

COTTON MILLS CUT DEEP. Likely to Reduce Production One-Fourth for Two Months.

Boston, Dec. 19.—A general curtailment of production in New England cotton mills during January and February is regarded as a certainty in mill circles here. The product probably will be reduced 25 per cent in practically all of the mills. Many of them under the present plan, will be operated only four days a week between January 1 and March 1, and others, while running six days weekly, may stop a quarter of the machinery, if that policy is advisable, where there are contracts to be filled before March.

ATTACK ART FORGERY. Movement Started Here for Law Making It a Crime.

A movement has been started by local artists, headed by William Ordway Partridge, the sculptor, for a law making the forging of an artist's name or work after his death a crime. Mr. Partridge said yesterday: "This seems to be the only practical way of protecting the public against the forgeries of old masters that are being foisted upon them by unscrupulous dealers in this country and abroad. While the passing of the painter or sculptor is a great incentive to art in this country, it is a great disincentive to art in this country by admitting many great works of educational value, it will lead to the country being flooded by imitations of the old masters and for a time tend to depress the present market of our native artists."

JEWELERS' NATIONAL INSOLVENT. North Attleboro Bank Directors Will Ask for Appointment of Receiver.

North Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 19.—The directors of the Jewelers' National Bank, which has been closed for the last two days, since the sudden death of its vice-president and cashier, Frederick E. Sargeant, decided to-night to make application to the Controller of the Currency for the appointment of a receiver. The report of Henry E. Cutler, a physician, as well as the one who probably knows more details regarding this sad affair than any one else, should state that I have not seen anything which is proof of my friend and colleague, Mr. Sargeant, died of other than accidental drowning.

INJUNCTION MAY END TOBACCO WAR. Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 19.—Endeavoring to prevent the sale of pooled tobacco, the Franklin County Board of Control filed an injunction suit today against Louis Spon and C. D. Marshall, as well as the Louisville Tobacco Warehouse Company and the Kentucky Warehouse Company, both of Louisville, from disposing of Spon's tobacco.

JENKINS DEPOSITORS REASSURED. One hundred and fifty depositors of the Ridgewood branch of the Jenkins Trust Company met last night and turned in their passbooks to the Guardian Trust Company of New York.

MINNESOTA STANDARD OIL OUSTER. St. Paul, Dec. 19.—Attorney General Young began proceedings in the District Court of Hennepin County today to oust the Standard Oil Company of Indiana from Minnesota.

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BARGAIN BRINGS CLEW. Police Look for Boy Who Sold Diamonds for a Quarter.

One of the pieces of jewelry stolen from a United States express wagon while crossing the river to Jersey City last week has been recovered by the Jersey City police, who expect today to have in custody a boy who is believed to have committed the robbery. The recovered jewelry is a diamond necklace valued at \$2,000. It was purchased last Saturday by a boy, who says he paid 25 cents for it and who had a copy of the entire lot, valued at \$22,000, for 75 cents. As he had only the quarter, he bought the necklace, which his father told him to take to Police Headquarters.

CHECK ON REVOLUTIONS. Central American Peace Delegates Agree on Another Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Central American peace conference, whose sessions will be brought to a formal close to-morrow, agreed today upon an additional convention to the general treaty already agreed to. This convention contains three articles, one of which provides that none of the five Central American governments shall recognize any of the heads of the other governments that may succeed to power except by due process of election, as provided by their constitutions. Another provision is to the effect that no government shall intervene either for or against any of the other governments of Central America in case of internal disturbances that now has such a provision in its constitution is Costa Rica.

COMFORTABLE IN PRISON. Mexicans Careful of Walker—Details of His Arrest.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 19.—A special dispatch from Escondido, Lower California, concerning the arrest of W. F. Walker, the defaulting cashier of the Savings Bank of New Britain, Conn., says that Walker went under the alias of Morrison while in Lower California. He was arrested on the morning of December 14, at a mining camp called the Potrero, about one hundred miles southeast from Escondido, by the Mexican police on an order issued to Governor Vega through the Secretary of State at Washington and a similar order from the Secretary of State of Mexico, Hoffman, the Pinkerton detective in charge of the hunt, accompanied the police into the mountains and was present at the time of the arrest.

WALKER MAY FIGHT EXTRADITION. Steps Being Taken to Bring Absconding Treasurer Back to New Britain.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 19.—In the expectation that William N. Walker, acting on the advice of his legal wife and her friends and legal advisers, will seek to fight extradition proceedings, E. N. Stanley and Judge J. E. Conover, prosecutor and counsel, respectively, of the New Britain Savings Bank, came to Hartford this afternoon and were in conference for a long time with Arthur F. Eggleston, the State Attorney for Hartford County. The latest report is that Walker has obtained counsel and will fight extradition.

CHICKASAWS IGNORE STATEHOOD. Oklahoma Indians Will Hold Legislative Session As Usual, Despite Changed Conditions.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 19.—Submitting to no higher authority than the Crown Standard Oil Company, probably two-thirds of the representatives in the Chickasaw Legislature will gather at Tishomingo, the capital, in January, for the purpose of convening the Legislature and proceeding with business the same as if Oklahoma was not a state and the Chickasaw Nation were a distant commonwealth.

