

REPUBLICANS FAVORABLE

They Will Not Interfere with Consideration of Many Bills.

ARMY BILL APPROPRIATION

Forecast of the Business of the Week in Congress--Number of Measures to Be Brought Up--Holiday Adjournment on Friday.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 16.--The Nicaragua canal bill holds its place as the unfinished business on the senate calendar. Mr. Morgan said yesterday that he intended, if possible, to have the final vote taken before the holiday recess comes on, and if he succeeds in this the vote will necessarily have to be taken this week.

If this important bill should be disposed of before the holiday recess the bankruptcy bill will probably be given the right of way until the appropriation bills begin to come over from the house. The prompt consideration of these bills will not be interfered with by the republicans who assume the attitude of favoring their early consideration, but permitting no serious discussion of any of the other subjects that have been endorsed by the Democratic caucus save perhaps the Nicaragua bill.

The routine proceedings of the week will be broken on Thursday by the ceremonies attending the presentation to the United States by the state of New Hampshire of the distinguished citizen--Daniel Webster and John Stark--both of which will on that day be unveiled in statutory hall. Mr. Hoar will deliver a speech on this occasion and other members from New England will also participate.

Appropriations and currency promise to exhaust what time remains to the house prior to the holiday recess.

Proposed Army Bill.

Mr. Outwater, chairman of the committee on military affairs will demand consideration of the army bill, which will shut out the district committee. There are several propositions of new legislation in the army bill which will probably draw out considerable discussion. Two of these provide for a reduction of the number of majors in the pay department from twenty-five to twenty and of the number of captains in the subsistence department from twelve to eight. Both these changes were strongly urged by Secretary Lamont in his annual report. The cost of paying the troops in the last fiscal year was 2 1/2 per cent. of the amount disbursed, and in this connection the secretary said: "Already a number of posts are paid by check, and with the mail, express and banking facilities of the present day and the proximity of troops to towns and cities this plan could be extended to cover the entire service. Notwithstanding this usual provocation to debate, however, it is believed that the bill can be disposed of at one sitting of the house."

It was announced Saturday that an understanding had been reached by the leaders of the two houses of congress that the holiday recess should begin with the adjournment on Friday next and expire on Jan. 3, Thursday.

FIRE AT STEVENS BREAKER.

The Engine House Totally Destroyed by Flames on Saturday Evening.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Pittston, Dec. 16.--Saturday night about midnight the engine house of the Stevens coal company caught fire and was totally destroyed. When the fire broke out there were ten men at work on the night shift. Engineer Lloyd immediately signalled the men of their impending danger and commenced to hoist them to the surface. Despite the heat of the flames and the danger that surrounded him, like the true hero he was, he did not for an instant desert his post, but stuck with his hand on the throttle until the last man was at the top.

FIREBUGS ARRESTED.

Five Young Residents of Allentown Are in the County Jail.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 16.--Detectives Emmons and Long, of New York, yesterday arrested Arthur Newman, Walter Newman, William Conover, Oliver North and William Vanacken, all residents of Allentown and vicinity, on charges of arson, and last night the men were all locked up in the county jail at Freehold. There have been incendiary fires in Allentown and thereabouts for seven or eight years and a recent conflagration there led the national board of fire underwriters of New York to offer a reward of \$500 for the capture of the guilty parties. This brought the New York detectives to the ground.

MINNESOTA'S CHIEF JUSTICE DEAD.

By the United Press.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 16.--James Chisaldin, chief justice of Minnesota, died at his residence here this morning. He was 65 years old. He enlisted as a private when captain and later made colonel of the Eleventh Minnesota, serving until the close of the war. He was appointed chief justice in 1889, and three times was elected.

SET FIRE TO THEIR PRISON.

Two Suspicious Negroes Fire Their Cell in an Attempt to Escape.

Hempstead, L. I., Dec. 16.--The many highway robberies which have occurred in the vicinity of Hempstead and Bellmore, L. I., recently have thrown the residents into a state of excitement such as has not prevailed in the neighborhood for years.

LOVER'S AWFUL REVENGE

Charles Halling Kills the Father of His Sweetheart.

SPLIT HIS HEAD WITH AN AXE

Angry at Not Being Allowed to Court Alice Kios, the Lover Waylays Her Father and Murders Him in a Shocking Way.

