

By H. B. ABE

A Summary of Important Events

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS

Teachers of Missouri

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Russell Sage, the New York banker, was in his office on the 15th, the first time since he was taken ill, two months ago.

Miss Elizabeth K. Powell was buried to death in a fire which destroyed a hotel at Galesburg, Galesburg county, Cal., on the 17th.

President Harper of the University of Chicago, on the 15th, announced the gift by J. D. Rockefeller of another million dollars for the institute.

The steamer St. Paul, which sailed from New York on the 15th carried \$500,000 in money orders, payable in 15 countries of Europe, as Christmas presents.

In his testimony before the strike commission, on the 15th, Samuel Compers accused the coal operators of importing illiterate foreigners to work in the mines.

Three sufferers from bubonic plague arrived in New York on a steamer from Durban, South Africa, on the 15th, and were placed under treatment in quarantine.

Miss Elizabeth Partridge, of Kansas City, Mo., was her debut in opera in Paris, France, on the 15th, before a large and fashionable audience and was much applauded.

Fred K. Kelley, of Paducah, N. Y., was found dead in his room in a hotel at Detroit, Mich., on the 14th, with a bullet wound in his head and a revolver grasped in his right hand.

A canal is being dug in Indiana to drain the Kawlake marshes and reclaim hundreds of thousands of acres of land now regarded as worthless. The cost will be about a million dollars.

The Japanese midget known as "Sea Pearls," who traveled with circus for a number of years, died in New York on the 17th. He was 25 years old, and two feet one inch in height.

Mathias Utahr pleaded guilty to the murder on the 13th, of Mrs. Garrison, of Johnson City, Mich., and on the 15th was sentenced to hard labor for life and taken to the penitentiary the same day.

Fourteen he had failed to pass his examination at the Iowa Wesleyan university, at Ottumwa, Ia., Everett Baran, of Mahoning, Ia., committed suicide, on the 15th, by cutting his throat with a razor.

As the result of a quarrel over a load of wood, at Denver, Colo., on the 17th, Casey Holland, a young farmer, struck Rev. S. A. Archer, a Baptist preacher, over the head with a stick, causing death in a few hours.

Neh C. Matson, postmaster at Middletown, Ia., was arrested at Pekin, Ill., on the 15th, on a charge of embezzling government funds. He acknowledged his guilt, and in default of \$2,000 bond he was remanded to the county jail.

Fifteen convicts were frozen to death in their camp at Blaseney, Hungary, during the present intensely cold weather prevailing in that country. Many deaths from the same cause have occurred in other sections of the country.

Miss Bertha Woodard, an employee of a basket factory at Mettrouville, Ill., was made seriously ill, on the 17th, by putting ticks in her mouth, for use in her work, taken from a dish in which some unknown person had placed strychnine.

R. C. Whyne, a business man of Louisville, Ky., who was found dead near a park in that city, on the night of the 17th, with a gunshot wound in his breast, carried insurance on his life for \$50,000. The money of his death is unknown.

In answer to a letter from Daisy Lawrence, ten years old, of Norfolk, Neb., Gov. Savage of that state gave her, as a Christmas present, a pardon for her father, who was serving a three years' sentence in the penitentiary for embezzlement.

Charles J. Henry, John A. Sheridan, T. Ed. Albright, Edmund Baruch and Charles A. Guitte, tried jointly in St. Louis on charges of bribery in the Missouri railway deal, were found guilty, on the 15th, and sentenced to ten years each in the penitentiary.

Three men made an attempt to rob a bank at Alford, Tex., on the 15th, but the officers had been warned and were prepared. The attempt resulted in the death of one of the would-be robbers, the desperate wounding of another and the capture of the third.

Mr. Florence Murblyck was visited by his mother, Harpessa De Rouws, in a penitentiary, England, on the 15th. The prisoner, who is in delicate health, was cheerful, and through the intervention of friends her prison duties have been temporarily lightened.

Champion Morton, a civil engineer, stabbed and killed John W. Thayer, Jr., office manager of the St. Louis Dispatch & Non-Resistant, at St. Louis, on the 15th, and afterwards made an attempt on his own life by the use of arsenic. No cause is known for the act.

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A dispatch from St. Petersburg says nearly 1,000 persons were killed by the earthquake, December 16, at Andijan, Russian Turkestan. They were mostly native Turcomans.

Col. Arthur Lynch, member of the British parliament for Galway, Ireland, was indicted, on the 9th, on a charge of high treason for fighting in the Boer army, and probably will go to trial January 28. This will be the first trial for high treason in 62 years.

As the result of a dream by Mrs. Alexander, of Waxahatchie, Tex., search was made beneath the roots of a tree near the bank of a creek in the city limits, resulting in the finding of a pot containing several thousand dollars in gold and silver coin.

