

REMARKABLE INDUSTRIAL YEAR

Months Marked Progress History.

Months Shown Dun's Review

to be too Extravagating the Movements Industrial World-The of Production enormous-Mill Economical-Coal and Coke passed-Grain and sets Profitable.

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of all the phenomenal advancement in business was the progress returning. It is impossible to exaggerate the deluge of the industrial history of this year.

After the reaction of prices remained steady months, but gradually the increasing accumulations were in a condition of glut.

While the output on the unparalleled tons yearly, it is obvious production for the smaller, although quite a new record amount of business.

1902, the current year reasonably be expected to exceed all records, yet 1902 already assure another mark of probably.

Records Surpassed. All records of output of coal were surpassed despite the scarcity of cars.

markets: While 1900 never experienced by cultural interests, the of the new century was more profitable and the.

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CHINESE COURT NEAR PEKIN.

ZIONISTS ELECT OFFICERS.

WILCOX WILL HAVE HEARING.

Feeling Strong Against Him but Talk of Lynching Has Ceased.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 31.-James Wilcox, who is held in connection with the death of Miss Ella Crosskey, will be given a preliminary hearing tomorrow before five justices.

Wilcox's mother, who is in delicate health, is said to be in a serious condition caused by the suspicion cast upon her son.

NOW AWAITING THE GERMAN MINISTER

Nothing Will be Done at Caracas Until His Arrival Which Will be About January 5.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, Dec. 31.-Until Dr. O. Schmidt-Leda, the German minister to Venezuela, arrives at Caracas, which will be about January 5, nothing will be done by Herr Von Pilgritz-Baltuzzi, the German charge d'affaires there, to press President Castro further.

Dr. Schmidt-Leda bears instructions from the German government. The carrying out of the successive steps outlined in these instructions will end in coercive measures, which will probably be applied in four or five weeks' time, if intermediate efforts shall have failed in the meantime.

In so much as Germany is possessed of the good will of the United States in this matter, Baron Von Riechthoff, imperial secretary of foreign affairs, desires to give President Castro ample time to recognize this fact, and the fact also that Germany is really in earnest in the matter.

The German cruiser Gazelle is still at Kiel, although she has been ordered to sail for the Caribbean sea. Her departure is delayed by necessary outfitting.

The German press today prints with satisfaction and jubilation the American editorials disapproving of the dispatch from Washington to a New York newspaper, printed Sunday, to the effect that persons of importance in the American war and navy departments considered war between Germany and the United States to be inevitable.

Will Reach Capital Jan. 7, Proceeding by Railway.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pekin, Dec. 31.-The Chinese court will proceed by train from Pao-Ting-Fu for Peking, Jan. 7.

The court will reach Pao-Ting-Fu Jan. 3. The railroad thence to Peking, during the court's transit, will be guarded by General Ma's troops.

ZIONISTS ELECT OFFICERS.

A New Executive Committee of 45 Members Also Selected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Baule, Dec. 31.-Before adjourning today the Zionist congress elected a new executive committee consisting of forty-five members.

FLOOD IN ENGLAND.

Great Damage Done in the Valley of the Derwent.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Dec. 31.-Melting snow has caused the rivers Wye and Derwent to overflow, and the whole valley of the Derwent this morning presents a scene of desolation unprecedented for twenty years.

Miner's Theatre Burning.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 1.-Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning Miners' Eighth Avenue theater was discovered to be on fire.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM WILLIAM CONNELL.

EDITOR OF THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE:

SIR: The persistent misrepresentations of the opponents of the ordinance granting consent of the city to the construction of the proposed lines of street railway and the persistence with which my own personal relations thereto are criticized and my motives impugned, compel me to depart from my uniform custom by making a public statement of my position and that of my associates in the enterprise.

I think it is generally known that very few, if any, of the enterprises which have been established in the city of Scranton during the last twenty years, and which have contributed to its growth and prosperity, have failed to receive my hearty personal and financial support.

I, personally, had nothing to do with the passage of the amendments to the street railway statutes at the recent session of the Legislature. After they had been passed, however, realizing that one of the most urgent demands for the prosperity of Scranton was a new and efficient street railway system, I consented to act with others in procuring the charters which are now before the councils for their consent.

The ordinances with reference to these railways were withheld from introduction in the councils for several months to avoid the suspicion that the promoters sought to secure any direct advantage from the existence of a strike upon the rival lines, and they were only introduced when the development of the connecting lines and the purchase of several hundred thousand dollars worth of property in the city of Scranton made it necessary that some action should be taken.

