

OJINAGA ARMY MAY FLEE TO U.S.

American Troops Ready to Receive Exodus From Border Town.

ITS FALL IS EXPECTED

Hundreds Are Killed and Wounded in Battle Which Continues.

LAREDO IS HARD PRESSED

Cruiser Chester With Lind Aboard Arrives Off Gulfport —Conference To-day.

PRESIDIO, Tex., Jan. 1.—The Mexican Federal garrison in Ojinaga cannot hold the place much longer against the deadly artillery and rifle attacks of the rebels. This is the belief of United States army officers on this side of the line.

Major MacNamee, commander of the United States cavalry, in command of the border patrol at this point, sent the following official statement to his superiors this afternoon:

"I am still driving my Federals back, first disarming them. Expect at any time during the fight that the greater part of the Federal army, possibly 2,000 or 3,000, may be forced across the river. I have made dispositions to disarm and hold them if this takes place.

"At this hour I have one troop between town and the river and another guarding the roads north of Ojinaga leading toward Shafter. This afternoon a few shells fired by Constitutionals fell close to or on the American bank of the river north of town, but no one was injured. I sent a second message to Gen. Ortega warning him against the consequences of such action."

Shrapnel and grape were exchanged throughout the day by the Federals and rebels with terrible destruction to the men of both armies.

The rebel assault continued throughout last night and did not cease at dawn. When the day broke the Federals still held the positions of yesterday afternoon and the rebels had been driven back from some of the territory they had gained under cover.

Early in the morning the rebels fought their way practically into the breastworks of the Federals and it looked for a time as if the rebels either would capture the garrison or force the Federal army across the river.

Deserters Driven Back.

Quite a number of deserters did rush to the American side, but were driven back by Major MacNamee's United States troops. The Federals made a desperate rally near daylight this morning and succeeded in driving the rebels back and have held their ground since.

It has been mostly a battle of heavy arms, few rifles coming into action to-day except in making or repelling charges. One of the shrapnel shells from the rebel batteries fell early in the morning on the American side of the Rio Grande and exploded close to a group of United States soldiers patrolling the river to prevent deserters crossing into Texas.

Major MacNamee immediately dispatched a messenger to the rebel lines to inform the rebel commander that the direction of the fire must be altered. The rebel commander sent a courteous reply that he was sorry it had happened.

Shells, however, fell on American territory in the afternoon and Major MacNamee sent another warning.

Additional hospital supplies, surgeons and nurses arrived here this evening from Marfa to give relief to the wounded, who now number over a hundred. Some of these have been carried across the cold, muddy stream by wounded comrades, who waded in water up to their waists to get to American soil.

All wounded men receive food and medical attention, but every Mexican who comes across without a wound is being disarmed and forced to return to the Mexican side. This action is having the effect of keeping stragglers from deserting to this side, as they prefer remaining in Mexico with arms to coming to Texas, being disarmed and sent back anywhere.

Treatment in the Open.

There are no available buildings or tents for the wounded and many of them are being treated in the open. At the nightfall are freezing, many are expected to die from exposure, as blankets and bedding are also scarce.

Presidio is ordinarily a town of 500 inhabitants and has been overrun for weeks with refugees and outsiders, so all available room and bedding are taken and the Red Cross has not had time to get sufficient supplies here to take care of all the sufferers.

Not seriously wounded have been brought over, except the few carried on the shoulders of comrades. Practically all of those now under treatment were brought to the hospital by the Red Cross men able to make their own way to this side.

Neither army has any surgeons, as a medical staff is unknown in Mexican military life, and the wounded who cannot get across the line to the Red Cross surgeons are compelled to remain on the battlefield. Hospital flags on a battlefield are not recognized by Mexican fighters.

The wounded thus must die where they fall if they are not lucky enough to live until after the battle is over and Americans can reach them. There is no water on the plains and little in the town, so that it is out of the question for any of

NO CHARGE, WILSON OUSTS HIM.

