



DOWN TO WORK.

The State Legislature Organizes and Begins Business.

THE CONTESTED ELECTION CASE

The First Thing Looked After by Smith's Committee.

ATEST ABOUT THE SENATORSHIP.

Brady and Smith Decline to Sign the Call for the Caucus.

BUT PROMISE THEY WILL ATTEND.

Some Anti-Elkins Men Coquetting With Democrats in Hope of Getting Their Aid to Defeat the Great Republican Leader - But Senator Whitaker Will Not Be a Party to Such a Deal, and Will Not Go Outside the Party Organization - Harmer, of Harrison County, Makes a Peculiar Announcement - Goff's Truest Friends Do Not Want Him Embarrassed - Democratic Scheme Failed.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Jan. 9.—At high noon everybody who could squeeze in was on hand to see the novel and inspiring sight of the assembly of a Republican legislature in West Virginia. It was a sight to make the hearts of the faithful bound with joy. There was so much of it that Democrats tried to take it as a joke. A Democratic politician of note, who has served in the legislature and to a Republican friend who served with him, "Well, old man, I've made up my mind that if I ever serve together again it will be after I have joined your party."

The organization of each house was effected according to the Republican caucus programme, as published in today's INTELLIGENCE. President Woodley, on taking the senate chair, made a short and graceful speech which pleased everybody. Senator Reed, of Harrison, the youngest Republican senator, said he rather liked the idea of celebrating his twenty-ninth birthday by taking his seat in the first Republican legislature of West Virginia since war times.

IN THE HOUSE. Colonel Peyton, the old reliable clerk of many a Democratic house, called the delegates to order. Mr. Greer, of Mason (Rep.), and Mr. Dandridge (Dem.), of Jefferson, are the oldest members in point of service and their service is equal. The honor of presiding temporarily was given to the Democrat.

Rev. T. C. Johnson opened the proceedings with prayer. Speaker Edwards was received by Mr. Dandridge in a very complimentary speech, and the speaker got down to business after a short and very happy speech.

The governor's message was delivered to both houses and ordered printed in the Journal. Nobody seems to have had time to read it yet, so that opinions concerning it are wanting. It is an unusually long document.

THE FORD CASE. The first committee to be appointed will be on privilege and elections, to try the case of Ford (Rep.), of Raleigh, against Prince (Dem.). As a sort of political justice, Mr. Smith, of Ohio, is to have the chairmanship of this committee. The papers being ready and in excellent shape, it will not take long to dispose of it. Mr. Smith has said that Mr. Ford should be in his seat by Thursday.

THE SENATORIAL CAUCUS. A call for the Republican senatorial caucus on Friday night is in circulation. Up to this time Mr. Smith has not signed it. Those who oppose Elkins oppose an early caucus, saying that more time should be allowed them. Those who favor the early caucus say that while the senatorial matter is pending no legislature will go ahead, and this accords with the experience of the past. The Elkins men say further that one side has had as much time as the other, and that the minority cannot well object if the majority wish to go ahead with the caucus. They are aware, of course, that the anti-Elkins men desire delay above all things in the hope that something may come out of their coquetting with Democrats. Senator Stewart, of Putnam, (Dem.), and brother-in-law of Mr. Sturgis, and who held a place under Mr. Sturgis when the latter was United States district attorney, seems quite hopeful of doing something for Mr. Sturgis on the Democratic side. Mr. Whitaker has firmly declined to be a party to any arrangement outside of the Republican organization.

AN UNJUST RUMOR. This leads back to Smith. As chairman of the election committee his refusal to sign the caucus call may have given occasion for the rumor, but rumor there is, that he is not likely to report the Raleigh county case in time to let Ford into the senatorial caucus, Ford being understood to be for Elkins. My own impression is that this rumor does Mr. Smith injustice and that he will report the case in time to seat Ford on Friday. This matter has made a good deal of talk to-night, but it is probably a tempest in a tea-pot.