The ordinances as originally drawn made a number of concessions to the public interest, such as have never been made by any other similar companies in the city, and the owners of the charters readily and promptly made many other concessions as soon as they were suggested.

Long conferences were held between the representatives of the companies and a committee of the Board of Trade and certain opposing councilmen. By the testimony of the parties themselves the position of the representatives of the company was absolutely frank and open throughout all these conferences, and they were carried on on our part in the utmost good faith.

Throughout all these conferences the representatives of the company acted in absolute good faith and openness and are ready to stand by every agreement which they have made. We assumed that those with whom we were dealing were equally fair and frank and would be equally ready to adhere to their agreements.

It being evident that we are not being treated in good faith but that at least some of those with whom we have negotiated have been either striving to protect the monopoly of the present street railway company or securing personal advertisement and notoriety, we are compelled to cease any further relations with them.

The situation as it now stands is simply this: These companies have been organized to furnish bona fide competition to the inadequate street railway system of the city. Their construction is desired by the great mass of the community, particularly the residents upon the streets through which they are located, who would flood the councils with petitions to pass the ordinances if they were asked to do so.

The only interest which can benefit by continued opposition to the franchise ordinances is the Scranton Railway company, and it is neither unnatural nor unfair to conclude that solicitude for the interests of that company furnishes the real motive for such opposition.

DIAMOND NECKLACE HAS TURNED UP

A \$3,500 Package Thought to Have Been Stolen Is Located.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 31.-The \$3,500 diamond necklace, supposed to have been shipped by Messrs. Shaw & Berry, of this city, to Joseph Frankels & Sons, of New York, and which was thought to have been stolen, has been found.

Pardon Board Meets.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Dec. 31.-The board of pardons will hold a short executive session tomorrow to consider several cases heard at today's session.

Murder and Suicide.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 31.-At Wajada, fifteen miles north of this city today George Vroman, postmaster and a leading merchant, shot his six-year-old daughter and then shot himself.

PREDICTS REVOLUTION IN U. S.

Prof. Herron, Formerly of Chicago, Addresses Brussels Socialists.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Brussels, Dec. 31.-Prof. George D. Herron, formerly of Chicago, who addressed a large meeting last evening at the Maison du Peuple, declared that seven-eighths of the total of fortunes in the United States were monopolized by \$2,000 individuals.

Fell Off the Train.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Dec. 31.-James Connelly, of No. 265 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., a passenger on the Cincinnati and Cleveland express west on the Pennsylvania railroad, this morning fell off the train before it arrived at the Harrisburg station and his life was crushed out on the tracks underneath the Mulberry street bridge.

THE BAND'S JEWELRY FOUND

Kern, the Valet, Failed to Return for His Pawn Ticket.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 31.-It was made known at the detective bureau this afternoon that \$30,000 worth of jewelry stolen from Paul G. Theband had been recovered.

PENILESS IN HIS OLD AGE.

Man Who Nominated Greeley for President Applies for Charity.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Syracuse, Dec. 31.-Lewis Carnichael of Sidney, 70 years old, has applied to the overseer of the poor for assistance. He was once a power in the politics of this state, having made the speech placing Horace Greeley in nomination for the presidency at the Democratic national convention in 1872.

McGovern Will Fight Sullivan.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 31.-The Terry McGovern-Dave Sullivan fight will take place before the Yosemite Athletic club, San Francisco, some time between March 17 and April 30. This was decided here this afternoon.

SECRETARY HAY TO GERMANY

SCHLEY AT BALTIMORE.

Pays a Long Deferred Visit to His Sister.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 31.-Admiral Schley left here this afternoon for Baltimore to pay a long deferred visit to his sister. He will return on Thursday to act as honorary pull-bearer at the funeral of the late Rear Admiral Roe.

On January 8 Admiral Schley will go to Savannah, Ga., for a ten days' visit with General William W. Gordon. On the 25th, 26th and 27th of January he will be the guest of the Hamilton club, of Chicago; January 28 and 29 he will visit Louisville as the guest of the Board of Trade and the Knights Templar of that city; Feb. 1, 2, and 3 he will be in Nashville, as the guest of the board of trade and Knights Templar. He will visit Knoxville on February 5 and 6 as the guest of the city. The Memphis trip has been arranged finally for the last week of April.

AN INSANE JEWELER SHOOTS FIVE PERSONS

Two Are Dead-The Other Victims May Live-The First Killing Was Accidental.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Turner's Falls, Mass., Dec. 31.-Louis Bitzer, a jeweler of this place, today shot five persons, two of whom, his clerk, Miss Ida Columbe, and Bitzer's 5-year-old son, are dead. His other victims were his wife, Christina, and his two daughters, Annie, about 16 years of age, and Carrie, 12 years old. It is thought they will not die. There is evidence that it was Bitzer's purpose to take his own life, but his prompt arrest apparently prevented him from carrying out this purpose. He is about 35 years of age.

From a note left in his store by Bitzer, it appears that while he was cleaning a revolver, the weapon was discharged accidentally, and the bullet hit Miss Columbe in the head, killing her instantly.

The 16-year-old daughter, Annie, was wounded through the left hand and in the ear. The 12-year-old daughter, Carrie, was shot through the neck. Mrs. Bitzer was hit in the face, the bullet passing through the nose.

The police believe that Bitzer is insane. The note which they found in the store after the affair was almost an incoherent jumble of words.

CUBAN ELECTIONS QUIET.

Light Vote Reported at Havana and Santiago de Cuba.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Havana, Dec. 31.-Election returns have not yet been received from the indications promise a light vote.

According to a dispatch to the High Commission from Havana Dec. 26, General Maso, candidate of the Democratic party for the presidency of Cuba left there that morning from Manzanillo having given up the campaign.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 31.-The elections passed off today without notable incident in the district. The Nationalist was the only ticket in the field and consequently it was elected.

EMELINE DALE'S BODY SHIPPED TO CHICAGO

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 31.-The body of Emeline Dale, the child who died in Holoken after having eaten strychnine tablets, which her mother had provided for her own use, was shipped to Chicago today.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 31.-Simon C. Long, one of Wilkes-Barre's wealthiest merchants died today, aged 74 years.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 31.-Rev. Constantine Maria Vonhroste Hochstetler, son of Baron Von Droste Hochstetler, of the diocese of West Palen, Germany, died at the St. Francis hospital here today.

Ordnburg, N. Y., Dec. 31.-Almon Streetor, of Rensselaer Falls, died today, aged 107 years.

Position of the United States Regarding the Venezuela Affair is Defined.

MEMORANDUM OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT

Says It Was Indicated by the President in His Communication to Congress-Monroe Doctrine Not Intended to Sustain Southern Republics in Refusal to Pay Debts. No Complications Which Will Involve the United States Are Expected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 31.-Secretary Hay's view as to the proposed German programme in Venezuela was communicated to the German government in the shape of a written memorandum. This supplemented verbal exchanges that had taken place in Washington between Ambassador Von Holleben and President Roosevelt, and between the ambassador and Secretary Hay at greater length.

Nothing has been heard from Caracas to sustain the report that United States Minister Bowen, through urgent representations, has induced the postponement of the execution of the German programme. It is certain that no instructions to that effect have been given Mr. Bowen, though it is admitted that it would be the duty of any United States minister to exercise all of his powers, within the lines of the general policy of this country, to prevent possible bloodshed.

CASTRO DEFENDS HIS COURSE.

President of Venezuela in Letter Also Attacks the Opposition.

Washington, Dec. 31.-President Castro, of Venezuela, has written an open letter, copies of which have been received by officials here, in which he defends the general policy he has pursued and throws considerable light on his aspirations. An indirect allusion is made to the German affair in the presidents appeal for united support in defense of the republic.

It is painful to observe that the rashness of some, the impatient ambition of others, the mistaken criticism of the leading classes, and the obstinacy of the revolutionary spirit have sorely tried the virtues of my liberal policy.

"If the offenders in this case have not succeeded in overthrowing the government, they have, nevertheless, contributed to the propaganda which delays the fruit of peace and makes our progress and our prosperity captive in the clutches of the monster of civil war. Our prosperity has been withheld through errors and entanglements for which my government is not responsible, but which claim a prompt and quick solution.

Traction Employes Get Increase.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lancaster, Dec. 31.-It was announced that an increase of 10 per cent. for motormen and conductors on the lines of the Chesapeake and Potomac Traction Company will go into effect on Jan. 15 next.

WEATHER FORECAST.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 31.-Eastern Pennsylvania Fair Wednesday except snow in the mountains districts, colder; the day fair and cold; brisk northwest wind.