinese capital, on the eve of the court's return, presents an animated and gaudy scene not before equalled in its history. All the palaces, pagodas and temples have been repaired and painted to form a glittering spectacle.

Hundreds of Chinese officials clad in furs and embroidered silks ride about the streets of Peking on the backs of foreign soldiers, bent upon sightseeing, roam everywhere.

The ministers of the foreign powers have received notice from the Chinese Foreign Office that all the streets upon which the Chinese Court will pass will be closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Chinese officials have strongly protested to Sir Ernest Satow, the British Minister, against British officers being in charge all the way from Pao-Ting-Fu to Peking of the trains upon which the Chinese Court will travel.

Negotiations concerning the Manchurian treaty await the arrival of the court. Paul Lessar, the Russian Minister to China, when discussing the terms of the railroad with the Chinese plenipotentiaries, insisted that under no circumstances would Russia consent that other powers have a hand in the construction and operation of railroads in Manchuria without first obtaining Russian permission.

TWO DEAD, TWO OVERCOME.

FAMILY LIES FOR HOURS WHILE GAS POURS OUT.

Two persons are dead and two in a critical condition as a result of gas escaping yesterday in the rooms of Peter A. Lynch, who lived with his wife and child on the second floor of a flat-house at No. 358 West Forty-seventh-st.

Lynch was a bartender employed in the Gilsey House café. He worked at night and seldom reached home until after 1 a. m.

All yesterday morning the tenants in the house smelled gas, but no one seemed to think enough about it to ask that an investigation be made until Mrs. John De Groat, who lives directly over the rooms of the Lynch family, at 10 a. m. sent her son to tell the janitor that somewhere in the house gas was escaping.

Apparently nothing was done until 2 p. m., when Frederick Berg of No. 217 Pearl-st., Brooklyn, a young cousin of Mrs. Lynch, called at the house to pay a belated New Year's call.

Before the doctor and Policeman McGowan and Detective Fitzgerald arrived at the house, John Ott had entered the Lynch flat by descending the rear fire escape and raising a window.

PRINCESS LOUISE INSANE.

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ANDRADE COMING HERE.

Colon, Jan. 5.—General Andrade, a former President of Venezuela, who arrived here from Willemstad, Curacao, on the Italian steamer Piemonte, expects to sail for New-York next Tuesday.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

It is to get the best for the money. The Pennsylvania Railroad to the West offers speedy service, secured by ample safety devices, leaving New York at convenient intervals—Advt.

LODGE'S CONSULAR BILL.

PROVISIONS FOR PLACING THE SERVICE ON BASIS OF FIXED TENURES AND PERSONAL WORTH.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, has reintroduced and had referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, of which he is one of the most active and influential members, a carefully matured bill for the reorganization of the consular service.

No Republican leader in the Senate is regarded as better equipped than Mr. Lodge to head a crusade for the betterment of a branch of the federal service, in which haphazard appointments and summary removals have been too much the rule, and in which proved efficiency has only exceptionally met with encouragement and advancement.

His skill, intelligence and power in the Senate are thought to give ample assurance that the much desired reform his measure contemplates will not be long delayed.

There are to be not more than two consuls general of the first class, at \$10,000 a year; eight of the second class, at \$8,000; thirteen of the third class, at \$6,000; thirteen of the fourth class, at \$5,000; thirty-seven consuls of the first class, at \$5,000; thirty-five of the second class, at \$4,000; sixty of the third class, at \$3,000; forty of the fourth class, at \$2,500; thirty of the fifth class, at \$2,000, and fifty of the sixth class, at \$1,800.

For new appointments to the sixth class Civil Service examinations are to be conducted by a board consisting of the Secretary of State, the President, and the three members of the United States Civil Service Commission.

THE LIBERTADOR'S MISSION.

REPORT THAT REINFORCEMENTS FOR INSURGENTS HAVE BEEN LANDED.

