

GAYNOR IN DANGER IN A SNOWDRIFT

Mayor's Companion Hurt and Both Nearly Lost.

STORM DELAYS TRAFFIC

Engineers Unable to See Signals in Blinding Clouds.

Cyclone Sweeps Up the Coast and Wind Velocity Attains Maximum of Seventy-six Miles—Danger for the Crews of Vessels Along the New England Coast—Wealthy Flee to Florida and Other Southern Points.

New York, Jan. 14.—Mayor Gaynor nearly got lost in a snowdrift to-night on his way to his country home at St. James, Long Island.

Mr. Shepard was badly hurt by a fall from a railroad trestle. Mayor Gaynor was so much exhausted by the time he reached Hicksville that he was compelled to spend the night in the house of Dr. Adolph G. Rave in that village.

The mayor took a train at 7 o'clock for St. James. The heavy drifts of snow choked traffic on the road, and the train was stalled about a mile east of Hicksville.

Mr. Shepard offered to go with him. In an attempt to cross a trestle Mr. Shepard could not stand the wind and snow, and before the mayor could help him had fallen from the trestle.

Mr. Shepard, it is feared, broke both legs and several other bones about his body. It is thought that he also was injured internally.

It was a fine old-fashioned snowstorm, and before it began to peter out, as it did before the wind began shifting to the northwest, about 9:30 o'clock to-night, it had equalled the Christmas downfall.

The cyclone that caused the trouble came across the country almost in a direct line and swept off the coast to-night in the neighborhood of Atlantic City.

The highest wind created by its flight was that at Block Island, which attained a maximum of seventy-six miles. This means hard times for navigators along the New England coast.

The snow area extended from Massachusetts into Virginia, and inland from the coast to Western New York and Pennsylvania.

Many were taken "subject to delay." The hotels for a few days previous to going South hurried away to-day in that direction, for fear that they would become stormbound if they remained here over night.

COHEN HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

Charge Against Walter Is Kidnaping, but Not Abduction.

Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—Frederick Cohen, the waiter who eloped on December 29 with Roberta de Jaron, the sixteen-year-old granddaughter of Robert Burt, smiled all through the preliminary hearing given him to-day before Magistrate Scott in the Central police station.

Cohen was held without bail by the magistrate for a further hearing on January 28. But his attorney later secured a writ of habeas corpus, which promises to liberate Cohen when it is returned for argument in Judge Staak's court next Thursday.

Cohen was held on a charge of kidnaping, and sent to Moyamensing until the writ is argued on Thursday. The police abandoned the original charge of abduction. Magistrate Scott refused a request of the police department for a private hearing.

HOUSES NOW AGREE.

Witnesses May Have Counsel at Ballinger Probe.

The Senate and House conferences on the Ballinger-Pinchot resolution of investigation reached an agreement yesterday, which, while not yet formal in its motive, will stand.

The House wins in every important particular of difference between the two Houses.

FUNERAL OF D. O. MILLS.

Party Goes to Terrytown Cemetery in Blinding Snowstorm.

Terrytown, N. Y., Jan. 14.—The funeral train with the body of D. O. Mills arrived here at noon to-day. The train was made up of a funeral car, a dining-car, and a parlor car.

It was snowing hard, but when the party reached the cemetery they got out and a committal service was conducted in the vault by the rector of St. Thomas' Church.

81.25 Baltimore and Return. Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains both ways, both days, except Royal Limited. City offices, 147 G st. and 619 Penna. ave.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Snow, followed by clearing, to-day; to-morrow, fair; moderate to brisk winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

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MILLIONAIRES CAUGHT IN PITTSBURG GRAFT

County Detectives Serve Warrants on Five Prominent Men, Creating Big Sensation.

Pittsburg, Jan. 14.—The storm which has threatened Pittsburg politically for more than a year, broke to-day. Since the first arrest of grafting councilmen, December 22, 1908, there have been rumors about the "Men higher up." To-day warrants were issued for five prominent men, as follows:

MAX C. LESLIE, county delinquent tax collector and right hand man to State Senator William Flynn, political boss of Pittsburg; charges, conspiracy, perjury, and bribery; \$15,000 bail demanded and furnished by Senator Flynn.

EDW. H. JENNINGS, millionaire president of the Columbia National Bank of Pittsburg; president of the Pure Oil Company; president of the Colonial Trust Company, of Pittsburg, and head of the E. H. Jennings Brothers Company; conspiracy; \$10,000 bail furnished by a brother.