INDICTED FOR REBATING. True Bills Returned by United States Circuit Grand Jury in Western Michigan.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 19.—W. K. C. Lute, Assistant District Attorney of the United States Court for the District of Western Michigan, stated to-night that two indictments were returned by the United States grand jury here Tuesday, one of twenty counts against the Stearns Salt and Lumber Company, of Ludington, Mich., for alleged violation of the Elkins Interstate commerce law, of 1903, in receiving rebates on lumber shipped from Ludington to Toledo, and one of 111 counts against the Stearns Salt and Lumber Company, of Ludington, and A. Partridge, general freight traffic manager of the Pere Marquette Railroad, jointly, for alleged violation of the Hepburn-Doolittle Interstate commerce law, of 1906, in receiving and granting rebates on lumber shipped from Ludington to points in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

SAVED TRAIN AND RAN AWAY. Omaha, Dec. 19.—David Leahy, a track walker, and another employee of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, discovered a broken rail on a switch, ran down the track and flagged the oncoming Denver and Chicago express. The train stopped within ten feet of the broken rail. As the passengers flocked out to thank him, Leahy ran down the track and disappeared.

YALE BEATEN AT BASKETBALL. Syracuse, Dec. 19.—The Yale basketball team was defeated here to-night in the second game of their Christmas trip by the five of Syracuse University, the final score being 32 to 26.

NEW TREATMENT FOR CANCER. Berlin, Dec. 19.—Professor Ernst von Leyden, who recently devoted himself entirely to the study of cancer, from which disease 40,000 persons die yearly in Germany. He gives some hopes of eventually finding a remedy for cancer by means of liver fermentations developed into a suitable injection through the inoculation of sheep. He reports success in several mild cases of cancer by means of this treatment.

MASONS LOSE CHARTER. Triluminal Lodge, of Newark, Disciplined for Allowing Publicity.

Masonic circles in Newark learned yesterday that Austin H. McGregor, Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of Newark, visited Triluminal Lodge of Newark on Wednesday night and took away the charter of the lodge, thereby depriving the 38 members of their right to do business. As it was election night the action was of more than ordinary effect and caused a sensation of the like of which has not been experienced in Masonic circles in many years.

E. P. WESTON ARRIVES. Pedestrian Has a Rawhide Whip for His Agent.

Edward Payson Weston, the aged pedestrian, who recently completed the feat of walking from Portland, Me., to Chicago in less than twenty-five days, arrived in New York yesterday and went to the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He carried with him a rawhide whip, about five feet long, which he says is for the purpose of "licking" Frank A. Patten, his advance agent, who he blames for most of the troubles that he met with while the walk was in progress and since.

MALLOCK THIRD BATTERY CAPTAIN. Defeats Charles Wulff, of 14th Regiment, for the Place.

Junior First Lieutenant Chauncey Mallock was elected captain of the Third Battery, Field Artillery, of Brooklyn, at the meeting at National Guard Headquarters, last night. Lieutenant Mallock received forty-five votes, and his opponent, Captain Charles Wulff, of Company L, 14th Regiment, received twenty-five.

WOMAN WITNESS HELD. Orange Police Arrest Negress in Connection with Romer Murder.

Orange, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Leola Earle, a negress, of No. 151 Lakeside avenue, was arrested to-night as a material witness in the Romer murder case. The woman has already admitted to Detective Sergeant Drabell that on Tuesday she received a special delivery letter from George Williams, a negro, who is under arrest in Philadelphia, and it is said she had telephonic communication with him the day before the murder.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF. After an inquiry into the death of Dr. William B. Turner at his home, No. 170 Eighth avenue, last Wednesday, Coroner Shady decided yesterday it was a case of suicide, and not murder as at first supposed.

MAY PERMIT WIRELESS TO TRAINS. Omaha, Dec. 19.—Wireless telegraph experts in the employ of the government at Fort Omaha have just perfected instruments which will permit of comparative long distance wireless telegraphy from poles of limited height.

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NITRATE STRIKE GROWING. Santiago, Chile, Dec. 19.—The strike of nitrate laborers is growing, and has already spread over the entire province of Tarapaca. More than thirty plants are shut down, and business is at a standstill.

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BALTIMORE POLICE HEAD TO QUIT. Intimates That Political Influence Protects Violators of Liquor and Gambling Laws.

Baltimore, Dec. 19.—Intimating that political influences are protecting violators of the gambling and Sunday liquor selling laws, President Willis of the Board of Police Commissioners issued a statement to-day, declaring his purpose to resign when the board is helpless.

NEGRO ACQUITTED OF ARSON. Riverhead, Long Island, Dec. 19.—Joseph Franklin, a negro who was indicted some time ago for arson, having been accused of setting fire to two barns belonging to Edward L. White, of Norwalk, was to-day acquitted by a jury in the Suffolk County Court, Judge Griffing presiding.

K. & E. QUIT CHICAGO VAUDEVILLE. Chicago, Dec. 19.—George Lederer, resident manager of the Keith-Edwards vaudeville troupe to-night at the vaudeville bills at the Auditorium Theatre, will be discontinued after January 1, 1908. Lack of patronage is given as the reason for the withdrawal from the vaudeville field in Chicago.

OKLAHOMA REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 19.—A convention for the election of two delegates to the Republican National Convention at Chicago next summer was called by Chairman Perry of the 4th Oklahoma Congress District Committee to-day, to meet at Guthrie, Okla., at 10 o'clock to-morrow night.

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