By the United Press.

Dolgeville, N. Y., Dec. 16.--Lewis Kios, a farmer, 55 years old, deaf and dumb, was waylaid by his daughter's lover, Charles Halling, Friday night.

Kios resided with his wife and 15-year-old daughter, Alice, on a small farm in the town of Oppenheim. He and his wife, also a deaf mute, occupied a sleeping room on the ground floor, and Alice slept on the second floor. The nearest neighbor to Kios is W. H. Youker, a prosperous farmer, who has had in his employ for the last two months Charles Halling, 26 years of age. Halling has worked on neighboring farms in the towns of Oppenheim and St. Johnsville for the last eight or nine years and has a disagreeable disposition. Several weeks ago he began paying attentions to Alice Kios.

It is alleged that Halling was in the habit of visiting the girl at night by placing a ladder against the house and entering the window. As the father and mother were both deaf they heard nothing of this. The neighbors, however, were on the watch and informed Mr. Kios of Halling's actions. Mr. Kios then forbade his daughter meeting Halling.

MADE HIM ANGRY.

Halling was angry when he heard this and declared that he "would fix that old sucker." Friday afternoon at about 2 o'clock he informed W. J. Youker, a son of his employer, that he intended leaving for Schenectady where he had secured a good position. When about to leave Halling shook hands with Youker, and in parting said: "If something should happen within the next few hours don't be too hard on me."

Youker watched Halling as he passed down the road in the direction of St. Johnsville, and observed him as he jumped over a fence and made a circuit into the woods back of the home of Kios. Here Halling remained for some time, and Youker, in order to better observe the movements of Halling, went into the second story of the Youker cheese factory, which stands a short distance from the Kios residence. At this time Lewis Kios was engaged in trimming apple trees on his property, near the woods in which Halling was secreting himself. After a time Kios came to the woodshed with a wheelbarrow loaded with apple tree limbs, and then Halling was seen to leave the woods and make a circuit around the barn and woodshed, arriving at the latter place about the same time as did Kios.

CARRIED A CLUB.

Halling carried in his hand a club. Youker says he heard a blow struck and Halling say "Take that!" Youker was frightened and jumping on a horse he travelled to the residence of Charles Allen, the nearest neighbor, and told him that he believed Halling was killing old man Kios. Allen obtained a revolver and jumping on Youker's horse started for the Kios home. Mrs. Kios had been visiting at Allen's house and arrived home just before Allen did. When Allen arrived Halling was seen standing at the corner of the woods with an axe in his hand. Halling dropped the axe and ran across the fields in the direction of the woods.

YOUKER HAD COME UP ABOUT THIS TIME.

Youker had come up about this time, the neighbors were aroused and all started in pursuit of the murderer, who was finally captured by DeWitt B. Youker and Henry Cristman while he was hiding behind a stone wall. When Halling surrendered he said: "Yes, I killed him, but he hit me first." Halling was taken to the Johnstown jail. Kios was first struck on the head with a club in the woodshed, and then the murderer, taking an axe that was near at hand, commenced hitting the victim on the head with the sharp edge. Kios' head was split open with every blow of the axe.

After the job was done the murderer went through the pockets of his victim and took out a pocketbook containing \$19. This he laid on a chopping block and then dragged his victim into the horse barn and left the body in the rear of a horse which was then tied in the stable.

IT WAS THEN THAT ALLEN AND MRS. KIOS MADE THEIR APPEARANCE.

In his hurry to escape, forgot to take the pocketbook with him. Alice Kios at the time the murder was committed was at the home of her grandmother in Oppenheim Center, where she had been sent by her parents in order to keep her away from Halling.

MILLS IN OPERATION.

Lively Times About the Plant of the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

By the United Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 16.--The Pennsylvania Steel company had every department, except two, in operation last week and most of the mills will be run on full time this week. The prospects for work in the rail producing branches the remainder of the month have shown an improvement since last week, but the outlook for January is dull. It is expected to begin in earnest work this week on the changes to be made in certain mills.

THE PLANT WILL BE IDLE DEC. 24 AND 25.

to give the employees a Christmas vacation. This is one day more than was given at the holidays last year. All the mills, except the Merchant and billet mill, start tomorrow at 5 o'clock.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECK.

