



ANOTHER INDORSEMENT. The Don—There's the fellow that liked me. Uncle Sam—He ought ter know.

FIND DEATH IN FLAMES

Dramatic Fatality in a Furnace at Pittsburg.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

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UNFORTUNATES FALL 85 FEET

Every Bone in Their Bodies Broken in a Drop to the Roof of the Mill.

Pittsburg, Dec. 19.—By an explosion of gas in the Soho furnace of Jones & Laughlin, near Brady street, this city, at 6:20 o'clock this morning, nine men were burned to death, three injured so badly that they are not expected to live, and two others dangerously hurt. The bodies of the victims were terribly mangled and burned. Those identified thus far are: JOSEPH FRANKOVITCH, JOSEPH SISUL, MICHAEL GASDOVICZ, ANDREW SUCS, MICHAEL MEZO, JOHN KOCHANKO, GEORGE SZENENKO.

Three of the injured are not expected to live.

The damage to the plant will amount to \$20,000. The explosion occurred in one of the big blast furnaces. The men were at work at the top of the furnace over 120 feet from the ground. They were employed as fillers and were just getting ready to quit work, being members of the night crew, when the gas which accumulated in the furnace, exploded and tons of molten metal, cinders and slag were thrown over the men on top of the structure.

When the gas let go a panic ensued on the small platform about the top. The men made a rush for the elevator, but it had gone down and there was no escape. To jump meant death and to remain on the platform was just as certain doom.

Every Bone Broken.

The tons of molten metal and flames fell that are still hanging. The other hung on death. Their bodies dropped to the roof of the mill, eighty-five feet below, every bone broken and an unrecognizable mass of human flesh.

Thomas Jones and Arthur Young, managers of the plant, have given out a statement that nine men were killed and five injured. They say that ordinarily only three men worked on top of the furnace, but this morning one of the heavy iron wagons used in taking up the iron to the furnace jammed on the summit of the structure and the three men sent for assistance. A few men went up, but they could not move the wagon and now went up until the number reached fourteen. It was while they were trying to get the wagon released that the fatal explosion took place. All the men were Slavs and Poles say it was the most horrible sight they ever witnessed. They say that when the explosion took place there was a loud report and the murky smoke billowed up with a great sheet of flame, showing the mangled bodies of human beings running about, gesticulating wildly.

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FOR HERRICK

Ambassador to Italy, Not Secretary of the Treasury.

Special to The Journal.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—A Washington special to the Tribune says: There is no authority for the report that Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland will be appointed secretary of the treasury in place of Lyman J. Gage, who, it is said will resign. Mr. Herrick is to be appointed ambassador to Italy after awhile in place of George V. L. Meyers of Massachusetts, who was recently appointed as the successor to General W. J. Draper. It was understood at the time the appointment was made that Professor Meyers would not hold the office long, and it was President McKinley's intention, which will be carried out by President Roosevelt, to appoint Mr. Herrick to succeed him.

COPPER DIVIDEND

Amalgamated Is Cut to 1 per Cent by the Directors.

New York, Dec. 19.—The directors of the Amalgamated Copper company declared a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent to-day. The last quarterly dividend declared in September was 1 1/2 per cent.

RACED TO SERVE PAPERS

OFFICER'S TEAM FAGED OUT Otherwise He Would Have Won Property at Nelhart, Mont., Attached.

Special to The Journal. Helena, Mont., Dec. 19.—Deputy United States Marshal Will and Deputy Sheriff Leadbeater of Cascade county had an exciting chase through four miles of snow for a distance of twelve miles to see which could reach the town of Nelhart, in the Belt mountains first and post attachment papers upon the property of the Diamond Mining company.

The deputy sheriff started for Nelhart with papers ahead of the deputy marshal. Twelve miles from Nelhart both the officers left the train, which was delayed, and, procuring teams, began a twelve-mile race through four feet of snow at an altitude of 7,000 feet above sea level and in bitter cold. The deputy sheriff led the team, but on the outskirts of Nelhart his team gave out and the federal officer passed him and nailed up his attachment notices first.