FRANK A. GRIFFIN, former vice president and cashier of the Columbia National Bank, of Pittsburg; conspiracy; \$10,000 bail furnished by brother of President Jennings.

FRANK F. NICOLA, head of the monster Nicola Brothers interests; considered the biggest business man in Pittsburg, and many times a millionaire; conspiracy; \$10,000 bail furnished by brother of President Jennings.

CHARLES STEWART, business man and former member of Pittsburg council; conspiracy; bail in \$10,000, furnished by William Schempp, of Pittsburg.

CITY IS STUNNED. The affair which has stunned Pittsburg has to do with the councilman graft cases of more than a year ago, and has been hanging fire for some time. District Attorney Blakeley this morning ordered County Detective Henry Muth to prepare and serve the warrants. Two hours later Blakeley made the following statement:

"In regard to the making of information by Henry Muth, chief of county detectives, District Attorney William A. Blakeley said:

"The information made by Mr. Muth are based upon testimony taken before the grand jury, together with statements made privately to me. I have hoped that the Superior Court would decide the appeals in the graft cases now pending before that court adjourned. Now no decisions can be looked for until the first week in March. It is therefore impracticable for me to defer further action until that time, owing to the fact that the statute of limitations might run before final action had been taken.

"The information charge Max C. Leslie, F. A. Griffin, and E. H. Jennings, with conspiring to cause the selection of the Columbia National Bank as a city depository by bribery; Max C. Leslie with the crime of perjury, committed before the grand jury and bribery; Charles Stewart and F. F. Nicola, with conspiracy, and soliciting a bribe from the Columbia National Bank, for the passage of the bank ordinance."

Four charges made. Later the charge of conspiracy was made against Leslie, and still later in the day, a fourth charge against Leslie was made, this time for misdemeanor. In this it is alleged that for two years past the right-hand man of State Senator Flynn has been engaged in the business of soliciting councilmen by bribery, etc.

It came out that the district attorney claims to have in his possession a sworn confession of perjury from President Jennings, and of Griffin, the bank's former vice president, in that they made false returns to bank examiners, and also swore falsely before the grand jury when haled before it to tell what they knew about the bribery of councilmen in the Pittsburg bank cases a year or so since. Leslie, too, is included in this perjury affidavit, but has made no confession.

It is alleged that Leslie acted as the go-between in the deal between the grafting councilmen and the Columbia National Bank of Pittsburg, and that he was paid \$25,000 over the counter of the bank to carry to the grafters.

Leslie, when questioned, according to the office of the district attorney, definitely said that he had put this money in his pocket, and that it was none of the public's business. In the meantime those of the grafting councilmen already convicted who heard this let it be known that Leslie did not put all the money in his pocket, but they accuse him of putting \$7,500 of it in his own pocket and paying over to them only \$17,500.

On this is said to have turned the whole bribery matter, grafting councilmen asserting that even they had been double-crossed by Leslie, and after giving plenty of time to fix the matter up, they became angry and decided to "put the information where it would do the most good."

The assertion is made here that \$20,000 was raised as a corruption fund to see that the cases against the five already named were not pushed; that those in-

LEE NOW UNDER FLAG

Government Recognizes Birthday of Confederate Leader.

The government has acknowledged the existence of one of the men who fought against it. The Treasury Department announced yesterday that it had issued orders to the collector of customs at Newport News to close the custom-house at that port on January 13, the anniversary of the birth of Robert E. Lee, so far as public business would permit.

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MRS. DANIEL C. GILMAN DEAD.

Widow of First Head of Johns Hopkins Passes Away.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Florence Dwight Woolsey Gilman, widow of Daniel C. Gilman, the first president of Johns Hopkins University, died to-day after a brief illness.

GOVERNESS' DEATH LAID TO COACHMAN

Despite Effort to Die, He Protests Innocence.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 14.—After a long interview with Frank Schermerhorn, coachman for Barnes Compton, who is accused of the murder of Miss Sarah S. Brynner, Compton's nurse, Chief of Police Meacham announced this evening that he was just as certain as before that Schermerhorn killed Miss Brynner, notwithstanding the coachman, who had cut his throat twelve hours after the murder, had declared himself to be innocent and had repeated his charge that Onishi, the Japanese butler, committed the crime.

McCabe remained at the coachman's bedside for some time, but was unable to get him to change his story, which the chief of police and the county authorities do not believe, especially as Schermerhorn professes to be as anxious to die as when he was found yesterday with his throat cut. At one time to-day, when he thought the policeman on guard by his bed was not watching, he called the nurse to his side and asked her in a whisper to get him something to end his life. The nurse, of course, told the policeman.