District Attorney "Out of Sympathy With Administration."

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 1.—By authority of President Wilson Fred C. Wetmore, United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan, with headquarters here, was removed from office yesterday by Attorney-General McReynolds. "It was said he was 'out of sympathy with the Administration.'"

"I have been out of harmony with the Wilson Administration because I am a Republican and I intend to remain one," said Wetmore to-night. "No fault has been found with my work. No charges have been filed against me."

"When I was first notified that my resignation was wanted I informed Attorney-General McReynolds that I would never resign. For a time I did not believe President Wilson would attempt such a bald steal as this. Such action has such precedent that it did not seem possible that a man of Wilson's average high-mindedness would stoop to such a trick."

"It is at least gratifying to know that my work has been satisfactory even to the Democrats. My removal shows how hungry the Democrats are for office. Never before has a District Attorney been ousted before the expiration of his term solely for political purposes."

CHARLES CARY RUMSEY INJURED IN FOX HUNT

Brought to Roslyn Home for Treatment After Bad Fall in Virginia.

ROSLYN, L. I., Jan. 1.—Charles Cary Rumsey, the sculptor, who married Miss Mary Harriman, daughter of the late E. H. Harriman, in 1910, was brought to his country home near here to-day suffering from painful injuries received while fox hunting in Virginia. He was brought here to obtain the services of surgeons and his own physicians.

Mr. Rumsey has a broken collarbone, severe cuts above both eyes and painful bruises. He got the injuries while riding to hounds in Orange county, Virginia, last Tuesday afternoon. In company with other well known riders, polo players and Miss Carol Harriman, his sister-in-law, who is M. E. F. of the Glen Arden pack, Mr. Rumsey was well up on a large red fox when his horse fell at a stone wall and he came a particularly nasty cropper.

He was unconscious when aid reached him but soon recovered. The broken bone was set and he remained in Orange county until New Year's Eve, when it was thought best to bring him home for further medical attention. Word from his home last night was that he was resting comfortably.

Mr. Rumsey, whose home was in Buffalo, married Miss Harriman in the pretty little Church of St. John's at Arden, May 26, 1910. After a short wedding tour they lived at Arden with Mrs. Harriman until their home was made ready at Roslyn. Mr. Rumsey is very fond of hunting and shooting and is a member of the Glen Arden Club. He was also a capable amateur boxer in his art student days in Paris and at one time was the amateur champion of France. He was a participant in the first English boxing matches held in Paris. This is not the first injury he has received. He was thrown from his pony playing polo at the Rockaway Hunt Club in 1911 and was thought seriously injured for a time, but he soon recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey were sufferers in the sneak thief invasion of Narragansett Pier last summer. Mrs. Rumsey lost a pearl necklace worth \$50,000 and other gems valued at \$15,000 at the same time that it was reported Mrs. John Hanan had been robbed of valuable jewelry. There were several arrests afterward but it was never announced whether the stolen property was recovered.

SKATER DROWNS DESPITE CHUM.

Latter Risks His Life to Rescue Boy From Lake Brantidee.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Jan. 1.—Cyrus W. Brown, Jr., 17 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus W. Brown, was drowned while skating on Lake Brantidee this afternoon. At the time there were about twenty skaters on the lake, which was covered with apparently sound ice.

Young Brown skated toward a smooth stretch and almost before his companions realized what had happened the ice gave way and the boy disappeared.

Doane Green, a chum of Brown, leaped into the hole which Brown's body had made in the ice as it went down. He grasped his chum and brought him to the surface.

A rope was thrown toward Green, who made several futile efforts to catch it, at the same time keeping a hold on Brown. Both were visibly weakened by their struggles.

In a last desperate attempt to grasp the rope Green lost his hold on Brown, who disappeared, and Green was hauled to the sound ice.

Brown was admitted a month ago to Pratt Institute in Brooklyn.