SAMPSON'S INNING

Objections to Dewey's Finding Will Be Filed To-morrow.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Mr. Theall, acting secretary of the navy, today called at the department to see Judge Advocate General Lemley. Mr. Theall stated that the objections to the findings of Admiral Dewey filed with Secretary Long to-morrow morning. The statement will object to Admiral Dewey's finding that Admiral Schley was in absolute command at the battle of Santiago bay, on the ground that testimony touching this point was not admitted during the sessions of the court of inquiry.

Admiral Sampson's Condition.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Admiral Sampson's residence today, following the report that the admiral's condition remains unchanged. It was emphatically denied that his illness is such as to give rise to any belief of immediate alarm. He is not confined to his bed, but moves around the house at will.

Reviving Vice Admiral Grade.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A bill was introduced in the senate to-day by Mr. Penrose reviving the grade of vice admiral of the navy and promoting Admirals Sampson and Schley and Captain Canby to that rank.

CUMMINGS APPOINTS

Private Secretary and Clerks of the Executive Office.

Special to The Journal. Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 19.—Governor Cummins announced to-day the following appointments for the executive office: John Briar of Des Moines, private secretary; E. W. Garret of Leon, pardon clerk; E. W. Patterson, Greenfield, parole clerk; Major J. H. Camp of Des Moines, general clerk; Rufus Harvey of Des Moines, requisition clerk; Isabelle Wilson of Centerville, stenographer; William Coalsen, Des Moines, usher.

WILL NOT SERVE

Ohio's Governor Withdraws From McKinley Monument Committee.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Governor Nash, chairman of the subcommittee appointed to canvass the state departments for funds for the local McKinley monument fund, has declined to serve. This action, as well as the fact that other state officials, attorneys and prominent business men have not contributed to the fund, is being commented on by members of the Board of Trade having the matter in charge. The explanation of the fact that state officials will assist the national movement.

OCEAN VESSELS.

New York—Arrived: Germanic, from Liverpool. Naples—Arrived: Aller, from New York for Genoa. Hamburg—Arrived: Deutschland, from New York.

RATE REDUCTION ADMITTED BY HILL

Northern Securities President Admitted Revision of Rates, But Said it Wasn't for Effect.

A Genuine Reduction Might Interfere With Guaranteed Dividends on "Poor Relation" Roads.

Rate reduction on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific is coming. The Journal yesterday predicted it, and to-day the prediction received confirmation, "strong as proofs of holy writ."

A prominent Minnesotan, who was in New York two weeks ago, is The Journal's informant. He had a long talk with James J. Hill. The Great Northern president was visibly stirred and agitated over the agitation started in Minnesota. He said: "Railroad consolidation means advance in rates. This deal is not a consolidation, as the people will soon see. We are going to make up: substantial reductions in rates about the holidays. They were determined on: before Governor Van Sant made his attack on us, and they are not for effect. We can afford to reduce rates: about Jan. 1 on all but grain rates: Those will follow next summer, in time to benefit the farmer to move: next year's crop. They would do him: no good this winter."

MERGER'S LOAD IS HEAVY

A Genuine Rate Reduction Might Interfere With Dividends.

"How can they do it?" is the comment of railroad men on the story in yesterday's Journal, forecasting reductions in freight rates by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific in the near future. Men familiar with the conditions are inclined to be incredulous. Said a well-informed traffic man on another system to The Journal to-day: "I cannot believe that there is going to be any material reduction in freight rates by the merger roads. Mr. Hill has undertaken an enormous task. Besides paying dividends on the tremendous capitalization of the two transcontinental lines, he is guaranteeing 3 per cent dividends on Burlington, which means the distribution of \$9,000,000 of profits each year. The Burlington did not make that much last year, and may never do it. The difference has to be made up by the transcontinental lines."

