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**PLANS FOR THE WEEK**

**Business Mapped Out for the Two Houses of Congress.**

**CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

**Legislation Will Not Be Attempted Until After the Holidays—Read Will Make His Appointments the Last of the Week.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—The probabilities are that the senate next week will be given up largely to caucusing by all parties, and senate daily sessions will be brief with little effort at legislation. The introduction of bills will be continued, though no work of consequence can be done until the committees are filled. There is nothing on the calendar except two speeches, one by Senator Morgan, announced for Monday on the Bering sea question, and the other by Senator Cullom on his Monroe doctrine resolution.

The republican caucus committee of the senate will hold its first formal meeting on Monday, after the adjournment of the senate, for the purpose of considering the question of filling the committee vacancies and selecting chairmen of the various committees. While nothing has been agreed upon finally, it looks now as if the chairmanship of the more important committees would be assigned as follows: Agriculture, Proctor; Appropriations, Allison; coast defense, Squire; census, Chandler; commerce, Fry; District of Columbia, McMillan; finance, Morrill; fisheries, Perkins; foreign affairs, Sherman; immigration, Lodge; Indian affairs, Pettigrew; interstate commerce, Cullom; judiciary, Hoar; military affairs, Hawley; naval affairs, Cameron; postoffice and postroads, Wolcott; printing, Hale; privileges and elections, Mitchell; Oregon; public buildings and grounds, Quay; relations with Canada, Carter; rules, Aldrich; territories, Davis.

A majority of these assignments go to the senators whose names are mentioned by virtue of seniority, but there are some exceptions made necessary by the probability of senior members receiving other assignments. Senator Platt is, for instance, senior republican on Indian affairs and territories, and the only republican member of the patents and revisions of the laws and could have his choice of the chairmanship of these committees but for the probability of his being given a place on the finance committee, in which event he will surrender his place at the head of Indian affairs to Senator Pettigrew and on territories to Senator Davis and probably become chairman of either patents or revision of the laws. Senator Mitchell will have his choice of the chairmanship of either privileges and elections, postoffice and postroads, but will choose the first, and will thus advance Wolcott to the head of postoffices and postroads. On the other hand Senator Teller is at the head of the republican membership of no committee, and one of the problems with which the caucus committee has to deal is that of furnishing him with an acceptable committee. Senator Chandler is now a member of the census committee, but as the existing members of the committee all get other chairmanships he is enabled to take the place at the head of this committee. Senator Hale secures printing because the republican membership is entirely vacant. Senator Shoup is the senior republican on pensions, but it is probable that he will surrender the chairmanship to Senator Gallinger and accept another assignment. Senator Jones of Nevada will, in all probability, be returned to his old position on contingent expenses. It appears probable that the finance committee will be enlarged from 11 to 13 members. In that event the republicans will name Senators Cameron and Platt for the two places at their disposal and the democrats will probably select Senator Daniel as their additional representative. Senators Wolcott and Lodge are slated for foreign relations.

**The House Programme.**  
The house programme this week is a dreary waste. Until the committees are appointed the machinery of the house is blocked and nothing can be done save by unanimous consent. Any resolution that might be presented—and it is in this form that the sensations that agitate the lower branch of congress are usually sprung—would go down before a single objection. For this reason, no attempt will be made to do anything until Speaker Reed announces his committees, which he now expects to have ready at the end of the week. There will probably be but three brief sessions this week. When the house meets to-morrow an adjournment will be taken until Wednesday or Thursday, and from that date until Saturday, when the committees will be announced. The indications are that practically nothing can be done in the way of the consideration of actual legislation until after the holidays. As the president is absent on his hunting trip, there is no probability that the reply of Lord Salisbury to Secretary Olney's note, regarding the Venezuelan boundary dispute, will be sent to the house this week.

**THE WORKERS.**

**Competing Cities for the Convention Sending Buttonholers to Washington.**  
Washington, Dec. 8.—Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco, three of the cities competing for the next national republican convention, are now represented here by delegations. Pittsburgh, the fourth competing city, has her van-

guard in Washington, while the main bodyguard is due in the morning. Among the arrivals to-day were the Hon. Thomas C. Platt and Hon. Joe Manley of the national committee. Chicago's committee of five arrived here to-night. It is argued that Illinois, having no candidate for the presidency, every candidate would have a fair show. St. Louis has a good-sized delegation here also, about 15 arriving to-day.