MR. ELKINS ARRIVES. Mr. and Mrs. Elkins arrived today and have received many attentions. Mr. Elkins' rooms have been overrun and he has scarcely been able to move about the hotel, so many wanted to "shake hands" and have a chat. Some Democrats expressed great surprise to-night when Mr. Elkins and Senator Whitaker were seen chatting pleasantly in the lobby. Mr. Sturgis was moving around a good deal himself, talking with old acquaintances and making new ones. Quite a breeze was started when it was learned that Delegate Harmer, of Harrison, Judge Goff's county, had said that he would vote for Goff in caucuses, and that if a caucus were called earlier

than the night before the balloting for senator he would not attend. This, too, in spite of Judge Goff's well known determination not to enter the race and not to be dragged into it. It set all the tongues in Charleston to wagging. Judge Goff's old and true friends have urged Harmer not to take a position that would put the judge in a false light. Harmer replies by saying that nobody knows what he is going to do. Hess, the other delegate from Harrison, signed the caucus call.

A DEMOCRATIC SCHEME FAILS. The talk about the Populist senator, Lockney, was pretty well answered when he voted to-day with the Republicans to organize the senate. He says he is a Populist, not an obstructionist, and that he is not here to stand in the way of doing business. Relying on him to obstruct, there was a scheme to deadlock the senate, and, through that, the legislature for the whole term of forty-five days, the scheme having a bearing on the senatorial matter, but that went glimmering at an early hour.

It would have been impossible to command the solid Democratic strength to carry through that desperate project. It must be said for many of the Democrats that they realize that the people have chosen a Republican legislature, and they are willing that the Republicans shall have the responsibility and the opportunity together. This spirit is shown by influential Democrats in the legislature and outside.

OHIO COUNTY DELEGATION. P. B. Dobbins, treasurer of the Republican state committee, J. K. Hall, chairman of the Republican committee of Ohio county, Councilman Campbell Richards and Lewis Schrader came in from Wheeling to-night, and they came through water up to the second step of the car. They bring word that the Republicans of Ohio county are taking a keen interest in the senatorial matter, and demand that their representatives here shall represent them by voting for Elkins. One of them said: "While Mr. Elkins can be nominated without Ohio county, and although he has the support of two of the delegates, the demand is that he shall have it all."

Brady and Smith decline to sign the caucus call, but say they will attend the caucus. Congressman-elect Dayton arrived this evening and has received something of an ovation. He is heartily for Elkins, so is Congressman-elect Warner Miller, of the Fourth. Ex-State Senator Scott, of Ohio, is active on the same side.

A CAUCUS HERE. More than enough signatures to the call for a caucus to insure its being held Friday night have been secured. By morning it will be signed by more than a majority of all members of both houses.

Plums Distributed. Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. CHARLESTON, W. VA., Jan. 9.—Clerk Dawson has appointed as assistants: E. E. Hood, of Kanawha; U. S. Davis, of Putnam; M. S. Cornell, of Baudolph; T. L. Wright, of Harrison; D. E. Matthews, of Cabell; B. F. Curry, of Lincoln, and E. Corder, of Boone.

Clerk Harris of the senate has named as assistants: E. M. Showalter, of Marion; C. W. May, of Lincoln; L. M. Wade, of Braxton, and Willard Worden, of Cabell.

TRUST COMPANY FAILS.

Defaults Payment of Interest and Cannot Secure a Loan.

SIoux CITY, IOWA, Jan. 9.—The Fidelity Loan and Trust Company, of Sioux City, defaulted payment of \$30,000 interest on debenture bonds due the first of the year. Although the firm has not yet failed, President Sampson, of this city, has been asked to accept the receivership, should one be appointed. The liabilities of the company are about \$4,000,000, with assets nearly as large. The largest liabilities consist of \$3,250,000 debenture bonds, about \$2,225,000 of which are held in New England states and other sections of the east. One million dollars were also floated in Scotland. The other \$750,000 of liabilities consist of street railway stocks, etc. The company tried to negotiate a loan in New York, but failed.

