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CONTEST GETS WARM.

Managers Confident His Election Will Not Be Difficult.

Redkey and Smith Desert the Minority, Leaving Mason and Bramley Alone - Lieut.-Gov. Jones Announces That He Will Not Take Part in the Senatorial Fight - Hanna Claims the Office Through Indorsement by the Toledo Convention - Kurtz Will Try to Cause a Deadlock - Interest in Outcome.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 31.-Nearly all of the members-elect of the legislature have arrived in the city tonight, and the senatorial skirmish is at its height.

To the Republicans at large the situation is inexplicable. The anti-Hanna Republicans actually in evidence are so few in numbers that the uninitiated can scarcely comprehend why there should be such a political struggle.

This change of programme was contemplated by some to indicate that Hanna's managers had considered the situation despondently, and were about to give up the fight.

There was some rejoicing over the published declarations of Representatives Redkey, of Highland county, and Smith, of Delaware county, that they would vote for Hanna.

Representatives Mason and Bramley, of Cuyahoga, now stand practically alone in their opposition to Mr. Hanna, although they do not represent the strength of the anti-Hanna Republicans.

"I am here to do my sworn duty under the constitution. I shall preside at the organization of the senate, and I think there will be no trouble. As to the senatorial contest, I do not know anything about it; neither do I propose to take a hand in the matter. It is my place and duty to be strictly neutral, and that is the position I will occupy. I hope everything will come out satisfactorily to the Republican party. What more can I say?"

"The contest between the Republican and Democratic parties was settled by the people at the polls last November. The verdict was in favor of the Republican party and its platform. Since then I have not read anything giving any good reason why the verdict should be changed. The Toledo convention recommended the whole state administration, and commended the administration of President McKinley and Gov. Bushnell. This was indorsed by the state convention, containing an indorsement of my candidacy for the United States senate, and so far as the party could do in the state convention it was content to let me to my election to the high office to which I aspire.

"What combined action was a part of the platform of the party, and therefore the fruits of the victory obtained by the success of the Republican party at the polls means nothing less than that the will of the voters as expressed last November shall be carried out by their representatives in the general assembly. I know of no reason why there should be any change in the programme adopted at Toledo, and having faith in the loyalty and patriotism of the Republicans of Ohio, I have no reason to doubt the fulfillment of the pledges made to the people.

"I do not see any occasion why I should indulge in personalities. I consider that my own personality in this contest is insignificant as compared to the importance of this issue as affecting the future welfare of the Republic. I will merely state that I am confident that the attempt to defeat the will of the party will not be successful.

Kurtz and the Democrats led by Allen O. Miers, Lew Barnard, of Cincinnati, and James Ross, of this city. Heretofore it has been known that the men were to receive only a portion of the offices in the organization of the legislature in case of a fusion to defeat Mr. Hanna. Now it is claimed that the Democrats will not be satisfied with such spoils.

Mr. Kurtz's purpose is to create a senatorial deadlock, and not to combine with the Democrats to defeat Hanna or to elect a senator.

GOV. LOWNDES WITHDRAWS.

Will Not Use Patronage to Advance His Senatorial Aspirations.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.-Gov. Lowndes has withdrawn from the senatorial contest. He says: "This is the conclusion I have reached after considering the circumstances surrounding my nomination by the Republican party for the office I now hold and the circumstances under which I have accepted it. I shall not accept the nomination, and I have no intention of representing my state in the senate of the United States. I have so publicly expressed myself, but I wish it distinctly understood that it was never my intention to use my office as governor in the matter. I believe that if I desired to resign my office, I should be free to do so, and I shall do so if I am asked to do so."

ROGERS' NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

He Sends Out a Circular Letter to All Heads of Departments.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 31.-Gov. Rogers issued today the following circular letter to all heads of departments: "With the opening of the new year I beg leave to tender you the compliments of the season. And I do this at this time with the most confident feeling of assurance. The new year must and will be a happy one to men engaged in the successful performance of duty. While the future is unknown, yet we shall surmount all opposition, for against the difficulties which may confront us we shall oppose the steady purpose of an honest intention and an earnest application. Men thus engaged have never really failed."

President Burt in Charge.

OMAHA, Dec. 31.-President Horace G. Burt formally took charge of the Union Pacific headquarters this morning. In a brief interview Mr. Burt said he had arrived in Omaha to stay, and would take charge of his office at once. He said the receivers would remain in control of the property for some little time yet, and it was impossible to say when the receivership would be terminated.