Pittsburgh will have a committee of 65 or 70 citizens here to-morrow. Those already here include Postmaster McKean and Lieutenant Governor Lyon. Said one of the delegates to-night: "Our prospects are better than those of any other city. We will give the convention anything anyone else does and go them cards and spades better."

The San Francisco delegation held a meeting to-night at which their plans were discussed and a programme mapped out. The meeting was still in session at midnight.

**HAZARDOUS BUSINESS.**

**An Indian Takes a Contract to Carry Mail Over a Tough Route.**  
Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 8.—James Jackson, an educated Indian, who is to personally carry the mail from Juneau to Fort Cudahy on the Yukon river, has arrived on the steamer Willapa. He came down to secure 20 or 30 strong dogs to pull the sleds across the mountains to the Canadian postoffice on Forty Mile creek. This service is merely a private enterprise, being maintained by miners, who pay 50 cents for each rantees \$350 for each of the two round trips. This is reckoned as being a most hazardous journey. Several miners in the past years have lost their lives in trying to make it.

**A Murderous Family.**

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 8.—William H. Franz, a policeman, was shot and mortally wounded here at noon to-day at the hands of the family of L. Liebowitz, a pawnbroker. Policeman Franz went to the pawnshop to recover a stolen watch that Constable Orin McCafferty of Atchison, Kan., had located there. Franz found the watch and asked permission to take it to police headquarters for identification. The permission was refused, whereupon Franz attempted to take both the watch and the pawnshop to headquarters. A scuffle ensued in which Liebowitz got the policeman down on the floor. The 12-year-old son of Liebowitz then grabbed a revolver from behind the counter and fired five shots, three of which took effect in the policeman's body. Constable McCafferty ran in from the street and arrested Liebowitz, and other officers took the boy and woman into custody. Franz's death is momentarily expected.

**A Stubborn Fire.**

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The firemen in the downtown district put in all day to-day fighting a stubborn fire that caused a loss of \$200,000. The five-story brick and stone front building at 250 and 252 Madison street, occupied by H. Wolf & Co., dealers in general merchandise, was destroyed. The building adjoining, occupied by the Steuben Wine company and other firms, was slightly damaged. The origin of the fire is unknown. John Dore, hook and ladder man, was severely burned.

**VISITED A FRIEND**

**ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE DECEITFUL WIVES.**

**She Tells Her Husband One Story While She Tells a Different One to the Man She Is "Visiting."**

Buffalo, Dec. 8.—A Tonawanda special to the Express says: Details of an elopement in which a New Haven, Conn., woman figures as one of the principals, came to light to-night when G. W. Lewis, fireman in a sawmill in New Haven, returned to his eastern home with his wife.

On Labor day the woman left her home in New Haven, saying she was going to spend a few weeks with friends on the outskirts of the city. Developments show that Mrs. Lewis met William Coulton immediately after and they went to Buffalo, taking rooms on Masten street. They lived there a short time and subsequently boarded with William Lamont at Gratiwick. During all this time the woman kept her husband in ignorance of her whereabouts by sending letters to him through the agency of a friend at New Haven, who mailed them near that city.

Recently, however, Lewis became suspicious, and going to an express office in New Haven he learned that the woman had had goods shipped to her at Buffalo. Superintendent Bull of the Buffalo police was asked to find her and he learned of the couple's removal to Gratiwick and advised Lewis to write the Chief of Police Ryan here. The result was that the two were found, and the husband, together with a friend, Cyrus Grover, came here last night. To-day Chief Ryan and the two men went to Gratiwick, where the couple was found. The woman's nerves were like iron, and she coolly faced her husband. Not so, however, with Coulton, who was scared. Differences were patched up and the woman left with her husband at 7 o'clock to-night for home.

Coulton is known by Lewis, and it is said he has a wife and two children living somewhere in Massachusetts. The woman is 24 years of age. Coulton says he is a motorman on the Buffalo & Niagara Falls electric road.

**The State Ministers.**

Special Dispatch to the Standard.  
Helena, Mont., Dec. 8.—The Ministers association of Helena is arranging for a state convention to be held in this city Jan. 13 and 14, 1896. Topics on Christian work will be discussed and much time spent in earnest prayer. All Christian people in the state are invited, and those who come will be entertained.