Millinery Firm Assigns. BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 9.—The firm of H. M. Burr & Co., wholesale millinery goods, has assigned to J. B. Babcock & Co. The concern is one of the oldest and largest of its kind in Boston. The liabilities are said to amount to between \$60,000 and \$75,000, mostly with New York creditors.

BRIEFS FROM THE WIRES.

The national league of commission merchants are in session at the Metropolitan hotel, New York.

Two men were imprisoned yesterday by the fall of a big mass of coal in the Richardson colliery at Glen Carbon, Pa. City Solicitor Charles F. Warwick was nominated for mayor of Philadelphia yesterday. State Senator Penrose was his chief opponent for the nomination.

The Independent Insurance Company, of New York, has gone out of business as a result of the failure of the American Casualty Insurance and Security Company.

Arrangements have been made for a test vote on the Nicaragua canal bill some time this week. The object of the vote is to ascertain the standing of the bill in the senate.

The pickle works of C. B. Godner, at Omaha, valued at \$50,000 burned Tuesday night. The fire department was unable to reach the five story building which was located at "the bottom."

Robert McCoy, aged 80, grand recorder of the Knights Templar of the state of New York, died at his residence in Brooklyn yesterday. Mr. McCoy was the author, compiler and publisher of many books relating to Free Masonry. Archie Gordon, a newspaper writer and author of a number of plays, died yesterday at his home in Richmond, Staten Island. His reports of the Decker-Tilton trial over the signature of "Dr. Syntax" constituted a distinct and notable feature of that famous litigation.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Sugar Refining Company was held at the company's office in Jersey City yesterday. Vice President Theodore Havemeyer presided in the absence of President H. O. Havemeyer, who is sick with the grip. The former directors of the company were re-elected.

THE FALL OF PORT ARTHUR.

Japan se Students Jubilant Over the Success of the Mikado's Troops.

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—The following letter from Rev. H. Lafayette Gordon, M. D., D. D., of Kyoto, Japan, has been received by the officials of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions of Congregational churches, giving an account of the way in which the students of the Doshisha celebrated the capture of Port Arthur from the Chinese. The Doshisha, to which reference is made, is a Christian Japanese university founded by Joseph Hardy Neesima in 1875 and now having 900 students. Nearly all of its leading teachers are Christians. Missionaries of the American board are members of its faculty. Dr. Gordon writes as follows:

"Anticipating the early fall of Port Arthur, the school began a week ago to make preparations to celebrate the victory. Arrangements were made with a newspaper correspondent at Hiroshima, the chief headquarters, to send us an early telegram, so when it came Saturday evening we had almost the first news of the victory that reached Kyoto. Soon after dark, after a vigorous ringing of the college bell, the students turned out in full force with flags, red lanterns and a band of music that had been improvised during the week. The girls' school was first visited and the girls sang the national hymn, "Kimigayo No." Then we marched through the park to the south gate of the old palace, where the same was played by the band. Thence we went through the principal streets of the city, stopping before the residences of several of our trustees.

It was a very interesting and exciting time. Just as we got fairly into the city the newboys, or rather the newsmen, were selling the newspapers announcing the victory. They had flags on their hats, or on each shoulder, and as they went darting along they were greeted with long cheers by our boys. The people by this time had begun to realize what had happened and greeted us with clapping of hands and shouts of Anseit! The students sang nearly all the time an original song composed by one of their number. It was full of catch words of the war "Tenno Neika Banzai" (Long live the Empire), "Kajayaku Asahi" (The shining morning sun), "Foyo No Hiewa" (The peace of the orient), etc. The tune did not amount to much, but the rhyme was strongly marked. One man would sing a line and then others would sing it after him. Their voices were pretty well gone before the circle of the city had been completed.

"As you know lack of patriotism is one of the fashionable charges made against Christians and Christian schools. This explains why particular satisfaction is taken in the fact that ours was the first demonstration in honor of the victory and probably the most striking one ever made by the school in the city. There is no doubt that the hearts of the people are deeply engaged in this war and it brings vividly before one's mind the scenes of our own war thirty years ago."