Schermerhorn drove to Poughkeepsie Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Compton, who went by train to New York. On his return the coachman took the mails out for a sleigh ride, and, leaving the sleigh, went into a saloon in Washington Hollow. When he came out, after some time, he was noisy and boisterous. The girls said that when he left them at the Compton house, shortly before midnight, his face was clean. At this time Miss Brynner was sleeping with her young charge on the upper veranda, where, within two or three hours, she was assaulted and strangled.

From the appearance of the marks which the mails afterward saw on his face, the police believe that he burned a cork and grotesquely disguised himself.

WILL END DEADLOCK.

Mississippi Senate Adopts Elimination Plan.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 14.—At to-day's caucus Senator Gibbs, of Yazoo, offered a resolution declaring it the sense of the caucus that when the legislature meets next Tuesday, and the vote for Senator is taken, the members shall vote for no man now in the race. This procedure is to continue until after the caucus shall have made a selection.

The resolution was carried in face of the Vardaman opposition.

Nantucket Lightship Adrift. Newport, R. I., Jan. 14.—Wireless telegraphy brought information late this afternoon that the Nantucket Lightship, No. 85, had parted her moorings and was adrift. On board the vessel, besides Capt. Downe, there is a crew of fifteen men and two wireless operators. The vessel has steam power.

Roosevelt Heads Alumni. Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 14.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt, of the Harvard class of '80, has been elected president of the Harvard Alumni Association, to succeed President Charles W. Eliot, whose term is about to expire. His election will bring him into closer relations with Harvard than he has had since his graduation.

Actor Receives a Case. Columbia Lodge, No. 128, Loyal Order of Moose, 200 strong, attended the Lyceum Theater last night and gave a greeting to a fellow-member, W. B. Watson, one of the performers. He was presented with a silver-headed cane. James A. O'Shea and Mr. Van Ness making speeches.

81.25 Baltimore and Return. Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Every Saturday and Sunday via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All transfer trains except Congressional Limited.

CAUCUS MAY RULE PARTY

Tat's Peace Plan Deprives Cannon of Power.

REGULARS IN DOUBT

White House Statement Elates Some Insurgents.

DWIGHT AND HAYES TALK

President's Radical Proposition to Unite Warring Factions Proves Successful, and Progressive Republicans Will Enter Meeting to Name Committee for Ballinger Probe—"Future Caucuses" May Supplant the House Committee on Rules in So Far as Administration Measures Are Concerned.

President Taft is confident that peace will be restored among the warring factions of his party in the House. He has put his hand vigorously to the task. The fundamental feature of his plan is a prospective agreement of insurgents and regulars to participate in a series of party caucuses. He would submit all the administration measures to the test of these caucuses and abide by the result. He thinks the caucus can well supplant the House Committee on Rules as the directing force in the winter's legislation.

He announced yesterday a preliminary agreement for such a caucus participation. A statement was issued about it from the White House offices yesterday afternoon in the following language:

White House Statement. "It has been agreed between the regular Republicans and the so-called insurgent, represented by Mr. Dwight, on the one hand, and Mr. Hayes, on the other, after conferences with the President, that a caucus should be held to pass upon the question of the committee in the Department of the Interior investigation, with the assurance that the insurgents, if they came into the caucus, would be treated fairly, and that a committee of acknowledged impartiality would be appointed.

"A further agreement was freshened that caucuses should be held from time to time to which all elected as Republicans should be invited to take up the various measures recommended by the administration as performance of party pledges, the subject of each caucus to be announced in advance."

This radical proposition, displeasing to the regulars, gratifying to the insurgents, and, the President believes, for the best interests of the Republican party, was the chief development of interest in connection with the House row yesterday.

Dwight Explains Plan. Just before the White House gave out the statement, Representative Dwight said for several newspaper men, and, with his face beaming, made a few observations on his own account.

"We have decided to let by-gones be by-gones," he said. "The tariff bill is a thing of the past, the rules fight was over long ago, and the Speakership contest has been settled for months. So why stir them up? The insurgents have received assurances from the organization that they will be treated fairly in caucus, and they have promised to come in, be regular, and to vote for the organization on all party questions."

At this point Mr. Dwight interpolated the somewhat astonishing statement: "Mr. Cannon has never wanted any more than this, nor asked any more than this, nor expected any more than this. He is over for effecting this compromise."