Willemstad, Curacao, Jan. 5.—The armed revolutionary steamer Libertador (formerly called the Ban Rich, which left Port de France, Island of Martinique, on December 31 for the Venezuelan coast with General Matos, three hundred volunteers and a cargo of munitions of war), is now reported to have anchored early yesterday morning off Uchire, on the Venezuelan coast, near Rio Chico, and to have sailed from Uchire that same afternoon.

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HURLED FIFTY FEET BY TRAIN.

Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 5.—An elderly man was struck here by two Royal Blue Line trains this afternoon, and killed. He was walking on the westbound track when run down by a westbound flyer.

DRY? NOT UNUSUALLY SO.

RIGORS OF EXCISE ENFORCEMENT NOT APPLIED.

"LOW RULES, AND THE RAINES LAW GOES." THE ORDER TO THE POLICE, AND THIRST FOUND PLENTY TO QUENCH IT.

"Low rules, and the Raines law still goes," were the instructions issued to the Police Department yesterday. If any thirsty New-Yorker failed to get a drink he had himself and not the new administration to blame for it.

But these signs were few and not of any material consequence. From the Battery to the Harlem River both the bibulous citizen and the obliging purveyor anxiously awaited some evidence of a new order which should bring about the "slow tight town" prophesied by the Tammanyites.

The only ripple of disturbance throughout the day occurred in Acting Captain Churchill's precinct, the Fifteenth, when, shortly before 1 a. m., William Bengall, a saloonkeeper, at No. 46 Third-ave., was arrested by Policeman Tebhow, who alleged that twenty-five men were drinking beer in the place at the time.

"All there is going now," explained one of them. "That this was official rather than authentic information the reporter proved by visiting a saloon next door, where some fifty men were enjoying their Sunday beer unmolested."

At Police Headquarters, in Mulberry-st., there was not the slightest sign of unusual activity. Neither Commissioner Partridge nor Deputy Commissioner Thurston appeared during the day.

"There is still a Raines law, you know," he told the reporter by way of explanation. In the lower East Side precincts the various captains read the usual order relative to the Excise law to the outgoing platoons, but no one at Headquarters knew of any special vigilance being enjoined upon the patrolmen.

"No, there have been absolutely no special instructions issued," he declared. "The most sanguine reformer can't expect an instant change. What they want is to have things a little better now, and then a little better later on, and I think they will get them."

"The new commissioner has already endeavored himself to the men on the force by this order," he said an old sergeant yesterday. "The whole trouble is that the legislature has passed radical changes in the way in which the law was enforced in Brooklyn. They were disappointed, however, because the saloons were open as usual and there was no particular attempt on the part of the police to close them, apparently."

"The fact that the saloons were open as usual having been called to his attention Commissioner Partridge said: "I suppose so, and you'll find other violations of the law if you look for them. I am going to wait and learn before I do anything. If you had a large family of unruly children you could not tell to-day what you would do to them the next week. The law will be enforced properly and that is all I care to say."

DELEGATE HAS GROCERS ARRESTED.

John J. Barry, of No. 109 West Fifty-third-st., a delegate for an association of grocers' clerks, was on the warpath yesterday morning charged with the part of the law by keeping the store open after the closing hour.

TO DISCUSS EXCISE AT REFORM CLUB.

A committee of representative citizens will meet at the Reform Club this afternoon to discuss the excise question. It is understood that a large number of invitations have been sent out, and it is expected that some definite legislative action will be recommended.

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SAVAGE WORK OF FOOTPADS.

MAN FOUND UNCONSCIOUS—HE WAS TERRIBLY BEATEN AND ROBBED.

Michael J. Sweeney, thirty-two years old, of No. 174 Forty-second-st., Brooklyn, is in a critical condition in Long Island Hospital as the result of being attacked by footpads at an early hour yesterday morning.

Sweeney was at once removed to the hospital, where it was many hours before he regained consciousness. He said that he did not recognize his assailants, but he thought that there must have been three or four of them.