Non-uniform men, some of their relatives and others to the number of 20 appeared before the Anthracite coal strike commission at Scranton, Pa., on the 15th, and told their stories of alleged boycott, intimidation, dynamiting and violence in various forms, during the late strike.

A jury at Elizabethtown, N. Y., has rendered a verdict of \$8,000 damages against David Fleming, who, while playing on the Lake Placid links, last summer, threw his golf stick at his "caddie," causing the loss of the sight of one eye. The "caddie" brought suit for \$10,000.

Spaur Herbert celebrated his eightieth birthday at Hawatha, Kas., and all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were present. Each gave the aged man 50 cents. The coins filled a coal scuttle.

In the senate, on the 20th, the session was largely taken up by Mr. Morgan (Ala.) in an address in advocacy of an isthmian canal by the Nicaragua route. A number of bills were passed and a conference report providing for the payment of the expenses of the strike commission was agreed to, after which an adjournment was taken until January 3.

In the house the session was very brief, the only business transacted being the final action on the bill to defray the expenses of the coal strike commission. The house also adjourned until January 3.

The body of Mrs. U. S. Grant was placed in the sarcophagus beside that of her husband, in Riverside park, New York, on the 20th. The brief and simple services were conducted at the mausoleum, many distinguished people taking part.

Fire in a mail car on the New York Central road, on the 21st, destroyed several hundred packages of Christmas mail destined for Chicago and points further west, some going as far as Fiji and the Philippines.

Joseph Foley shot and killed Mrs. Wilson, near Liberty, Mo., on the 21st, and then killed himself, the provocation being that Mrs. Wilson had remonstrated with him about the careless handling of the gun.

The police of Madrid, Spain, on the 20th, arrested Mme. Humbert and her husband and daughter, and three others, on charges of swindling in Paris, where they had duped bankers out of \$12,500,000.

Mrs. Ida V. Green died at Janesville, Wis., on the 21st, of blood poisoning. She was the widow of Lieut. Green, U. S. N., who committed suicide at Rio Janeiro, three years ago.

Henry Larink committed suicide at Grand Rapids, Mich., on the 21st, by drowning himself in a cistern, despondently fighting off friends who were attempting to save him.

Marcus, on the 21st, died that he had that day sent a wireless telegraph message from Cape Breton, N. S., to Cornwall, England, with complete success.

Very Rev. Dr. Alphonse L. Magnien, professor emeritus of St. Mary's seminary, Baltimore, died in that city, on the 21st.

Capt. Daniel P. McCartney, a retired naval officer, died in Washington, on the 21st.

Tragedy at Marechal. C. P. Bowditch, of Elburn, Ill., stepped from a train at Marechal, the other day, and, after telegraphing for his wife to come to him, as he was sick, went into a hotel and shot himself in the head, dying almost instantly.

Clarence Will Have Lights. The proposition to increase the indebtedness of the city of Clarence \$10,000 to erect and maintain an electric light plant was carried by a vote of 230 to 40.

Fuel Pansies Close School. Because the fire went out for lack of fuel, the pupils of the Linwood school, Kansas City, were dismissed when they reported the other morning.

Will Awake on Judgment Day. R. H. Millard, aged 93, a pioneer resident of Spring City, died while sleeping in his armchair. He had resided at Spring City 60 years.

A Jealous Husband's Crime. John W. Williams, aged 53, shot and mortally wounded his wife, at St. Joseph, and then killed himself. Jealousy prompted the deed.

Granted a Respite. Gov. Dockery has granted William Gatlin, of Poplar Bluff, who was to have been hanged on January 3 next, a respite to February 3, 1903.

Dropped Dead. Mrs. E. J. Huber, aged 36, dropped dead at her home in Boonville. Only the day before the mother of the deceased was buried.

Winston Churchill III. Winston Churchill, the famous novelist, was taken seriously ill in St. Louis, where he is visiting, and is confined to his bed.

Will Rest on Christmas. St. Louis carriage drivers have demanded an increase of wages, and unless they get it will refuse to work Christmas day.

The Deadly Trolley. Andrew Uhris, 79 years of age, a wealthy contractor, and a prominent citizen, was killed by a trolley car in St. Louis.

Five Years for a Burglar. Edward Miller was convicted of burglary at Joplin and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

The forty-first session of the Missouri State Teachers' association will be held in St. Louis December 29-31, inclusive, in the auditorium of the St. Louis high school. The teachers will be formally welcomed, at the first session, by Mayor Rolla Wells and Sup't. F. L. Soltan. President J. A. Whitford will deliver the annual address, and thereafter, through the three days, there will not be an idle or uninteresting moment. On the evening of Monday, the 29th, a reception will be given the visiting teachers at the high school building. Teachers will be met on arrival by members of the reception committee and given all needed information. The railroads have made a one-fare-round-trip rate from all points in Missouri and return, on the certificate plan. On December 27 and 28 State Superintendent Carrington will hold an examination for state certificates at the high school building.