When the substance of Mr. Dwight's remarks were conveyed to Representative Hayes, that gentleman appeared to be put out. He said something about Mr. Dwight's remarks being "premature" and "ill-advised," but an hour or so later, when the White House statement was shown to him, he issued one of his own.

Hayes Issues Reply. Here it is: "It is true that an understanding has been reached, that we shall attend the caucus which will be held for the choice of the Republican members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee.

"The question of future conferences is one on which there has been no agreement; in fact, I had no authority from my associates to enter into that question.

"Of course this agreement in no way affects the issue as to the present system of control of the House of Representatives."

But the lines along which the President is proceeding have been made apparent. Many believe he will succeed, at least, in effecting a truce. The danger of defeat to his measures, because of factional wrangling, will be reduced materially.

The President is determined that the committee to investigate the Secretary of the Interior shall be composed of able and impartial men. He said yesterday that he should insist upon having Senators and Representatives thereon whose fairness as investigators would be promptly recognized by the country. He will not listen to the appointment of any one who has shown by public speeches and otherwise a prejudice against conservation.

Pending Matters Important. Just now that is the immediate matter of importance to the President. But in comparison with other pending matters he regards it as secondary. Once the

INSURGENT LEADER No. 1



VICTOR MURDOCK, OF KANSAS.

He believes express companies are getting richer all the time as a result of the government's failure to exercise monopoly in transporting second, third, and fourth class mail matter.

Mr. Murdock yesterday introduced a long resolution calling on the Postmaster General for information. The resolution says that, while the

right kind of a joint committee is named the President believes the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation will largely take care of itself.

He regards the reconciliation of the insurgents and regulars in the selection of the House members of the joint committee, however, as an exceedingly essential preliminary. When such an agreement is carried out the President will press home an agreement for caucus participation on the interstate commerce amendments, on postal savings banks, ship subsidy, Statehood, and all measures recommended in the Republican national platform.

He has asked for some legislation not covered in that document, but to him now the paramount thought is to execute the commission which the people have entrusted to him.

Under that arrangement the President would like to take up certain measures of legislation which have not been much discussed of late. He is much in earnest, for instance, about having an anti-union law, so-called, but he wishes it to conform to the plank of the national platform.

The objections members of Congress have raised before him on the injunction question have borne much upon the prospect that, if once a bill is taken up in the House, it would be loaded down with radical amendments which could not be accepted.

If there can be an agreement to put a Republican caucus O. K. upon such a measure, drawn under the President's direction, he would seek to have it enacted into law at this session.

Regulars Are Willing. The regulars are said to be willing to abide by the action of the caucus on all administration measures. That action would take from the Committee on Rules, which the House insurgents have bitterly criticized as the Speaker's most offensive instrumentality, much of its prerogatives. It would virtually make the caucus a legislative entity outside of the House itself.

The President believes the plan holds out to the insurgents an opportunity to co-operate with him in putting through the bills to which his administration is committed. He emphasizes, as he has been doing, that he has no quarrel with those Republicans who do not think identically with him about certain party issues, but he claims a right to their support of legislation which the country has approved.

He has assured the insurgents that he is making no war upon them, but is simply using the instrumentalities given him for obtaining legislation. The President was long ago convinced that patronage was an undesirable prerequisite of his office.

He strongly dislikes having to do with the bestowal of Federal places. He is thoroughly convinced that a President's time could be far better occupied with other things. He will not, however, extend patronage favors to insurgents who have raised the black flag against him.

He leaves his visitors to infer what the Senators and Representatives are that come within that category.

FEAR FOR CHILD'S LIFE.

Victim of Strange Man Not Expected to Survive.

New York, Jan. 14.—The condition of Arthur Shibley, the six-year-old boy, who was shot Wednesday afternoon in Highbridge Park, when little Robbie Lomas was killed, grew somewhat worse to-night, and Dr. Sybel, the head physician at the Washington Heights Hospital, where the wounded boy is, told Mrs. Shibley that transfusion probably would have to be resorted to as the last chance to save the little fellow's life. The police made no arrests to-day.

PEARY GUEST OF HONOR.

New York, Jan. 14.—The whole white population of the north pole attended the Bowdoin College alumni dinner at the Hotel Gotham to-night, and the Bowdoin old boys exploded one grand yell when he came in. Commander Peary was the guest of honor and the men of Bowdoin made him feel considerably at home by opening a window now and then and letting him see how the snow was piling up in Fifth avenue.

81.25 Baltimore and Return. Baltimore and Ohio R. R. To-day and to-morrow via Baltimore and Ohio R. R.

Consult the Floral Artist about floral work. Blackstone, 14th & H.