The Farmers Near Norristown Are Treated to Dressed Beef.

By the United Press.

Norristown, Pa., Dec. 16.--A disastrous wreck occurred early this morning on the main line of the Reading railroad at Merion Station, two miles above Bridgeport. A train made up of miscellaneous freight was standing on a siding, when a through freight dashed into the rear end. Thirty cars in all were wrecked. Several of them contained Chicago beef, while the remainder carried oats and coal. To

WILL MR. HARRISON RUN?

His Former Private Secretary Says the President Has Declared That He Will Not Be a Candidate.

By the United Press.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 16.--Colonel D. S. Alexander, district attorney for northern New York under President Harrison, and at one time General Harrison's private secretary, has returned from Indianapolis, where he spent two days with the ex-president.

Mr. Alexander said he found General Harrison in excellent health and spirits. Discussing the political outlook, General Harrison believed the Republican party would win in 1896, and would be called upon to face and to settle the currency question, which he regarded as one of the greatest difficulties. He did not suggest a remedy, but he thought the treasury department would get very tired of maintaining a gold standard by paying interest on bonds issued for the purchase of gold.

Upon the subject of his candidacy for re-nomination in 1896, Colonel Alexander says General Harrison positively declared that he would not and could not be a candidate. Whatever honor came from simply holding the exalted office was already in his possession, and he was content to let others assume his responsibilities in the future. The very thought, General Harrison said, of having again to change the officials of the country ought of itself be sufficient to deter any man who once had been through the ordeal from wanting to undertake it again.

General Harrison discussed the candidates who were likely to come before the convention of 1896, but indicated no preference. He spoke of Reed, McKinley and Allison as gentlemen of ability and well qualified for the office by long public experience.

HE WAS TOO LEARNED.

A Young Man Commits Suicide, Impelled Thereby by an Excess of Mental Culture.

He Was an Intellectual Prodigy.

By the United Press.

Passaic, N. J., Dec. 16.--Russell L. Smith, aged 17, a victim of too much learning, shot himself in his room at the Spencer House Friday night and died in a few minutes. He was a prodigy of mental culture. He was learned in French and Spanish, and could discuss literature and history like a matured scholar, and was as familiar with statecraft and governmental policies of the nations of the old world as if he were a retired statesman. He had his ideals in literature, statesmanship and politics, and if in the course of reading he met any authority that sought to discuss any of these ideals he became worried and distracted.

HE PASSED THE EARLY PART OF LAST EVENING.

in company with his brothers, Irving and Eugene, and when he entered the hotel at 10 o'clock he showed no signs of despondency. About 11 o'clock a pistol shot was heard in his room, and Smith was found stretched lifeless upon the floor with a couple of Voltaire in French at his side. It is believed that in the book he encountered a paragraph that ran counter to his views, and that so perplexed and worried him that he got desperate and resolved to kill himself.

He left a note to his father, William L. Smith, of Newburgh, N. Y., bidding him good-bye, and saying that he could not stand this world any longer.

SPOILED A ROMANCE.

Mrs. Eckels Claims That Her Husband Is a Vicious Bigamist.

By the United Press.

Stoneboro, Pa., Dec. 16.--W. R. Eckels, of this town, has spoiled a romance. A paper published in Missouri Valley, Harrison county, Ia., published a story of the marriage of W. R. Eckels to Ethel Haskell, and referred to it as the culmination of a courtship which had begun when they were residents of Pennsylvania villages.

Now Mrs. Eckels is out with a letter in which she claims that Miss Haskell is a dissolute woman whom she once engaged as a music teacher, but was forced to expel from her house; that Eckels then deserted his family and followed the woman to the West, and that the (Mrs. Eckels) has evidence enough to send him to the penitentiary. She does not say what she will do.

FATAL FIGHT AT FOX'S.

Unwelcome Visitors Received with Bottles and Shotgun.

By the United Press.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 16.--A fight took place at Fox's hotel in Palmer township at 2 o'clock this morning between several intoxicated men. In trying to get into the house, from which they had been ejected, they forced the door open, when Henry Fox, a hostler, fired a shot from a double barrel gun, the contents striking Matthew Morrow, Jr. in the left side, tearing an ugly wound.