THE JOBLESS ROAM CHICAGO.

300 Hungry Men March, Breaking Windows, Demanding Food.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Five hundred unemployed men marched in State street at 1 o'clock this morning. At Monroe street they broke windows. They entered several restaurants, demanding food.

The sight contrasted sharply with scenes of revelry in the loop district. Many of the men had been recruited from the bread line.

After a short speech by a leader, Leo Lipka, the men at Van Buren street formed four abreast and marched north in the street. They carried a banner.

At Monroe and State streets a man cried out: "Hey, you bums, what's up?" Lipka answered: "You are drunk and we are hungry."

The men halted street cars, crying as they did so that they wanted work. The "army" broke up into groups which roved about until daylight.

FEDERAL AGENT SEES COPPER SETTLEMENT

Densmore Confers With Agents for Companies and Fed- eration of Miners.

HAS PLAN READY TO OFFER

Men at Work Say They Will Fight to Drive Away Anar- chists and Socialists.

CALEMET, Mich., Jan. 1.—John B. Densmore of the Department of Labor, who was sent to the copper country by Secretary Wilson to arrange if possible for a settlement of the fight between the Western Federation of Miners and the copper corporations, spent a considerable part of today in telegraphic communication with Gov. Ferris. Mr. Densmore says that the Government is particularly anxious that some plan of settlement be arranged.

Mr. Densmore has drawn a tentative plan of settlement, he says, and is more than hopeful that he will succeed with it. He has not given the full details of the plan to the Governor, however, but it is understood that he has conveyed them to the attorneys of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company, and through them to President Quincy A. Shaw and General Manager James Macnaughton of that company in the East, as well as to the managements of the other corporations.

The plan will not bring into close touch the federation and the companies, as the latter will have no dealings, directly or indirectly, with the federation. Mr. Densmore met both the mining companies' representatives and Moyer's representatives to-day and to-night.

The situation in this district, Mr. Densmore says, is one of the most peculiar of the country has ever had, particularly of late. Continuing, he said:

"I have great hopes that there is a settlement of this situation in sight, greater hopes even than I entertained yesterday. I wired Gov. Ferris to-day that negotiations are about to be taken up. I am holding conferences with agents for the companies and the Western Federation and feel that something definite will come of them."

Members of the Hancock union of the federation met to-day and adopted resolutions scoring the Citizens' Alliance and protesting against alleged activities of Sheriff Cruise and his officers in connection with the Moyer affair of a week ago and also calling for a Congress investigation.

Men who have returned to work attended a meeting called by Mayor Ojala and prominent Finnish residents of Hancock and adopted resolutions asserting their willingness to "shoulder arms and follow the Stars and Stripes to drive from the district the elements headed by the red flag of anarchy and socialism."

Women of the citizens' relief committee of Calumet carried cheer to many homes of the panic sufferers and survivors.

The Federation of Miners has somewhat relaxed its picketing of these homes to see that no aid is accepted from the citizens' committee and it is now possible to do something for these people.

STORK'S BUSY NEW YEAR CALL.

Goes to Leave Two Cards and Has to Chase an Ambulance.

The stork hovered uncertainly yesterday afternoon between an apartment house at 1965 Croysey avenue, Bath Beach, and an ambulance racing madly to the Coney Island Hospital. He finally perched on the roof of the hospital, and thereby saved Dr. Munkittrick, the ambulance surgeon, from buying two dinners apiece for the other doctors at the institution.

The New Year's call was originally intended for Mrs. Sadie Olinisky, on the third floor of the apartment. Mr. Olinisky heard the flutter of his wings and called the hospital in a hurry. Mrs. Jacob Rich, who lives on the second floor, saw the ambulance at the door and decided she wanted to go too. Dr. Munkittrick was obliging and bundled both into the bus. But there is a standing rule at the hospital that if the stork ever beats the ambulance to the hospital the doctor must buy for the bunch.