There Are, However, So Many Nice Points to be Adjusted as a Preliminary, that Progress in the Matter Promises to be Dangerously Slow.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The official day closed without further developments here respecting the Venezuelan complications. The status of the arbitration proposition, on which every one waits, was, that with a willingness to accept such a solution in principle, no one of the allies was ready to submit unreservedly to arbitration; in each case there were reservations or conditions insisted upon. Respecting the method of arbitration, if it should come to that form of adjustment, it is noted that the feeling is growing that The Hague tribunal should undertake the case.

Mr. Bowen, it is reported, wishes to come to Washington in order personally to effect an adjustment with the resident ambassadors of the allies, but while the state department makes no statement upon the point, it is believed that it does not regard this plan with favor. It is pointed out here, in connection with the project to refer the matter to The Hague tribunal, that in some phases the disputes will not admit of arbitration. Such is the case, for instance, where attacks and the German legation at Caracas, and arrests of consular officers, have made the Venezuelan offense equivalent to attacks on the national honor of the allies, and as such to be atoned for only by an ample apology. The Hague tribunal could not arbitrate such issues, but it is pointed out at the state department that the claims are divisible, and that if President Castro chooses to tender the necessary apologies the remaining questions can properly go to The Hague. It is believed that the United States government inclines to the view that there is a disposition to insist needlessly on guarantees for the payment by Venezuela of any judgment that might be rendered against her by the arbitration. It believes that the force of enlightened public opinion would absolutely insure a settlement of any judgment rendered by the august tribunal, and that President Castro would not be sustained by a single American country in defaulting.

GERMANY'S POSITION. A Newspaper Complaint of American Adverse Criticism.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—A semi-official statement in the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says: "A local paper has published a cablegram from New York saying: 'The greatest excitement prevails here. The entire press holds Germany to be responsible for the present situation. Germany is attacked in hostile articles, while Great Britain is praised. The newspapers insist that Germany intends to acquire colonies in Venezuela and Brazil.' We have noticed similar telegrams in English papers," says the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, "and if these statements are representative of the feeling in the United States with even approximate correctness, we would have sincerely to deplore that the American press shows itself accessible to wholly unfounded suspicions of the German policy. The government of the United States long ago was categorically informed that Germany is seeking nothing in Venezuela beyond satisfaction for self-claims and compensation. The Anglo-German co-operation is based upon the similarity of the interests affected, and only willful prejudice could detect a difference in the proceedings of the two countries. The course of events will demonstrate that the intentions of the German government are free from adventurous motives."

It Will Blockade a Number of Ports, Commencing To-Night. Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 20.—The British cruiser Arlet left here Thursday night for Carupano and the British torpedo boat Rocket sailed from here Friday afternoon for Ciudad Bolivar. The British cruiser Fantome, which started for the Orinoco river December 9, had not reached Barranera on the 12th. The reason for this delay is not known.

Admiral Douglas, of the British fleet, has ordered the blockade of La Guayra, Carennero, Quanta, Cumana, Carupano and the mouths of the Orinoco river. This blockade is to go into effect at midnight, December 20.

Foreign Minister Prinetti Notified With Regard to Minister Bowen. Rome, Dec. 20.—Ambassador Meyer visited Foreign Minister Prinetti at the foreign office, Friday, and communicated to him a cable message from Secretary Hay saying the latter was disposed to consent to the investment of Minister Bowen will full powers to settle the Venezuelan controversy if agreeable to Germany, Great Britain and Italy.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A striking picture of the development of Cuba since the Spanish war is presented in a report to his home government by Lionel Carden, the British minister at Havana, a copy of which has just reached Washington. The minister says: "It is highly satisfactory to note the remarkable progress the island has made in the past three years, in spite of the deplorable condition in which it was left at the end of the war. The production of sugar has risen from 355,000 tons in 1899 to over 800,000 tons in 1901, and probably will reach 1,000,000 tons in this year's crop. The cultivation and manufacture of tobacco, as well as the minor industries, show considerable improvement; the stock of cattle on the island, thanks to large importations, is now probably upwards of 750,000, as compared with less than 500,000 at the beginning of 1899; and finally, the value of the exports has increased from £9,200,000 to £12,550,000, and would have reached much higher figures but for the fall in price of sugar. "Considering how little financial assistance the Cubans have received from abroad, it speaks very highly for their energy and industry that they should have achieved so much in so short a time, and with so limited resources at their command, and affords strong ground for believing that the work of developing the island's industries anew, commenced under such difficulties, will be persevered in."