Hold Their Last Meeting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.-Mayor Strong's police commissioners held their last meeting tonight. One of their last acts was to restore Capt. Stephenson on duty and to show him back salary amounting to about \$39,000.

GREATER NEW YORK BORN WITH THE YEAR

Today It Is the Second City of the World.

AN EMPIRE IN ITSELF.

Change From the Old to the New Is Fittingly Celebrated.

At Midnight the Mayor of San Francisco Pushes the Button, a Little White Ball Climbs the Flagstaff on City Hall, and the Colors of the New City Float on the Breeze - Thousands Join in the Celebration - Elaborate Fireworks Lighten the Heavens - Tremendous Power is Wielded by Mayor Van Wyck.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.-The citizens of New York, which tomorrow becomes the second city of the world, enter then upon what is believed to be the greatest period of municipal government ever presented. With the last stroke of the clock at midnight announcing the advent of the new year, there will be born a city such as the emperors and kings of history would have deemed great for an empire.

For six months, until the machinery of the new municipality gets into motion, the mayor of New York has the power of an autocrat. He may appoint officials with salaries running into the thousands as well as lavish a hand as ever emperor treated his favorites. The mayor will appoint every department head in the city except the comptroller, who is selected for four years. He will appoint all commissioners, justices of interior criminal courts, all the members of the school boards, with the exception of the commissioner of education, the justices of special sessions and the police magistrates, and is given the power to remove any official in New York and appoint his successor.

There are five boroughs in the greater New York family: Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens and Richmond. The municipal legislature is composed of the council with twenty-eight members and a board of aldermen of sixty members. The president of the council was selected by the people.

Mayor Van Wyck is given power to veto any ordinance or resolution of either body of the municipal assembly unless five-sixths of the members of both houses declare otherwise.

The scene in City Hall park previous to the arrival there of the procession was spectacular and brilliant. As the parade was expected to reach the park at ten before midnight, the park was crowded as early as 8 o'clock, and the crowd struggled and jostled for an hour or more, when on the arrival of Police Capt. Goss, in command of the small army of officers, the park invaders were driven to the street line, where they were held in check by a cordon of police.

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Old city hall was brilliantly illuminated with strings of electric lights, beautifully colored electrical shields, and American flags, composed of revolving lights. On the dome of the municipal building were placed searchlights that flashed in all directions, and cut across the lights that blazed their rays from the roofs of the postoffice and newspaper buildings.

Notwithstanding warring elements and the announcement made in the early afternoon that the carnival and parade would be postponed, a great crowd of merry-makers, maskers, wheelmen and members of various societies, with numberless floats, met at the rendezvous around Union square, gaily to march through the rain and mud to honor the old city and welcome the new.

Promptly at 12:15 o'clock the order to march was given. The crowd at the starting point was enormous. Following the police escort came the marshal and his aides, and they were followed by the Fancifuls band leading the Chicago delegation who were in five open carriages. The German societies joined in the procession at Fifteenth street. Following them was an immense float representing the Brooklyn bridge, with cables of evergreens on which the wedding of Father Knickerbocker and Miss Brooklyn was being celebrated in truly German style, amid much merriment.

Then float followed float in rapid succession. Six divisions of wheelmen were in line, and in front and behind these were representatives of the volunteers in all departments, all soldiers, firemen and others.

An hour before midnight bombs placed on the lawns gave the signal that the parade was approaching, and just a little later the first of the procession turned in.

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A DYING GERMAN, A DEAD ROBBER.

Charles Ross' Fatal Battle With Crooks.

NEW YEAR'S EVE TRAGEDY.

Ross Is Dying, and the Body of an Unknown Is at the Morgue.

There is More or Less Mystery About It All - Ross is a German Saloon Keeper at Ballard - His Wife Heard Four Shots, and When She Rushed into the Saloon She Found Her Husband on the Floor With a Bullet Hole in His Head - Nearby Lying the Unknown Man With Blood Flowing From His Death Wound.

Charles Ross, a German saloonkeeper, aged 50 years, is lying at the Seattle general hospital, the result of a bullet hole in his head. At the local morgue there lies the body of a robber who, it is believed, first shot Ross and was in turn killed by the latter.