SENATOR FORAKER'S RE-ELECTION.

WILL TAKE PLACE IN OHIO LEGISLATURE NEXT WEEK—ALREADY CANDIDATE BY STATE CONVENTION.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 5.—The Republican caucus last night nominated the Foraker ticket for the Senate and the Hanna ticket for the House.

The special committees are being appointed by a special committee on the lines of the Republican caucus, with the Democrats co-operating. As the liquor associations threw their influence to Foraker, that latter is now attempting a fusion of the Democrats with such Republicans as are opposed to local bills.

"I did all I could to support Mr. Price, but without an unkind word or thought of Mr. McKinnon. In fact, the only regret I have in connection with the contest is that I did not have more time to oppose so good a man. McKinnon has won a victory, but I believe that he will not be able to make a record in the Ohio House of Representatives."

FORAKER'S VIEWS OF CONTEST.

THE PARTY WILL NOW PRESENT A SOLID FRONT IN LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—Senator J. B. Foraker, when seen at his home here last night spoke freely on the outcome of the legislative contests in the Republican caucuses at Columbus to-day. He said: "I did all I could to support Mr. Price, but without an unkind word or thought of Mr. McKinnon."

"I have advised them to retain possession of their courts. How they do that is a matter which concerns them. I realize that they must be extremely uncomfortable in the small rooms which they occupy, and which afford none of the comforts of home, but if it is necessary to put up with such inconveniences to retain possession there is no help for it."

A BOLD STATION ROBBER CAUGHT.

MAN WHO GOT \$28 BY IMPERSONATING ELECTRIC RAILROAD AGENT CONFESSES.

Through the work of Detectives McKenna and Birmingham of the Leonard-st. station, the thief who so skillfully robbed the Sixth-ave. "L" station at West Broadway and Grand-st. on the night of December 12 of \$28, was arrested yesterday and locked up. The prisoner, a former employe of the Manhattan Railway Company, broke down when arraigned before Captain O'Brien, and confessed the theft, saying he had been out of work at the time, and had had to take a desperate chance to raise money.

"The confessed thief is Barger Farnham, twenty-four years old, a good looking, intelligent man who came to this city three years ago from Detroit, Mich.

THREE SKATED INTO AIR HOLES.

TWO WERE DROWNED UNDER THE ICE; ONE ESCAPED, NEARLY FROZEN.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Bert Cooper, twenty-two years old, and Arthur Snyder, thirty years old, both unmarried, who were engaged on the new Fairbank canal, were skating on the ice on the river from Barrytown to Tivoli this afternoon in company with Daniel Leary, of Barrytown.

ROUND TRIP TICKETS TO CALIFORNIA.

On sale at ticket offices, offering diversity of routes going and returning via Chicago and Northern Western, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railways. Offices, 461, 28 and 349 Broadway—Advt.

MAY EJECT OLD JUDGES.

MAJOR EBSTEIN SAYS HE HAS AUTHORITY.

BILL READY TO LEGISLATE OUT BOTH SETS AND LET MAYOR LOW FILL THE VACANCIES.

Unless the old magistrates in the city of Brooklyn surrender their claims to their courts, which they have been strenuously upholding for the last three days—which rather seems without the range of probability—should the Attorney-General, upon quo warranto proceedings, direct that the magistrates chosen last November be elected under an unconstitutional act, the legislature will step in and wipe out both sets of magistrates in a bill which will give Mayor Low the power to fill the vacancies created by their dismissal.

Most of the magistrates who are holding possession of the courts by force are more than sick of their undertaking. They have been away from home for three days, subjected to all manner of inconveniences and getting little sleep. They are about worn out by their long vigils, and are in a mood to declare a truce, if that can be done without surrendering any of their alleged rights.

NO MOVE BY OLD MAGISTRATES.

It is contended, however, by impartial persons, that it is their duty to ask the Attorney General for quo warranto proceedings, and this is what the Republicans and fusionists want them to do.

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