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

Of New York to Entertain the Papal Ablegate, Mr. Sattoli.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The Christian Brothers of this city, headed by Brother Justin, president of the Manhattan College, have arranged an elaborate reception in honor of the apostolic delegate, Mr. Sattoli, which will be held Thursday evening at the De La Salle Institute. The delegate will arrive in the afternoon with his new secretary, Rev. Frederick Hooker, D. D., and will be escorted to the institute by a delegation of the brothers, where the faculty of Manhattan College and the De La Salle Institute will receive him, after which he will inspect the two colleges.

Among those who will attend are Archbishop Corrigan, Bishop McDonnell, of Brooklyn; Bishop Wigger, of Newark; Bishop Burke, of Albany; Bishop McPaul, of Tranton, and Vicar Generals Farley and Mooney.

Two Men Destroyed.

SHEPHERDSVILLE, KY., Jan. 9.—While attempting to save a raft of saw logs in Salt river, W. S. Bowman, Tom McClure and Willie Prantwood were carried away with the terrible tide and drowned.

Green and Wilson had about 20,000 logs in the river anchored to the shore with ropes and when the three young men saw the logs were about to float away they walked out on some of them to fasten the ropes more securely. Before they had accomplished this, the ropes broke and they were carried down the river and over the falls at a terrific rate. Owing to the extreme high water and the heavy float of drift their bodies have not been found and may never be.

Serious Railway Accident.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 9.—A special from Bloomdale, O., says: At the crossing of the Big Four in the east end of the village this afternoon, an east-bound freight train struck a carriage containing William Benz, his wife and ten-year-old daughter. Benz was almost instantly killed and his body carried on the pilot of the locomotive a distance of over one hundred yards. Mrs. Benz sustained a fracture of both her limbs, and daughter was injured internally, probably fatally.

Two Children Burned.

FORT WAYNE, IND., Jan. 9.—The two children of Mr. John Lorrain, of New Haven, six miles east of this place, were burned to death this morning by a fire which destroyed the house, the mother being absent at the time.

Paper Changes Hands.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The Evening Bulletin was sold at public auction today to R. A. Crothers, business manager of the Morning Call, for \$35,500. George K. Fitch, the present proprietor, bid \$30,000.

Grip in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Since noon yesterday ten deaths from grip have been reported to the health board. The officers admit that the disease has become epidemic.

Lumber Lost.

HIXTON, W. VA., Jan. 9.—The Green-brier boom at Rousevorte broke last night and eleven million feet of lumber went with the current.

CURRENCY BILL

Practically Defeated in the House Yesterday.

COMMITTEE ON RULES DEFEATED

For the First Time in Four Years—An Analysis of the Vote—The Day in the Senate—How Secretary Carlisle Regards the Defeat of the Measure. Senate Finance Committee to Try Its Hand.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—The Carlisle currency bill which has been under debate in the house for about two weeks, was ignominiously ditched to-day. It had not strength enough to surmount the first parliamentary obstacle placed in its path. The committee on rules, in obedience to the decree of the Democratic caucus on Monday, brought in an order to close general debate and proceed under the five-minute rule until Saturday when the final vote should be taken, but the supporters of the bill showed lamentable weakness. They were unable to order the previous question, the demand therefore being refused, first by a rising vote of 92 to 101, and then on an aye and nay vote by 124 to 129.

The advocates of the bill were dumfounded when they discovered that they had been beaten in the preliminary skirmish and the order was withdrawn. This was the first reverse the committee on rules had suffered in four years. An analysis of the vote showed that all of the 124 votes in favor of the motion were cast by Democrats while 82 Republicans, 39 Democrats and eight Populists voted against it. Of the 39 Democratic votes against the motion, it was pointed out that 24 were cast by Democrats defeated for re-election.

After the vote diplomatic and post-office appropriation bills were passed. The former carries \$1,562,118, and the latter \$89,442,952.

IN THE SENATE.