All through the minister's report treating of the details of each branch of commerce he points out to his countrymen the ever-growing competition of the United States. The report is full of advice to English traders as to the best means of meeting this competition and of holding the ground in Cuban trade which is being taken rapidly from them by the United States.

Laid It All to the Law. Novel Defense Set Up in a Damage Suit for Injuries Received in a Slaughter House.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—Willis Jones, a butcher, filed suit in the common pleas court in Kansas City, Kas., recently to recover \$1,000 from the Armour Packing Co. for personal injuries.

Last September Jones started to butcher a lamb, which was strung up by its heels. The dying animal kicked the knife in the butcher's hand, with the result that the right hand was badly cut. The attorneys for the Armour company have filed this answer to Jones' petition: "If the plaintiff received any injuries at the time and place stated in his petition, said injuries were caused by the carelessness and negligence of the lamb, which the plaintiff and his fellow-workmen had, without its consent, suspended by its hind legs, and made an incision across its throat, and whose front legs the plaintiff was cutting, carving and mutilating while it was yet alive; and instead of quietly submitting to such treatment and dying a lamblike death, as it should have done, wantonly and willfully struggled and negligently kicked, striking the plaintiff's hand and the knife held therein, thereby inflicting said injuries."

IMPERIAL AMNESTY GRANTED. Banished Russian Students May Return From Siberia Under Certain Restrictions.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The czar has granted amnesty to the students who were banished for rioting on his name-day. He telegraphed to the minister of the interior as follows: "Let the students who were banished for creating disturbances return from Siberia, although they should not for the present be allowed to live in towns where there are high schools. Care must nevertheless be taken that the young men, on their return, be entrusted to the keeping of their families, as such surroundings will familiarize them with order."

The telegram, which is equivalent to an imperial decree, pardons 58 students exiled to Siberia, in addition to the 62 students previously pardoned.

TO REPRESENT SAXONY. Saxony Appoints a Special Commissioner to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Secretary Von Nolte, of the Saxon legation in Berlin, has been appointed Saxony's special commissioner to the St. Louis exposition. He will co-operate with Herr Lewald, the German imperial commissioner to the exposition, in inducing the manufacturers of Saxony to participate in the fair.

Extreme Northern Mail Service. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—The United States government has doubled its Copper river and American-Yukon mail service. From this time on the mail will leave Valdez for Copper river, the lower Yukon and Nome four times a month.

An Old and Rich Recluse Dead. New York, Dec. 20.—Owen McCarty, a rich recluse of Oceanic, N. J., 70 years old, is dead. Although he had spent 40 years at Oceanic, he was scarcely known to anyone except the members of his own family.

Sudden Death in a Turkish Bath. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Albert E. Swift, aged 53 years, a well known business man and the originator of the "Johnstown flood" at the Pan-American exposition, died suddenly in a Turkish bath, Thursday, of heart failure.

To Buy Coal For the Poor. New York, Dec. 20.—A committee from the Democratic club of this city has handed to Mayor Low \$2,500, to be used in purchasing coal for the poor.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The body of Mrs. U. S. Grant was on Saturday placed in the great red granite sarcophagus beside that in which the remains of her husband rest in the tomb overlooking the Hudson river. On the arrival of the funeral train from Washington at Jersey City the casket, piled high with flowers, was borne on the shoulders of six men on board the quartermaster's department steamer Gen. Meigs, a detachment of U. S. Grant post, G. A. R., and the committee of the Grant Monument association, which accompanied the funeral party from Washington, acting as an escort. The body was placed on a bier on the forward deck of the Meigs, which started immediately up the river, bound for the tomb. The members of the funeral party proceeded direct to the Fifth Avenue hotel. On reaching the landing place the casket was transferred to a hearse and taken to the tomb.

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Explosion of Natural Gas. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—An explosion of natural gas in the boarding house of Mrs. Laura Beckards, early Sunday morning, resulted in the probable fatal burning of one man and the serious injury of two others. E. G. Walters, a telegraph operator, whose home is in Marietta, O., was burned about the face, chest and arms. He is not expected to recover.

BRITISH BREVITIES. Wood pigeons do more harm to British crops than any other birds. Zuydcoote, near Dunkirk, was overwhelmed by sand in 1777. Only the church steeple can now be seen. Falmouth is probably the oldest port in England. It was used by the Phoenicians at least 2,500 years ago. In 1827 Winchester, and not London, was proclaimed to be the capital of England, and so it remained for two centuries. Including rivers and canals, it is estimated that no part of England is more than 15 miles from water communication. Manchester, England, has a new Health Culture society, according to which the simple remedy for most ill of the flesh is: "No breakfast." Expert testimony before the parliamentary committee investigating the deep tube railway schemes in London, in which Yerkes and Morgan are interested, show that the cost of excavation will be \$650 per yard at the stations and \$240 per yard for the rest of the line. The average depth of the line is to be 60 feet.

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