Here were two dinners staring Dr. Munkittrick in the face and hence the speed which was never equalled by an ambulance before. He won, but only by seconds.

Mrs. Olinisky also won between herself and Mrs. Rich, for Mrs. Rich was a ten pound boy who arrived at 1 o'clock and Mrs. Rich's was a girl who came some hours later.

FIREBARN TO INVITE FIREMEN.

Host Takes This Means to Get De- partment to Banquet.

PARSAIC, N. J., Jan. 1.—Township Committeeman Anthony Ferrary of West Park had a novel way of calling the West Park volunteer firemen to a dinner to retiring Chief Samuel Simpson and his successor, John Merkle, last night. He set fire to an old barn he owned, visited a neighbor and watched the firemen work hard almost into the new year. The building was destroyed. When Ferrary told the firemen he had started the blaze they became indignant and threatened to turn the hose on him. "Come to my mill," said Ferrary. "we can talk things over more quietly."

There the firemen found tables filled with New Year's cheer. Ferrary was forgiven.

AGED 100, SHE CELEBRATES.

Mrs. Collins of New Haven Has Clear Mind and Good Memory.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Clarissa E. Collins, widow of David C. Collins, founder of the Collins Company, a big manufacturing concern in Collinsville, Conn., celebrated her one hundredth birthday anniversary in her home here to-day. She was born in Hartford in 1814 and was married in 1822. Mrs. Collins's mind is clear and her memory good. She has two daughters living, Miss Edith Collins and Mrs. Geoffrey Dimscombe.

THREATS UPSET PADEREWSKI.

Cancel Denver Engagement and Is Guarded by Six Detectives.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 1.—After having been guarded all night in his private car here by six Burns detectives Ignace Paderewski, who was billed for a concert at the Denver Auditorium to-night, left suddenly for Colorado Springs early this morning saying he was too ill to give the performance.

The musician's wife said that the real reason for his departure was that he had learned he was followed to this city by nihilists who have threatened his life. The six detectives accompanied him to the Springs.

He is scheduled to give a concert there to-morrow night, but his wife says that she doubts if he will venture upon the stage.

The public's first knowledge that the concert here had been called off came from an announcement in to-day's papers. A report that Paderewski contributed \$10,000 to an anti-Semitic newspaper in Warsaw is said to have caused the threatening letters. His wife stated his dread of the nihilists has made him a nervous wreck.

Hundreds of persons who had bought tickets, called to-day at the Auditorium and got their money back.

When Paderewski was in Chicago early in December a story was cabled to St. Petersburg from that city that he had received letters threatening murder because of an alleged contribution to an anti-Semitic Warsaw paper. His Russian friends said he had made no such gift and he had no part in warfare against Jews.

ADAMSON SEES FIRST FIRE OF HIS NEW JOB

He and Wife Watch Live Blaze in Amsterdam Ave. —Praises Firemen.

Robert Adamson saw his first fire to-day through the eyes of a Fire Commissioner.

He and Mrs. Adamson happened along just in time to see policemen working up and down fire escapes, getting out women and children, while the firemen worked at the blaze. The new Commissioner did not leave his automobile. When the fire was out and everybody safe he complimented both police and firemen on their excellent work.

The fire was in the basement of the five-story brick apartment house at 571 Amsterdam avenue, between Eighty-seventh and Eighty-eighth streets. Mary Veronica Dowling was entertaining girls and boys of her own age in her home on the third floor. When she smelled smoke she rushed to the fire and ran down to the basement. She found a pile of rubbish and boxes blazing just under the vestibule.

She ran back and after ringing all of the doorbells in the vestibule hurried to the fire alarm box at Eighty-sixth street. She was having hard work with it when Fireman Emil Egehofer, who lives on the top floor of the burning house, dropped off a trolley car and went to her assistance. When they got back to the building smoke was darkening the halls and many women and children were already on the fire escapes.