Who the dead robber is a mystery. There is every reason to believe that the tragedy was the result of an unsuccessful attempt on the part of the dead robber and one or more confederates to hold up Ross in his saloon at Ballard about 6:45 o'clock last evening.

Mrs. Ross, the wife of the wounded man, hearing four pistol shots in rapid succession, rushed into the saloon, where a ghastly sight presented itself. Her husband was lying behind the bar, the blood streaming from a bullet hole in his forehead. On the other side of the bar a stranger was lying in a pool of blood that flowed freely from a bullet hole beneath his left eye.

As the woman bent over the prostrate figure of her husband, he raised his head slightly, kissed her and said: "They (or he) tried to rob me." Then his head sank back and he fell into a stupor. Later he was removed to the Seattle general hospital, and the dead robber was taken to the morgue.

The tragedy will probably forever wear something of the garb of mystery unless

Ross recovers. But one material fact is known for certain, and that is that at least four shots were fired, although there were but two empty shells in the gun used by Ross and one in that of the dead man. This is taken as conclusive proof that one or more in addition to the dead robber and the dying saloon man participated in the tragedy.

Ross conducted the quiet, little saloon at the corner of First avenue and A street. Back of the saloon, but closely adjoining it, is the family residence. At the hour stated several people in the vicinity, including Mrs. Ross, who was in the residence, heard a number of shots fired. Mrs. Ross, before coming to the saloon, rushed in and was met by the scene described. No one else was in sight when she entered the saloon, but immediately afterward a number of others who heard the shooting joined her. A messenger was sent for a doctor, and in a few minutes Drs. Johnston, Critz and Emery were on the ground. The man outside the bar died about the time medical assistance arrived, and Ross was lying in an unconscious condition.

Ross was carried into the residence, and an hour or so later was taken on a car to the Seattle general hospital, where surgeons tried for some time to find the bullet. It had entered about the center of the forehead, between the right and left temples, and a little above the center. He had formed on the floor where he lay up to the time he was carried into the residence. The bullet entered the other man's left cheek, about an inch below the eye and a like distance from the nose. He died so profusely that the floor for several feet around was covered with blood in a very short time after the shooting occurred.

The doctors cannot say what course it took until they make a more thorough examination than was possible there. It is evident, however, that the bullet must have passed up to the brain, or back to the spinal cord, and touched a vital spot.

At Least Four Shots.

Aside from the ball in each man's head, one bullet had passed out through the window, the manner of the breaking of the glass indicating positively that the shot had been fired from within, probably from Ross' revolver. In a little door in a cupboard behind the bar was the mark of a fourth bullet, showing positively that at least four shots had been fired.

Theory of the Local Police.

The theory of the local police who are looking into the case is that the robbers entered the saloon, demanded Ross' money, that Ross drew his gun and began shooting, that one of his bullets struck the dead robber, and that as Ross shot a second time a bullet from the gun of one of the robbers struck him.

Mrs. Ross says that she thought she heard six shots, but this is contradicted by the others who heard the shooting. Joseph Osborn, watchman in the McVay shingle mill, across the street, says positively that he heard four shots. After the first there was a slight pause and then he heard at least three, in quick succession. There might have been four, but he thinks it was three.

Saw the Robbers Run.

Frank Hazen and John P. Draper, both of Ross, were coming along the street and heard the shooting just as they approached the saloon. Hazen says he paid no attention at first, for he thought it was some boys throwing stones against the building, or something of that kind. But in a few seconds they were approached by three men, who seemed to come out from the saloon, or from alongside it. They were going so rapidly that they attracted Hazen's attention. Immediately after passing they separated, one of them going across the railroad track. This one Hazen describes as a short man wearing dark clothes. It was so dark he could not describe him more definitely. As Hazen and Draper were turning the corner around the saloon they glanced in and saw that a tragedy had taken place, but did not enter.

A Street Beggar and a Hobo.

The gun used by Ross was a thirty-eight caliber Smith & Wesson. It contained two empty shells, and was otherwise empty. A like weapon was found lying alongside the dead man. This was fully loaded, save for one empty shell. The dead man had been seen around Ballard for several days past. He had done some work unloading coal, but had been seen principally as a street beggar and hobo. Last Wednesday night he applied to Mrs. Dow, who runs the Virginia house, for a night's lodgings. He paid her 25 cents and was given a bed. He did not get up until about 2 o'clock the next day, and when he came out of his room she says he took a rather suspicious survey of things. He then went down to the bar and took a drink, remarking that he would be back in Montana. As no register is kept in the house, Mrs. Dow did not learn his name.