**The Grand Jury Will Look Into It.**

Omaha, Dec. 8.—To-morrow the federal grand jury will begin investigation of the way in which the jury, last Saturday, acquitted Richard Outcalt of complicity in robbing the Capital National bank. Some sensational developments are imminent.

**CONGRESS OF A. F. O. F. L.**

**Nearly a Million Workingmen Sending Delegates to New York.**

**EUROPE IS REPRESENTED**

**Among the Important Questions to Come Up Before the Convention Will Be the General Eight-Hour Movement.**

New York, Dec. 8.—The largest congress of labor leaders ever in New York as far as the numbers represented and the interests involved are concerned will begin to-morrow at Madison Square Garden, with the opening of the fifteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor. More than 500,000 organized working men in the United States are sending their delegates—115 in number—to represent them. Perhaps a million workingmen would be near the mark, but the officers of the federation are conservative as to numbers and only reckon those who are in good standing with the subordinate unions. It is now 12 years since the Federation met in this city.



John McBride.

In convention, since which time it has been expanding until it has representatives in every state in the union and all over Canada. It is affiliated with 10 national organizations. The executive council of the Federation reached this city yesterday. The council consists of John McBride, president of the American Federation of Labor; P. J. McGuire, vice president; John Lennon, treasurer; Augustine McCraith, secretary, and N. M. Garland, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers.

Ex-President Gompers attended a meeting of the executive council, which was held yesterday afternoon at the Ashland house. The business consisted of preparations for the opening of the convention. E. Cowey and J. Mawdsley, of the Coal Miners and the Spinners' union of England, who will attend the convention as representative of those bodies, arrived to-day. They represent about 300,000 workingmen in England and Wales. President John McBride of the Federation is not a delegate, having been defeated at the election for delegate for his local union. He will, however, as president, open the convention. A mass meeting will be held in Cooper Union to-morrow evening under the auspices of the Trade and Labor union of New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City, in connection with the convention, at which the visiting delegates will be invited to speak.

Important questions will come before the convention, including the carrying out of a general eight-hour movement on May 1, 1896. Questions affecting the standing of subordinate national unions will be discussed and some long standing fights between rival unions will be considered. The



P. J. McGuire.

question of harmonizing national branches will also be considered, and efforts will be made to extinguish the Knight of Labor as a trades union movement, and compel that body to become a purely educational one. Ex-President Gompers will be a candidate for president in opposition to President McBride.

**A STANDSTILL.**

**The Sultan Still Lives and the Waters of the Dardanelles Are Fiercely.**

Constantinople, Dec. 7. via Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 8.—The situation here on the question of the extra guardships of the powers remains unchanged and continues to offer a tribute to the powers of delay and evasion of oriental diplomacy as practiced by the Turkish government. Statements are constantly reiterated of the continued determination to insist upon a compliance with their demands. Less is heard of the rumors which were of frequent occurrence in the early period after the demand had been presented that the sultan had at length decided to grant the necessary firman to permit the passage of the Dardanelles, or even that he had actually issued them. Neither in these cases explicit announcement any more of the period which is to elapse before a movement of the warships of the powers is to commence to enforce the demands made upon the sultan.

The reception to-day by the sultan of M. Neidhoff, the Russian ambassador, in private audience awakens unanimous speculation as to the true relation of Russia to the situation and the extent of her agreement with the views of the powers.

The flight of Sald Pasha and his refuge into the British embassy are subjects of most sensational interest and the almost frantic efforts made

by the sultan to induce him to leave and return to the Yildiz palace indicates his fear that he has lost the most powerful intermediary that he could hope for between himself and the powers in evading the uncomfortable demand they make upon him, or the most dangerous adversary he could fear, having been in counsel with the powers. That the sultan lives in a state of constant apprehension of his life was indicated by his demeanor during the course of the ceremony of the Solamitt on Friday, which involved the departure of the sultan from the walls of the palace and his appearance in public for a sort of review of the troops attended by many high officials, followed by prayers at the mosque. On Friday as the sultan was quitting the mosque, a man seized as a Turk, bearing a petition, forced himself through the soldiers to the sultan's carriage. The sultan was seen to become much agitated and deathly pale, but the man was promptly arrested and hustled off to prison without having accomplished any harm to the sultan's person.