DARING AVIATOR SAILS OVER WATER

Paulhan Flies to San Pedro and Back to Field.

OUT OVER THE PACIFIC

Crowd of 35,000 Wild with Enthusiasm at the Feat.

Frenchman Does Not Announce His Intended Flight and Surprises the Through by Suddenly Heading for the Sea—Whistles on Ships Announce His Arrival Overhead and Bells Call Residents to the Streets.

Los Angeles, Jan. 14.—Louis Paulhan made an unofficial flight this afternoon to San Pedro, going out over the breakwater at the outer harbor, swung around over the fortification site at Point Mirra, and returned to the aviation field. He covered twenty miles in his flight and was in the air thirty-five minutes.

The crowd of 35,000 persons at the field knew nothing of the intended flight until they saw him suddenly swing the prow of his big machine to the westward. He had been heading toward the east, when a half mile from the field he swung to the south and winged an arrow-like flight toward a fog bank overhanging the sea.

The whirr of the engine attracted the attention of a deckhand on a tug in the inner harbor. Instantly the shriek of whistles awoke the seaport town from somnolence and brought all hands on deck on board the shipping in all parts of the harbor. Bells were rung frantically and people ran from stores and residences.

In a long, sweeping flight the aviator swung out toward the northward, then swung around, and drove straight over the bay. Back straight over the business part of the port, where the thousands stood in the streets, waving hands and shouting to the aviator, who flew scarcely 200 feet above the house tops.

Paulhan alighted in front of the grand stand at the field, and a few minutes later the announcer shouted the news that the Frenchman had flown to the sea. A throng of cheers arose from the multitude, and aids, mechanicians, photographers, and judges rushed across the field to greet the aviator as he climbed down from his seat on the machine.

HARVESTER TRUST BONUS.

Stock Dividend of 33 1/3 Per Cent for Holders of Common.

New York, Jan. 14.—George W. Perkins, chairman of the finance committee of the International Harvester Company, to-day made public the following statement: "At a meeting of the directors of the International Harvester Company, held to-day, the comptroller of the company presented a preliminary statement of earnings of the company for the year 1909. The net earnings of the company for 1909 exceeded \$14,000,000.

"The company has now \$40,000,000 of preferred and \$97,000,000 of common stock. The directors recommended to the stockholders an increase of \$25,000,000 in common stock, represented by surplus invested in business during the past seven years, the same to be distributed ratably as a stock dividend to the present \$60,000,000 of common stock.

"The directors further recommended the setting aside out of last year's earnings the sum of \$2,200,000 as a 1 per cent dividend on the \$90,000,000 of common stock, payable 1 per cent each quarter, beginning with April 15, 1910."

The company has not been paying dividends on its common stock. The company's detailed annual report for the year 1909 will be issued in a few weeks.

STRANGE WOMAN BURIED.

Dressed in Male Garb at Time She Was Killed by Train.

Special to The Washington Herald. Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 14.—The mysterious woman in man's clothing who was killed in the Baltimore and Ohio yards at Wheeling Junction last Saturday was buried at the expense of the county in Potter's field at the McMechen Cemetery to-day. No one claimed the body, which is believed to have been that of a Syrian woman.

Her male companion, who mysteriously disappeared following the woman's death, has not been apprehended, and nothing is known of his whereabouts, despite diligent efforts of the police to locate him.

STORK A FREQUENT VISITOR.

Atlantic City Makes Good Record in Birth and Death Rate.

Atlantic City, Jan. 14.—Atlantic City is cleared of any accusation of race suicide and given the lowest death rate in the country by the annual report of Health Officer Quinn. Seven hundred and forty-four births were recorded in city records, an increase of forty over the former year, while the death rate went to 19 per cent on the basis of 5,000 population.

PRINCETON PROFESSOR HONORED.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 14.—Dr. William Berryman Scott Blair, professor of geology in Princeton, was notified by cable that the Geological Society of London had voted to confer upon him the Wollaston medal. This is given in recognition of research work in geology.

EX-JUDGE TRUAX DEAD.

New York, Jan. 14.—Former Supreme Court Justice Charles H. Truax died this morning at the Hotel Savoy. Death was due to grip, which developed from a cold the jurist caught two weeks ago.

AT SLOAN'S TO-DAY.

Furniture, robes, diamonds, etc., from the Fidelity Storage Company, private families, and other sources, at auction within the salesrooms of C. G. Sloan & Co., Inc., 147 G st., to-day, beginning at 10 a. m. Housekeepers and dealers invited.