I can see that it would be a good move in the controversy to reduce rates, and they may file some new tariffs and concede something to the shippers. It will not do the shippers any good in the long run, though. I know they are up to something. Rate clerks on both roads are working hard getting up comparative tables of rates, for some purpose or other. Those are going to the bosses when finished, and I do not believe any one knows what they are doing to do with them. They have some deep-laid scheme in their heads. I am sure of that."

ST. PAUL STOCK

Attempt to Get at the Cause of the Increased Strength.

Special to The Journal. New York, Dec. 19.—The strength of St. Paul stock is not explained by any special developments in the near future. It is attributed by some observers to the fact that the stock has been identified with the property. There are those who think the stockholders will receive more subscription rights this fiscal year and that they will be sold to the company to make this kind of distribution from time to time rather than to increase the dividend rate from its present level of 6 per cent. This is not officially admitted by the officials already identified with the property. There are those who think the stockholders will receive more subscription rights this fiscal year and that they will be sold to the company to make this kind of distribution from time to time rather than to increase the dividend rate from its present level of 6 per cent. This is not officially admitted by the officials already identified with the property.

NO TERRITORIAL INVASIONS

Hill and Harriman Interests Agree on a Truce.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Morgan-Hill and the Harriman railroad interests in the northwestern and western territory have agreed to abstain from building railroad extensions into each other's territory. These interests have also agreed to maintain tariff rates in their respective territories. No consideration has yet been given to any provisions for an interchange of traffic.

The Burlington Syndicate.

The extension of the Burlington syndicate was definitely announced to-day. It was to expire by limitation on Jan. 1, but has been extended for six months. It has been generally understood that this syndicate was called upon to furnish most of the \$50,000,000 in cash to be used in paying off Burlington shareholders who have agreed to take cash instead of bonds to be issued jointly by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads to secure the interest on Burlington bonds of new issue. Most of these bonds have been issued, and the life of the syndicate has been extended to finish the matter.

HERREID IN LINE

Interests of South Dakota Will Be Closely Guarded.

Special to The Journal. Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 19.—Governor Herreid, true to the straightforward methods which have won him the friendship of the vast majority of South Dakota people, has declared clearly his opinions regarding the proposed merger of some of the northwestern railroad lines. At a meeting of the state board of railroad commissioners, held in this city a short time ago, a resolution was adopted calling upon Attorney General Pyle for an opinion as to the power of the board in the premises. A copy of the resolution was also forwarded to the governor. Late yesterday afternoon Secretary Stanley, of the railroad commission, received the following characteristic letter from the governor:

Eureka, S. D., Dec. 16.—The interests of the state and its people should be carefully guarded, and it is my purpose to take such course as will be most likely to secure that result. Of course, our state is much less affected by the proposed combination than is Minnesota, where the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific are, and have been for years, competing lines. Our situation, fortunately, is quite different. The Northern Pacific has no line in this state, while the Great Northern, although not having an extensive mileage, is in active competition with the Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Chicago & North-Western, and to some extent with the Soo Line. The Burlington has no mileage except in the Black Hills country, and is in active competition in that region with the lines of the Fremont, Bismarck & Missouri Valley, which is a part of the Chicago & North-Western railway system.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL

Representative Jenkins After a Constitutional Amendment.

SCOTT STARTING

Capt. Mercer's Successor to Reach Leech Lake in Ten Days.

From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Post Building, Washington.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Indian Commissioner Jones to-day received a letter from Major Scott at Fort Sill, Okla., saying that he would reach Leech Lake agency to relieve Captain Mercer about the first of the month. He did not indicate that he would come to Washington before going to Minnesota, and Commissioner Jones believes he will go direct from Fort Sill to Leech Lake.

"Joshing" Wentwote.