He is a short, stout man, of dark complexion. He has a dark mustache, but is otherwise smoothly shaven. He wore fair clothes, of grayish color, and a striped woolen shirt of black and white. He would weigh about 175 pounds, and looked to be between 25 and 30 years of age.

Arrested on Suspicion.

Marshal Beck arrested three characters, whom he thought looked suspicious, after the shooting occurred last night. One of these had rushed into the Ballard hotel immediately after the shooting, and, glancing at the clock, asked if it was railroad time. Being informed that it was, he asked what time the next train went out. He showed considerable excitement, and began to tell Richard Downey and others in the hotel that two men had just been killed down the street in a saloon. He had heard three shots fired. Downey asked him if he had been in the saloon, and he said he had not. When asked how he knew the two men were dead, he became confused. Downey started out of the door, and the fellow told him he had better not go down there. Downey pushed him to one side, remarking that he looked as though he had been shot himself, as his face was all scarred. This evidence against this fellow is his suspicious conduct, and this may be explained by the fact that he was under the influence of liquor. No one had seen him with the robber previously.

The other two fellows arrested seemed to be wholly ignorant of the fact that there had been a tragedy, and after talking with

THE POWERS SURROUND CHINA TO ACCOMPLISH THE PARTITION OF THE ANCIENT EMPIRE.



JAPANESE MUCH EXCITED.

They Look on European Aggression in China With Apprehension and Resentment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.-A high state of public feeling in Japan over the complications of the far East, centering in China, is shown by the last press advices received here from Japan. That the government itself has an eye to the gravity of the question, is shown by a statement of the prime minister in the course of a reply to a deputation. He said: "With affairs tending toward dangerous developments, as is now the case in the East, we shall not hesitate to ask the diet for 30,000,000 yen, or even 40,000,000, if necessary."

ment of Germany's course, declaring the occupation of Kiaochow shows the laws and tenets of international morality have ceased to be anything more than specious pretense by European powers, and that the rule by which their conduct is really regulated is "the flesh of the weak is the food of the strong." After declaring that Germany has thrown off the mask and has taken the lead of Western powers in the struggle to devour China, the paper adds as to the attitude of Japan: "The contagion is on the other side of the river, but the river is a narrow one, and the sparks may easily fly across. The lesson for Japan is that a country's security depends solely on its strength to resist aggression, and that aggression has come to our own gates. It will not suffice that she should be merely on the defensive. To preserve what one already has, it is sometimes necessary to add more. A crisis in the Orient now confronts Japan, and her undivided strength must be devoted to guarding against the perils that menace her."

The Shaho declares that the time for the partition of the Chinese empire has arrived, and adds: "In case of occupation, what shall Japan do? Shall she join in the scramble for pieces of the doomed state, or shall she oppose its partition? In such a crisis, the like of which has not occurred since the restoration, the portfolio of the foreign affairs is in the hands of a man in whom the nation has no confidence." The Tokyo Shimpo takes the radical position that it is Japan's duty to succor China at this juncture, on the ground that the boasted civilization and Christianity of the Western world is slowly trampling down right and justice in its descent upon the Orient.

Russian and Englishmen Together.

PEKING, Dec. 31.-Advices just received from Seoul, the capital of Korea, say a compromise has been effected by which J. M. Alexieff, Russian customs agent, and M. Alexieff, the Russian agent to make room for whom Brown was removed, will work the Korean customs together. The British warships at Cheungoo are there to give moral support to Brown.

German Cruiser Arrives.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.-The German first-class cruiser Kaiserin Augusta arrived yesterday at Kiaochow bay.

French Secret Mission Sent.

LONDON, Dec. 31.-A special dispatch from Paris says that M. Roume, head of the Asiatic department of the French colonial office, will start on a secret mission to China Sunday in connection with the crisis in the far East. The dispatch adds that a special military mission will also start for China shortly.

British Ships for Esquimaut.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.-The British cruiser Leander and torpedo destroyer Virago arrived from England en route to Esquimaut, B. C., today. They will be followed in a day or two by the cruiser Phoenix and torpedo destroyer Sparrowhawk, all of which vessels are intended for the reinforcement of the British squadron on the Pacific.