William Stout, was hit in the side by a bottle thrown from the bar room through the window, breaking one of his ribs. Morrow's wound is considered dangerous. Ritter has fled.

TOMMY RYAN DECLINED.

By the United Press.

New Orleans, Dec. 16.--Tommy Ryan left this morning for Chicago, Jack Dempsey, hearing that Ryan said it was a good thing for him that the fight did not come off, hunted up Ryan and offered to fight him private with bare knuckles, but Ryan declined.

AGUSTE BURDEAU BURIED.

By the United Press.

Paris, Dec. 16.--Auguste Burdeau, late president of the chamber of deputies, was buried today with state honors. President Casimir Perier and a large number of deputies, senators and high officials and conspicuous private citizens were present. The march to the cemetery was made through rain and mud.

DIED FROM CIGARETTE SMOKING.

By the United Press.

Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 16.--Edward Barton, 30 years old, a son of William Barton of Rhinecliff, died in that place yesterday afternoon. His fatal illness, which was of about six weeks' duration, is said to have been brought on by the inveterate smoking of cigarettes.

CROUSE HEIRS TO SETTLE

Dorothea Edgaria's Claims Are Recognized by a Compromise.

DESIRE TO AVOID SCANDAL

Relatives Wish to Suppress the Life History of D. Edgar Crouse, Which Would Read Like a French Novel--A Strange Story.

By the United Press.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 16.--Negotiations for the compromise of the contest over the will of D. Edgar Crouse, of this city, who died a little more than two years ago, are practically completed. Mr. Crouse was regarded as the richest man in Syracuse, and his wealth was estimated at \$7,000,000. The will, which was read immediately after his burial, gave to M. A. Graves \$150,000; to A. J. Feek \$100,000; to William L. Ritter, \$50,000; to William H. Jacoby, \$50,000; to Jacob A. Nottingham, \$50,000; to Mrs. Margaret Enright, \$50,000; to Mary Foley, \$25,000; to several employees, \$1,000 each; to Oakwood cemetery, \$5,000, and to eight local charitable institutions, \$5,000 each. The residue of the estate was given "to my next of kin."

SEVENTY-SEVEN HEIRS.

Apparently the "next of kin" meant the dead man's cousins, all his immediate family being dead. The apparent heirs were twenty-seven in number and included George N. and Charles E. Crouse, wholesale grocers of this city, immediately after the publication of the will named the heirs, and Crouse's marriage to Grace Wilson became current, and the newspapers for several weeks were occupied in looking up this woman. Those interested were very quiet in regard to the matter, but Grace Wilson was finally traced and identified as Mrs. Seibert Kosterlitz, of New York.

The story is that when Grace Wilson met Mr. Crouse he gave the name of D. Edgar Wilson. They were married, she says, and lived in London, where as Mrs. Wilson she moved in good society. On September 17, 1887, Dorothea Edgaria Crouse was born, but subsequently a divorce was obtained from D. Edgar Crouse on the ground of desertion. Afterward Mrs. Wilson, or Crouse, according to her story, met Seibert Kosterlitz, a wealthy Austrian, who was interested in English syndicates. She and Kosterlitz were married. Mr. Kosterlitz died in 1891.

Mrs. Kosterlitz then announced the birth of Dorothea Edgaria, as Crouse's child and the next of kin. She retained Steele & Dickson, of 40 Broadway, as her attorneys, and they have been looking after her interests, through Knapp, Nottingham & Andrews, of this city. W. R. Hornblower, of New York, was also associated with them. This firm was retained on Dec. 31, 1892, and on the same day the Crouse heirs combined for mutual strength, retaining Kennedy, Tracy, Mills & Ayling as their attorneys.

In August of last year an order by the Supreme court of New York permitted the New York Security and Trust company of New York, the general guardians of Dorothea Edgaria Crouse, to enter into an agreement with Henry C. White and Susan Jane White-Clark, cousins of D. Edgar Crouse, to settle their claims to one-twenty-seventh of the estate, giving the child one-half their share. This was the beginning of the efforts to compromise the case, and this is the basis on which the compromise is to be made.

TERMS OF COMPROMISE.