Explicit instructions were again received to-day by all the ambassadors to insist upon the admission of the guardships, but as has been stated, without any change in the situation. Authentic details have been received of the Sivas massacre. They show the slaughter began on Nov. 12 and continued for a week following. It is known 120 Armenians and ten Turks were killed before there was a cessation of the bloody work.

**A Letter From Constantinople.**

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 8.—The relatives of Mrs. Helen Royster Bliss, who reside in Memphis, are in receipt of a letter relative to the Armenian wars. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss are natives of Memphis and are connected with the American Bible society in Constantinople. Mrs. Bliss says: "We are having an anxious time here and know not what to expect. At Harpoot all but four of our missionary houses have been destroyed, and these were looted. At Erzeroum 20,000 Armenians were killed in less than 10 days. There is no doubt these outrages are committed with the sanction of the sultan. More than 100,000 Armenians have been butchered, mostly men, leaving women and children in awful poverty with winter upon them."

**The Finest in the World.**

Chicago, Dec. 8.—What is said to be the finest telegraph office in the world was put into active service for the first time to-day. It is the new quarters of the Postal Telegraph Cable company, located on the first and 13th floors of the new Chicago stock exchange building, corner of La Salle and Washington streets. The operating department and the executive offices occupy the entire top floor of the building. The operating department has 6,000 feet of floor space, with space provided to double the capacity in the future. The fixtures are in cherry, with marble and aluminum. Each of the operator's desks has accommodation for eight typewriters, pen and pencil, being banished by the machine. The general office is the center for the 100 branch offices throughout the city. One of the special features is the electric lighting arrangement. Not a shadow is possible on any of the tables, the lighting being of a unique overhead kind. The whole effect is practically that of the brightest daylight.

**THREE MEN KILLED**

**A SWITCH ENGINE TOPPLES OVER WITHOUT WARNING.**

**The Accident Occurred in New York City, Where All of the Crew Resided—Two Injured.**

New York, Dec. 8.—Three men were killed and two injured in a railroad wreck to-day on the New York & New Haven in Harlem. The killed are Thomas Fitzgerald, engineer; Frederick Mapple, brakeman; Thomas C. McNally, brakeman. The injured are Thomas Bannan, conductor; Thomas McKeon, fireman.

All of the killed and injured are residents of this city. The accident occurred between One Hundred and Thirty-second and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets. The engine was used as a switch engine and was bound east to Vannest station with its crew of five men. The accident occurred at a short curve and no explanation of what was responsible for the trouble could be ascertained. Everything was in its proper shape apparently and the engine and its tender were proceeding along at the usual speed when, without any warning, the engine left the track and went bumping along over the ties. Bannan, the conductor, and McKeon, the fireman, leaped for their lives at the moment the engine toppled and fell over across the westbound track before the others of the crew were able to save themselves.

All the bodies were crushed and scalded, death evidently having been instantaneous. Fitzgerald's head protruded through the window of the engine cab and he was sitting on his seat at his duty when the accident happened.

**Kentucky's Senatorial Fight.**

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 8.—Now that the legislature is made a tie, practically by the democrats electing A. J. Carroll at Louisville yesterday, the aspirants for the senatorship to succeed Senator Blackburn are here with their managers and a very hotly contested fight is on. Governor-elect Bradley will arrive to-morrow morning. After his inauguration on Tuesday it is stated he will be an important factor in the senatorial contest that is pending, and it is generally conceded that the governor-elect favors Congressman Hunter, who managed the recent successful campaign in the state for the republicans.

**She Committed Suicide.**

Omaha, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Carrie Brown, a handsome and apparently wealthy woman of Keokuk, Iowa, committed suicide in the Beatrice hotel to-night. Nov. 29 she arrived from the East. To-day pistol shots were heard in her room. The door was forced open. She still grasped the weapon. Three bullets had entered her breast. She had cut her name from all her clothing, but in an obscure spot on a tablet was found the name of "A. K. Turner."