No Amendments to the Income Tax Provisions as Passed by the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Mr. Cockrell, (Dem., Mo.) from the appropriation committee, reported the urgent deficiency bill to the senate to-day. In reply to a question by Mr. Quay (Rep., Penn.), Mr. Cockrell said the committee had made no amendments to the bill as passed by the house to the provisions relating to the income tax.

Mr. Quay thought an amendment should be made to the law requiring a publication of the names and salaries of the employees of the corporations and in this connection he created something of a sensation by saying that a gentleman high in political position in Philadelphia had given as a reason why he could not preserve plighted faith and could not do what ought to be done regarding an important nomination that he was under a heavy salary from a great corporation and was compelled to do what the corporation desired.

The bill will be called up for consideration to-morrow. At 2 o'clock Mr. Pascoe (Dem., Fla.) addressed the senate on the Nicaragua canal bill, in which he announced that while favoring the construction of an inter-oceanic canal yet he was opposed to the pending bill.

SECRETARY CARLISLE

Expresses His Regret at the Turn Affairs Have Taken.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Secretary Carlisle visited the capitol and remained in the speaker's private office for an hour, conferring with the house leaders on the effect of the reverse suffered by the currency bill. Besides Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Crisp there were present Messrs. Catehings and Outwater, of the rule committee; Mr. Springer, who had been in charge of the bill; Mr. Hall, of Missouri, of the currency committee, and Mr. Tucker, of Virginia. The talk partook somewhat of the nature of a conference as to what course of action should be pursued in view of the unexpected turn of affairs.

The secretary expressed regret that the rule had been defeated, and he shared the views of others present that the defeat closed the prospects for the bill in its present form. The result was a surprise to him, for the secretary had not shared the doubts of house leaders up to the time of the vote. He had expected that amendments would be suggested which would overcome the opposition of certain elements and make the passage of the bill possible. He did not suggest any new measure or any material changes in the present one.

After the conference Mr. Springer said: "If Mr. Bland and his friends will not give us their assistance except at a ratio of 16 to 1, then they must shoulder the responsibility of the defeat of all legislation, as no consistent compromise is possible."

SENATE SUGGESTIONS

To Be Made with a View of Settling the Financial Difficulties.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—Many of the Democratic senators received the announcement of the adverse vote on the currency bill as a summons to the senate to take the question up and find a way out of the difficulties with which the country finds itself confronted. Senator Voorhees took the first step by issuing a call for a meeting of the finance committee to be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. This meeting is for the purpose of canvassing the entire situation and, if possible, devising means of improving the condition of the treasury.

It is understood that Senator Vest has in mind the outline of a plan for a bill which he may submit to the committee and which may prove the basis of future action. The two principal features of the plan are: First, To authorize the issuance of a sufficient number of low rate bonds to retire the \$345,000,000 worth of greenbacks; and

Second, To provide for the purchase and coinage of a sufficient quantity of silver to increase the silver issuance to \$750,000,000, which will be an increase of about \$150,000,000. This is suggested as a compromise upon which the bond advocates and the silver men can agree, but the scheme has not met with general favor so far as has been canvassed. The Republican members of the finance committee do not regard the

outlook as promising for any action at all, and they predict that it will be quite impossible for the senate Democrats to agree on any bill presented.

No Tariff Amendments.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—The Democratic leaders of the senate are very much at sea over the question of amendments to the tariff, which they had hoped to accomplish by means of riders on the urgent deficiency bill. They have very generally come to the conclusion that the Republicans have decided not to be persuaded into allowing these amendments to go through, and they know now, as they knew in the beginning, that it would be futile to attempt to pass them in the face of any determined opposition.

ALLEGED LYNCHERS

In the Scott Case in Custody—Search for the Body Still Going On.