The terms of compromise are an equal division of the estate between the claimant, baby Dorothea Edgaria, on the one side, and the apparent heirs on the other. It is understood that the heirs are induced to accept this compromise through a desire to escape the airing of the life of the dead man, which was a fast one. The cousins have employed detectives, who have obtained a complete story of the life of Mrs. Kosterlitz in this country and abroad. They have, they say, the most complete evidence that Dorothea Edgaria is not the child of D. Edgar Crouse, but rather than face scandal, endless litigation and lawyers' fees they are willing to divide the estate in the way mentioned.

The appraised value of the estate at \$4,289,237. Today it is said to be worth only \$3,000,000, the difference being due to shrinkage in the value of its holdings.

DOUBLE MURDER MYSTERY.

Two Women Are Killed by Robbers Who Afterwards Ransacked the House and Secured a Quantity of Money.

By the United Press.

Jamesstown, N. Y., Dec. 16.--Mrs. Winslow Sherman and her daughter, Mrs. Clinton Davis, were both murdered in the town of Hunt, yesterday afternoon while Mr. Sherman was attending the funeral of Myron C. Shearman and his wife, who were killed by an Erie railroad express train.

The work was evidently that of robbers, as the house was ransacked. No money was obtained.

The victims were found by the 13-year-old son of Mrs. Davis on the floor of their home, lying in a pool of blood. Mrs. Davis was shot through the head. There is no clew to the murderers.

The victims were killed by an axe or hatchet with a sharp edge. Mrs. Davis was washed in the back of the head, which caused her death, although her face was cut in numerous places, evidently with a sharp instrument.

Mrs. Shearman had received one heavy blow on the forehead, with many other smaller cuts, each of the women having eight cuts on the head and face.

A sum of money, amounting to \$320, was divided into two parts and tied up in handkerchiefs, was hidden in a bureau drawer on the second floor. The murderer evidently entered the dwelling through the woodhouse and departed the same way, as footprints freshly made were found in the mud outside the woodshed door, to the west, leading both in and out.

MR. SHEARMAN SAYS HE HAS NOT SHOWN

SUICIDE OF A BANK CLERK.

John Huntington Seriously Wounds Two Inspectors and Then Puts Bullets Into His Own Head.

By the United Press.

Council Bluffs, Dec. 16.--John Huntington, remittance clerk in the Citizens' State bank of this city, this morning shot and seriously wounded F. N. Hayden, of Chicago, and A. Cromwell, of Minneapolis, respectively superintendent and inspector of the Fidelity and Casualty company, of New York city, and then committed suicide, shooting himself through the head in the private office of the bank.

There was a shortage in the bank accounts of \$500 and this caused the act. The shortage dates from last July, when a \$500 check disappeared. Every employee of the bank was under bond signed by the Fidelity and Casualty company and by instruction of the directors, information of the shortage was sent to the company, which sent to this city F. N. Hayden, of Chicago, and A. Cromwell, of Minneapolis, to ascertain the truth. The circumstantial evidence was largely against Huntington and he was the first subject of inquiry.

It was just 11 o'clock when the conference between Huntington, the bank officials and Messrs. Hayden and Cromwell began. Huntington was asked regarding the money he borrowed from his sister and he replied that the amount was about \$100. Asked what was his disposition of that money, he said it was none of the other men's business. Cromwell, who did most of the talking with Huntington, replied sharply that that was not the kind of thing they came here for, that they wanted no more of it. Huntington became excited and angry and said: "You can't come here and bulldoze me. I won't have it."

After further conversation Huntington, however, stepped by Hayden and pulled a revolver from his pocket. He placed the weapon close to Cromwell's head and fired. The bullet struck the right side of the neck, passing through behind the windpipe and lodged in the left side of the neck. Huntington then turned his weapon on Hayden who started by the first shot, had started in his chair, and before his victim could rise to his feet, sent a bullet through the neck. The bullet narrowly missed the spinal column, cut through the skin and flesh of the neck and passed out.

Instantly Huntington turned on Cromwell before the latter had time to rise and fired a third. Cromwell threw up his right hand and received the bullet just below the wrist. As Cromwell succeeded in getting on his feet Huntington fired again, this time striking Cromwell in the fleshy part of the back and as Cromwell ran to the door a fifth shot grazed the skin on his right side.

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