**CANNOT FIND THEM**

**The Murderers of Merrill and His Daughter Still at Large.**

**SHERIFF'S POSSE RETURNS**

**Renegade Indians Were Seen, But They Escaped in the Mountains—The Country Is Being Scoured.**

Fort Grant, Ariz., Dec. 8.—The party of White Mountain Apache Indians who are missing from their camp on the San Carlos reservation and who are supposed to have murdered Merrill and his daughter near Solomonville three days ago, were arrested and brought into the San Carlos agency late last night by a detachment of Captain Bell's troops, Seventh cavalry, and the Indian police. The party consisted of seven men and a boy, all mounted and heavily armed, two of them carrying cavalry carbines that fire the identical bullet which brought Merrill and his daughter to their untimely end. The Indians claim to have been hunting in the mountains near Fort Thomas, and the 20 miles from the mountain to the Gila Benita valley in which Merrill and his daughter were killed, is only a step for these wily Apaches. They are being held under guard at San Carlos for further investigation.

A prominent citizen at Fort Thomas reports having seen a party of six or seven Indians near the trail leading to the valley in which the killing took place. Evidently these are the same Indians.

Solomonville, Ariz., Dec. 8.—Great anxiety is felt here on account of no news arriving from the posse of 19 who are following the trail of the murderers of Merrill and his daughter. Indians undoubtedly committed the deed, as nothing was molested except the provision box, which was emptied and left near the scene of the murder. The commander at Fort Grant was notified of the uneasiness felt for Sheriff Wright and posse. It is presumed he will send troops on the trail. It is not impossible that the posse has been ambushed, but it would seem that of 19 all would not be killed. If no news comes to-day, another posse will probably go out. Six years ago a sheriff's posse from Tucson followed train robbers to Mexico and all were put into jail by the Mexican officials and not heard from for 10 days. It may be that Sheriff Wright's posse has met a similar fate. The report sent from Phoenix that four miners had been killed near Fort Thomas is not true. Such a rumor was heard here, but investigation failed to confirm it.

Sheriff Wright's posse, which followed the Indian murderers of Merrill and daughter returned this evening. Near the base of the White Lock mountains the posse came in sight of the Indians, but had been discovered first by the reds from an elevated position. The posse came within 500 yards of the Indians as they were going up the side of the mountains and had the advantage of being among rocks and juniper brush. The Indians were fired on and returned the fire but escaped over the summit into the rough rocky country, over a trail hard to follow. The posse kept in close pursuit, but the trail was lost on Friday. There were but two Indians and they doubtless belong to a band of renegades that has been off the reservation several years.

**Additional Troops.**

St. Louis, Dec. 8.—A special to the Republic from Silver City, N. M., says: Orders were received at Fort Bayard to-day ordering out all the remaining cavalry at that post to make forced marches across into Arizona to assist in the capture of the band of renegade Indians that committed nine murders near San Carlos reservation last week. The troops left at once.

**GEORGE A. H. SALA.**

**The Noted Journalist, Literary Professor and Correspondent Is Dead.**

London, Dec. 8.—George Sala, the distinguished journalist, is dead. George Henry Augustine Sala, journalist and author, was born in London in 1828. In the early part of his career he became a contributor of articles to newspapers and magazines. He founded and was the first editor of the Temple Bar magazine. He is the author of several books. He visited the United States in 1863 as special correspondent for the Daily Telegraph. He was war correspondent for the same paper in France in 1870. His father was an Italian and his mother a native of the West Indies. The son was educated for an artist, but embraced the literary profession, becoming a contributor to London magazines. He published many books, including "America in the Midst of War" and "America Revisited."

**IRISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE.**

**Councils Are Being Rapidly Formed in All the Principal Cities.**

New York, Dec. 8.—John P. Sutton, general secretary of the Irish National alliance, states that councils of the alliance are being rapidly formed in every city in the United States and Canada. Andrew Nolan, a member of the city council of St. Louis, has been elected president in that city, the municipal council already consisting of 2,500 members. San Francisco, Boston, Lawrence and Lowell, Mass., Cleveland, Detroit, Anaconda, and Butte City, Mont., have also formed large branches. Toronto and Montreal have inaugurated strong councils. The election of municipal councils will be held in New York and Brooklyn on New Year's day. The other cities and towns where more than one council exists, will also appoint municipal committees on or about that day.