OMAHA, NEB., Jan. 9.—A Bee special from O'Neill, Neb., says: Pinkerman, Roy and Mulligan, the alleged lynchers of Barrett Scott, waived preliminary examination to-day and were bound over in \$1,200 bond to appear in the district court next month. A large number of letters have been received from the detectives all over the country who want to be employed to ferret out the mystery, one man going so far as to say he would recover the body of Barrett Scott for \$300. It is believed that the family wish to keep the name of the author to this last letter from the public until he is in the clutches of the law and then he will be made to tell what he knows about the case as it is supposed it was sent for the purpose of throwing the authorities off the track. Sheriff Hamilton will start out to-morrow to head a party of volunteers, residents of the Niobrara valley, who will continue the search for the body. The work will be on the theory that the body was thrown into the Niobrara river and the party will be supplied with grappling hooks to drag the river. Since the bed of the river is constantly shifting and is full of quicksand, there is little chance of its being located if it is really in the river.

REPORTS DENIED.

Senor Ximenes Antagonizes the Reports of Armenian Atrocities.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Senor Ximenes, a well-known Spanish traveler, has just returned here after having completed a geographical mission for the Turkish government, in Kurdistan and Mesopotamia, which lasted from March to November last. This gentleman happened to be in the Armenian province of Bitlis at the time of the alleged Sassoon disturbances and he declares that he neither saw nor heard anything to warrant the sensational stories told of Kurdish atrocities.

Senor Ximenes remained a month at Constantinople; but, while there, he refused to discuss the matter in any form. He is now in London with Woods Pasha, and no longer has reason to remain silent. He is disposed to lay much of the blame for the disturbed conditions of Armenia on the American Methodist missions in Asia Minor. He says that they give the Armenians a superficial education out of all proportion to the needs of the community. The pupils of these missions, he adds, are never satisfied to return to their homes and work their land. They continually speak of American liberty. In nearly every case, says Senor Ximenes, the Armenian agitators are shown to have been pupils of the Methodist missions.

Senor Ximenes further declares that the statements that women and children were tortured and outraged by either the Turkish regulars or irregulars are untrue. The entire affair, the traveler insists, was limited to a local disturbance which was locally suppressed.

Wheeling Man Honored.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Jan. 9.—At the convention of the Corrugated and Galvanized Iron Eave Trough manufacturers at Cincinnati yesterday, a permanent national association was organized as follows: President, Charles D. Clark, Peoria; vice president, F. L. Langebach, Canton; secretary and treasurer, Alexander Glass, Wheeling. The sessions have been devoted to agreeing on standards of rates, measurements and other co-operative plans. To-morrow the members will meet there with the national convention of iron roofers.

The Administration Requested.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Jan. 9.—The local Democracy celebrated Jackson day with a banquet of a very unpretentious nature as compared with those given during the last ten years. Allan W. Thurman, chairman of the Democratic state executive committee, made a sensational speech. He said he did not wish to impugn the motives of President Cleveland or Secretary Carlisle, but he thought they were in strange company for Democrats. They may be honest in their views but had a peculiar way of expressing them. If what they taught in the way of financial legislation was democracy, then the speaker's father, Allen G. Thurman, had never taught his son Democracy as he had imbibed it from Jefferson, Jackson, Calhoun and Benton.

Diamond Company Not Interfering.

AKRON, OHIO, Jan. 9.—Colonel A. L. Conger, president of the Diamond Plate Glass Company, says in reply to the statement of President Ford, of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company: "There has never been any effort on action on the part of our company looking nor tending to the coercion of any other plate glass company nor jobber in the business. We are located in the great west and our market lies wholly in the west and we are compelled to run our factories to their fullest capacity to supply the western demand, and we are not interfering with the glass situation in the east."

President Caldwell Resigns.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 9.—It is announced here that Gen. D. W. Caldwell has tendered his resignation as president of the Nickel Plate railroad and will hereafter devote his entire attention to his duties as president of the Lake Shore, a position which he has held in conjunction with that of president of the Nickel Plate for the past two months.

It is understood that President S. R. Callaway, of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City road will, in the course of a few days, be appointed president of Nickel Plate to succeed General Caldwell.

MINE CONVENTION.

Miners of the Pittsburgh District in Session There.

MINING SCALE BEING DISCUSSED.