Police Sergeants Henley and Kessler with a detail from the West 100th street station were going on post and passed the building just as the alarm went in. Patrolman Patrick J. Walsh, whose father is a fire lieutenant, ran through the halls arousing those who still lingered, while the sergeants and Patrolmen Pyle, Blason and Rueger clambered the fire escapes and helped the frightened women and children to the street.

RUSH TO BEAT EUGENIC LAW.

Many Wisconsin Couples Got Marriage License Before New Year's.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 1.—Yesterday was the busiest day the marriage license clerk has ever had. Eighty-four licenses were issued before 5 o'clock. County Clerk Widule received so many telephone calls that he kept his office open at night until the bells began to ring in the new year.

The rush for permits was attributed to the new eugenic marriage law, which requires after January 1 that every applicant must show the license clerk a certificate of good health.

There were 227 marriage licenses issued in Milwaukee county this week. Many couples left the city and got licenses in Chicago, Waukegan and other Michigan cities.

PRISON GRAFT JURORS OUT.

Can't Agree on Fitzgerald and Take Up Collins's Case.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The jury in the case of the people against Jurist Superintendent C. V. Collins and Michael J. Fitzgerald, charged with grand larceny, retired at 1:40 o'clock this afternoon.

The jurors reported at 9:40 to-night that they were unable to agree on Fitzgerald and asked Justice Honst if it would be proper to take up the Collins case. They were told that this was left entirely to themselves, and they were sent back.

HOPES WIFE NO. 7 WILL SUIT.

But After Six Previous Experiences Maynard Is Not So Sure.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Jan. 1.—Saying he was willing to take another chance after his six previous marriages had proved more or less of a failure, L. B. Maynard, 31 years old, of East Lynn, W. Va., came to this city yesterday, got a marriage license and was wedded last night to Miss Rebecca Wilson of this city.

Of his previous experiences, Maynard said: "I have been married six times previous to my wedding to-day. Three of my wives I divorced and the other three died. Whenever I was fortunate enough to get an ideal wife she would die. I hope this will be my last."

POLAND WATER HIGHLY BENEFICIAL.

For Uric Acid Excess and Kidney Troubles.

POLICE POST OFFERED TO A BIG "UNKNOWN"

He's "Out of Communication," and No Answer Is Ex- pected for Days.

MAYOR HAS SLIGHT HOPES

Conduct Said to Be Balancing Law and Maltbie Water Departments.

John Purroy Mitchell's search for a Police Commissioner was described yesterday as a pursuit of the Great Unknown. Great names were hinted at yesterday, but none of Mr. Mitchell's friends would go so far as to suggest the identity of the man Mr. Mitchell wants.

One of Mr. Mitchell's closest friends said that he has offered the job to a man who is now out of communication. Mr. Mitchell doesn't expect an answer for several days. Along with the assertion that the appointment had been definitely offered came the assurance that Mr. Mitchell fears that the offer will not be accepted.

Another of Mr. Mitchell's friends said that the Police Commissioner's job back where it was thirty days ago, and that Mr. Mitchell is wholly at a loss. He confirmed the story that Mr. Mitchell had offered the job to somebody beyond the reach of telegraph wires, but he added that the quest was so hopeless as to leave virtually an open field.

As a matter of fact Mr. Mitchell is resting very comfortably with the Police Department under Douglas I. McKay. He feels that for the present Commissioner McKay will do very well. It was even hinted that Mr. Mitchell might ask Mr. McKay to stay indefinitely—at least until he can get a man of broader experience who will make the reforms in the department which Mr. Mitchell feels to be necessary.

There was little doubt that Frederic H. Coudert can have the Corporation Counsel's office if he wants it. Mr. Coudert, who is now in the woods of North Carolina, has asked Mr. Mitchell, it was said yesterday, to allow him a few days more in which to consider the matter.

Mr. Coudert's friends here said that he was balancing the Corporation Counsel's office against the Ambassadorship to France. Mr. Coudert has reason to believe that the diplomatic post will be offered to him. In that case his friends expect that he will leave Mr. Mitchell to look elsewhere for a Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Mitchell gave no hint yesterday as to his intentions with regard to the Water Commissioner's office. He wants Milo H. Maltbie, Public Service Commissioner, to take the job, but Mr. Maltbie's friends have been urging him to stay where he is. There were signs yesterday, however, that Mr. Maltbie may finally agree to enter Mr. Mitchell's cabinet. Mr. Mitchell, it was explained, is in no hurry to fill the place because he is perfectly satisfied with the administration of Henry S. Thompson, and had Mr. Thompson been able to take a city job again he could have gone on for another four years. He is president of a new corporation, the Permit Company, which has the American rights to a German system of water purification.

The Health Commissioner's office is still undetermined and no suggestion was made yesterday as to the name of a possible choice.

"FROST" FOR MAYOR'S PICTURE.

Apathy Grows His Likeness Thrown on Movie Screen.

A picture of John Purroy Mitchell was thrown on the screen of a Park Row movie picture theatre in sight of the City Hall last night. Under it was the caption: "New York's New Mayor," and the words from a campaign speech, "I elected I will be no man's Mayor but yours."

The theatre was filled with men, who gazed at the picture apathetically for perhaps half a minute. Not a whisper, not a handclap was heard. The election is a memory.

TAXES BASED ON SOCIETY NEWS.

Assessors Estimate Personality of Cincinnati's 400 by New Method.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 1.—When Gov. Cox appointed Charles Doran and Peter McCarty tax assessors of Hamilton county the two officials decided to place on the taxable list millions of personal property not hitherto included in the tax returns.

To this end they have opened war on the members of Cincinnati's exclusive set and are using the society columns of the local newspapers as a medium through which to determine just what jewels and costly gowns and furs are in the possession of Cincinnati's 400.

They clipped out the newspaper reports of the holiday ball given at the Simon House on Tuesday evening and noted the jewels and garments worn on that occasion.

A card index will be made and when the deputy assessors make their rounds the members of society will be asked to include the jewels and gowns they wore on occasions reported in the society columns of the newspapers.

WALKS ON HANDS TO SAVE LEGS.

Press Agent Says Russian Dancer Is Advocate of Conservation.

Here's what A. Tosen Worm, a press agent, sent out yesterday:

"Lydia Knyash, the great Russian dancer, who will be seen for the first time in New York at the opening of the new Winter Garden show, 'The Whirl of the World,' on Saturday night, January 10, is saving herself and her strength for her debut. She positively refuses to leave the Claridge to go anywhere except to rehearsals, and she spends several hours each day at her hotel balancing herself on her hands in order to save the use of her legs for her dancing only."

CRISIS IN ENGLISH CABINET?

Lloyd George and Churchill on Out- Over Armament Question.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The interview with Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George on the question of armament, which was published yesterday and cabled to THE SUN, has attracted attention again to the supposed rift in the Liberal party on this question.

The Opposition press predicts a crisis when the naval estimates are presented. Conservatives declare it will be impossible for the Chancellor to support First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill's projected increase in expenditure in view of the attack on such a project which Mr. Lloyd George made in his interview.

Guesses are being made as to which will go under, the Chancellor of the Exchequer or the First Lord.

FIRST TO FLY OVER JERUSALEM.

Gen. Bonnier Forecasts Vedrines in Flight to the Holy City.

Cairo, Jan. 1.—Gen. Bonnier, another French aviator, arrived here to-day by aeroplane from Paris. He left the French capital on November 10.

Gen. Bonnier was delayed a week at Adana, Asia Minor, on account of damage to the propeller of his machine. Although Jules Vedrines forestalled him in being the first aviator to reach Cairo from Paris, Gen. Bonnier enjoyed the distinction of being the first aviator to be seen flying over Jerusalem. He arrived at that place yesterday from Beirut. The people of Jerusalem were amazed at the aeroplane. Some of them were greatly alarmed.

FLORIDA AIRBOAT LINE BEGINS.

Regular Daily Schedule Between St. Petersburg and Tampa.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 1.—The first commercial line of flying machines to be operated in the world was inaugurated here to-day when the St. Petersburg-Tampa airboat line began business. The morning flight of 22 miles was made in twenty-three minutes. The passenger was ex-Mayor A. C. Phelan of this city.

From to-day on the airboat line will maintain a regular schedule to Tampa and other trips will be arranged soon. Time cards announcing the departure and arrival of the air craft have been posted and a ticket office has been established on the principal street of the city.

Local business men formed a stock company to finance the line and arranged with the Benedict Air Craft Company of St. Louis for a fleet of fliers.

DANCE BARELEGGED? NEVER!

Mannheim Ballet Girls Go on Strike to Keep Their Stockings.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
BERLIN, Jan. 1.—The ballet girls at the National Theatre of Mannheim revolted several days ago because the management demanded that they sign contracts to dance barelegged or bareheaded if this was desired. The girls protested and their union brought suit against the theatre, alleging that the management was seeking to impose terms derogatory to the dignity of the profession.

The management retorted by dismissing the ballet girls and the union has retaliated by placing the theatre on the blacklist.

NO CLUE TO POUPELET DUCK.

If It Doesn't Come Back It Can Be Replaced From Mould.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
PARIS, Jan. 1.—The duck which was stolen by the French sculptress, Mile. Jane Poupelet, at the Winter Academy chose for exhibition.

It is not likely that the thief had mercenary intentions, although the little bronze had considerable value. It could not be offered for sale to any dealer in New York, as the recent discussion of Mile. Poupelet's sculptures has made her work well known here.

The purchaser of the duck was Arthur B. Davies, the noted American painter. As a mould of the duck is still in existence in France another "proof" of it will doubtless be made for Mr. Davies.

AUTONOMY FOR BELGIAN CONGO.

Government to Introduce a Bill for That Purpose.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
BRUSSELS, Jan. 1.—The Belgian Government intends to introduce shortly a bill for the establishment of autonomy in the Belgian Congo, under the suzerainty of Belgium.

248 STRIKE OVER ONE MAN.

Others Won't Join I. W. W.— Employee Walks Out Despite Agreement

PARSAIC, N. J., Jan. 1.—Because one weaver refused to join the I. W. W., the 248 other employees of the Helvetia Silk Mills, all members of the Haywood organization, are on strike and declare they will remain out until this man is discharged.

Two months ago Supt. Fred Baer and the employees drew up a contract whereby the factory would be free from strikes at least until next April, it being agreed that difficulties be settled by arbitration. When the I. W. W. leaders were unable to get the one man to join the union they sent a shop committee to Mr. Baer. He told them he could neither discharge the man nor make him join the union.

The strike was then called. A conference will be held to-morrow in the hope of effecting a compromise.

MME. NORDICA PROSTRATED.

All Others on Damaged Steamer, Now in Port, Are Well.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
MELBOURNE, Jan. 1.—The Dutch steamer Tasman, which ran ashore in Torres Strait several days ago and was pulled off a reef by a Japanese steamer, arrived at Thursday Island to-day.

All on board are well, with the exception of Mme. Lillian Nordica, the opera singer, who is suffering from nervous prostration.

MITCHELL SLOGAN WORK, NOT TALK

Tells Aids, on Taking Office, Time Has Come for Performance.

CEREMONY IS SIMPLE

Six Minutes of Speechmak- ing Marks Change of Executives.

HANDSHAKING CUT SHORT

New Board of Estimate Mem- bers Hold Informal Re- ceptions in Offices.