There has been informal talk of sending a delegation of congressmen to King Edward's coronation next June, and any such delegation would probably be made up of members of the foreign affairs committee. Heatwave of Minnesota is on this committee, and his friends are wondering how he would look in court dress—knee breeches, silk stockings, pumps and possibly a wig. There is good deal of good-natured chaffing over the prospective junket, but the committee on foreign affairs stands it pretty well.

Washington Small Talk.

Representative Stevens of Minnesota is interested in the veterans of the Spanish war who saw service in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. One of his bills provides that the homestead rights now enjoyed by the veterans of the civil war be extended to them. The bill to increase from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the cost of the federal building at Butte has been introduced by Senator Clark of Montana.

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TEXAS OIL

Big Company Organizing With British Capital.

New York Sun Special Service. Austin, Texas, Dec. 19.—It was stated here to-day by business associates of former Governor J. S. Hogg that the latter would leave for England in a few days to close negotiations with British capitalists for the organization of a gigantic oil company, which is to operate in the Beaumont fields. This British syndicate, in which Mr. Hogg will be a heavy stockholder, will have a capital stock of \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000, and its purpose will be to acquire the holdings of a number of smaller independent oil producing concerns, build and operate pipe lines and establish a fleet of oil vessels to ply between Port Arthur, Texas, and the European markets.

ERICKSON'S MORNING WALK

Twenty-five-Mile Tramp and Wolves Howling in Nearby Woods.

Special to The Journal. Duluth, Minn., Dec. 19.—The county canvassing board met here this morning. Erick Erickson, of New Independence is a member of the board and got up at 2 o'clock this morning and walked to the city to attend the meeting. The thermometer was 20 degrees below zero and a high wind was raging during the whole walk of twenty-five miles. Erickson was not attacked by wolves, but for miles he heard them howling through the woods on both sides of the road.

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Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 19.—The Union Pacific, Colorado & Southern, north, and the Burlington, east, are practically at a standstill as a result of the recent storm in Wyoming and Nebraska. All trains on the Union Pacific are compelled to spend hours in snowdrifts waiting for the rotary plows to make openings so they can pass through, and to make matters worse a Union Pacific rotary plow, pushed by two big compound engines, slashed its way to the rear of a train of deadhead tourist sleepers near Sherman. The wreckage caught fire and a caboose and nine tourist cars were completely destroyed. The work of clearing the track is slow and the blockade may last for an indefinite period.

A blockade at Ramsey, forty miles east of Rawlins, has stopped the passage of trains into Laramie from the west and the one at Sherman blocks traffic west-bound. On the Colorado & Southern twenty-one miles north of here, a passenger train was derailed. The accident has tied up traffic on that branch.

No trains have come in over the Burlington branch from Holdrege for two days. A drift derailed an engine about 100 miles east of Cheyenne and the wreckers have not yet succeeded in getting it back upon the track. In addition, the branch is snowbound for a stretch of more than fifty miles.

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COST OF SIBERIAN ROAD

New York Sun Special Service. Odessa, Dec. 18.—The Novosti states that the Siberian railway, which at the beginning it was estimated would cost 350,000,000 roubles, had cost a year ago 780,000,000 roubles. The final total is likely to exceed 1,000,000,000 roubles.

Iowa Farmer Surprised His Wife

Special to The Journal. Dike, Iowa, Dec. 19.—A well known farmer of Lincoln township in an unguarded moment did a very foolish thing. He promised his good wife he would work a purchase on himself for Christmas, by buying a new suit of clothes. He made the purchase and started home with the clothes in his wagon, promising himself that he would turn the surprise on his wife and walk in with the new suit on. He drove into a thicket near the creek that crosses his farm and there in the wagon, although it was cold, he disrobed and threw his old suit into the creek. He reached for the new clothes to find them gone. They had jostled from the wagon. He was but a few rods from home and for that place he went off on a trot. It took some minutes to convince his wife that he was clothed in his right mind.