The Action of This Convention Will Have an Important Bearing Upon the Columbus Meeting—Some Confusion Existed in the Convention. To Make Contracts as Individuals. The Resolution.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Jan. 9.—To-day's session of the convention of the miners of this district was attended by several delegates from Plum Creek mines of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company. These mines are working at forty-five cents per ton, the lowest rate being paid in the district and objection was raised against the Plum Creek delegates taking part in the convention. It was claimed that they were present for the purpose of spying on the action of the meeting. After considerable wrangling the most of them withdrew from the hall. Reports of the committees were heard and delegates were elected to the national convention of the United Mine Workers. At the afternoon session a resolution was introduced pledging them to insist on the sixty-nine cent rate.

The 69 cent resolution was still under discussion when the convention adjourned to meet again to-morrow.

The discussion during the afternoon was very warm at times, the fight being over that part of the resolution which says: "While we recognize no other than the 69 cent rate, it is recommended that miners as individuals be permitted to make contracts at any rate, to run until the annual meeting of the United Mine Workers which is called on February 12th, when a final decision will be reached."

Should this resolution pass it will have a very important bearing on the action of the Columbus meeting.

No Conference Probable.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 9.—It is learned here to-day that the tin plate workers are seeking another conference with the manufacturers, with the object in view of settling the contest over the scale. Voting blanks are being circulated among the locals for this purpose; but should the vote decide that another conference be asked, it is certain that the manufacturers will not grant the request. John Jarrett, secretary of the manufacturers' association, said to-day that in view of the fact that several meetings in the past resulted in nothing being done, the manufacturers would not again bother with the matter.

Builders' Strike in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The probabilities are that all work of construction in this city will be suspended unless some amicable agreement can be reached to-day between the mechanics' union and the contractors. At present about 800 mechanics are out, and all the others may be ordered out before night. The cause of the strike is that the mechanics of the union refuse to work alongside of plumbers' assistants who are making only \$1 a day, when the union claims they should receive \$2 75.

Locomotive Firemen.

OMAHA, NEB., January 9.—The protective board of the brotherhood of locomotive firemen continued its session to-day. The greater part of the session was consumed in a speech of C. W. Mair, third vice grand master on strikes. He said: "We believe absolutely in arbitration and will exhaust all honorable means to secure our just rights before resorting to extreme measures, which of course means strikes."

Another A. R. U. Man Surrenders.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Director J. M. Elliott, of the American Railway Union, surrendered himself to-day and was taken to jail in McHenry county to serve his sentence in the strike contempt case. Elliott was in Pennsylvania attending the funeral of his child and was unable to appear yesterday when Debs and his associates were taken into custody.

SNOW BOUND.

Terrible Condition of Affairs in Southern France—Much Loss of Life.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris says that owing to the recent avalanche at Orle and Orzie in the Pyrenees, the inhabitants of those villages have fled to Aix, where the hospital is full of refugees. Victuals are scarce. The snow is so deep on the roofs of the houses that they threaten to collapse.

Wolves prowl about the streets of Orle, devouring the bodies of those killed by the avalanche. The flocks of sheep owned by villagers have disappeared. The snowfall continues. The mountain villages near Perrignan, are snowed up and all communication with them is stopped. The river Rhone is frozen over. Trains are unable to leave Marseilles, owing to the snow.

Combined Business and Pleasure.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—At the parliamentary reception by Emperor William, at Potsdam, last evening, his majesty made a long speech upon naval matters, and pointed out the necessity of increasing the strength of the German fleet. With a map in his hand he showed them present the different naval stations and distant scenes, especially those of the war between China and Japan. After supper had been placed before each of the guests, the emperor conversed freely with all who had assembled there at his invitation.

One More Skeleton Found.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 7.—One more skeleton and the ninth thus far recovered was found to-day in the ruins of the Delavan house. Like the others, it was unrecognizable.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania, rain or snow; northeasterly winds. For Ohio, rain or snow; warmer; northeasterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY.

As furnished by C. SCHNEPP, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets.