

The Cummins-Dolliver Controversy.

Senator Allison may not be the ablest politician in the state but if not he is certainly the most lucky. Affairs have been so shaped, or have so shaped themselves, that for the present the Governor's supporters are obliged to abandon their campaign against the senior senator and turn all of their guns upon Senator Dolliver to prevent him from flanking them out of position.

In his Council Bluffs speech the junior senator charged Governor Cummins with having pledged himself in writing not to become a candidate against Senator Allison for a seat in the United States senate. The Governor promptly denied Mr. Dolliver's charge and called for proof, and this brought the Torbert letter into the limelight.

When the Governor was a candidate for re-election he wrote to his friend Torbert, of Dubuque, and assured him that he was not a candidate for Senator Allison's seat in the senate. While the Governor in his letter did not directly pledge his future, did not pledge himself not to become a candidate against Senator Allison in 1908, he certainly did a little sidestepping which at the present time places his friends and supporters on the defensive.

Mr. Cummins' opponents are gleefully asserting that the Governor resorted to discreditable duplicity for the purpose of inducing Senator Allison's friends to help him win a third term nomination. While on the other hand, the Governor's supporters take the position that if any promise could be inferred from the Torbert letter, the action of the Dubuque delegation to the last republican state convention released the Governor from such promise. They also contend that the letter did not nullify Senator Allison's friends into a false sense of security.

It is not our purpose to pass judgment upon the merits of these conflicting contentions, but simply to sum up the facts in connection with this recent phase of the senatorial struggle.

As to Digging Pits.

A man who digs a pit for another to fall into is apt to fall into it himself. There is England for instance. A few years ago her statesmen were alarmed over the growth of Russia and the spread of its influence over Asia. English statesmen dreamed of Russia pushing southward to the Persian gulf. So England deliberately backed Japan in a fight with Russia. England agreed to keep other nations out of the fight if Japan would engage in such a struggle. Japan whipped Russia, but now the Englishmen are seeing the depth of the pit. The other day the president of one of the great oriental steamship companies told his English stockholders that their trade had been ruined, absorbed by the Japanese. In every part of the orient Japan is making progress at the expense of English shipping and manufacturers. At the same time the spirit of Japanese victory has animated the people of India with unrest under British rule.

The pit is yawning for England. She thought to humiliate Russia, but the brown men are going to do more than take what belonged to Russia in the orient. They are going to take something that once belonged to England, and among them is supremacy in the commerce of the orient.—Cedar Rapids Republican.

And what is true, so far as England is concerned, is in a greater degree true when applied to this country. The United States has its eyes open to the depth of the pit which it helped to dig in its own pathway. Its great fleet is on the way to the Pacific to try and bridge the pit, for the time being at least, and congress is considering the advisability of spending the largest sum ever carried by a single appropriation in the history of the country in the construction of new war vessels, to protect against the power which this country's money helped to establish.

The Creed of Optimism.

It is easy enough to ridicule optimism. Perhaps the most unreasonable person alive is the one who insists on being cheerful, no matter what calamity may be impending. But down deep every man knows that there is something in the platform of the Optimist club of America.

"A smile is potential, magnetic, and dispels trouble. Hard luck stories are like overdone notes. Shake hands as though you meant it, and smile. When in doubt, take optimism. In the realm of the birds, the lark is the optimist, the crow is the pessimist. Why be a crow?"

You are under a legal obligation to every man on earth. There are more people dying each day for the lack of a kind word, a pat on the back, and a little encouragement, than there are from disease. Here is a fitting Christmas suggestion. If we put with it the advice the Wall Street Journal gives to the financiers of the street we shall have the assurance of a Merry Christmas, no matter what happens. "Look not too much in the face of

the cares that crowd around you today. Nine-tenths of them can wait, and most of these will look different tomorrow or the next day, or the next year. Do the work that has the next claim upon you, and do it without a divided thought as to what tomorrow will bring forth. The worth of your work will be largely in conceiving of today's task as the best friends you have. The past has been. The future is not. The present is the only time you will ever have to coin your own capacity into currency that the world is willing to accept.

It is idle to say that these things do not count. They do count. Many a man's day has been determined by a smile or a frown when the day began. If we do the work that comes next and leave consequences to take care of themselves, and determine to see the bright side of ourselves and to help others see it, this world will grow better in just the degree that we succeed.—Register and Leader.

The Secretary of the Navy, in his annual report to the President, recommends that congress appropriate \$70,000,000 for the construction of new vessels for the American navy. This is the largest appropriation ever asked for by any Secretary of the Navy, at any one time, but that fact may not prevent congress from granting the Secretary's recommendation. Congress may consider a large navy the country's best guarantee for a peaceful future. This is a rich nation with no possible danger from enemies, except those beyond the great oceans that might come here in quest of plunder. A large navy would reduce that danger to a minimum.

President Roosevelt's attempts to line up a republican administration with a square deal policy has got him into all kinds of trouble. It would have been easier for him to have mixed oil and water and kept them mixed, than to enforce the laws against "the interests" the same as they are enforced against the ordinary citizen. To accomplish such a result there has got to be a change in all the departments of the federal government.

CRIMINAL'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

It is a Life Sentence in the Penitentiary, to Begin Next Tuesday Probably.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 21.—"Such a Christmas—sentenced to a lifetime of toil and misery behind the four walls of a prison! Away from home; away from children; shut out from everybody" sobbed J. C. Cain, convicted of the murder of J. C. Morris, a wealthy mine owner, and sentenced to life imprisonment at Fort Madison in the convicts' cage at the county jail. He will begin sentence Christmas eve unless the court grants a motion for a new trial which will be filed and argued at that time. Cain slew Morris because the latter sought to prevent him from trucking in liquor illegally at the company's mines.

Poisoned by Patent Medicines.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 23.—Mrs. John Meyer, an elderly woman who came here a few months ago with her family from Red Oak, Ia., was found dead, presumably from the use of patent medicines, to which she was addicted. It is believed that she took doses of different medicines which united to poison her.

Woman Killed at a Crossing.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 23.—One woman killed, one fatally and a third seriously injured in the result of a Great Western train backing into a buggy in which the women were trying to cross the track. Mrs. James Scofield was killed outright and Miss Louisa French will die. Miss Walters will probably recover.

Old-Time Stage Driver Dead.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 21.—Old "Billy" Warren, one of the old-time stage drivers of the country, is dead at Stuart, Ia. Warren began stage-driving at the age of nineteen and in 1845 drove the first stage to Cedar Rapids in the early '50s.

Diamond Jo Line Sold.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 19.—The Diamond Jo line of steamers has been sold, or soon will be to a wealthy syndicate of men who will improve the present fleet of passenger and freight boats and increase its carrying capacity very materially.

Mark Twain Loses Some Cash.

New York, Dec. 23.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against the Fitzhugh company, of which Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) is acting president. The company manufactures milk products and is a branch of an English company. It is stated that Mr. Clemens invested something like \$25,000 in the company which is now bankrupt. The company's liabilities are \$27,000 and its nominal assets \$10,000.

American Wanted in England.

New York, Dec. 23.—Robert Caldwell, the American who gave start-pug testimony in the Druce case in London, was arrested in Hoboken, N.J., soon after he had landed from the steamer Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. The arrest was made upon a cable request from the British authorities. He is charged with perjury in connection with the testimony given by him at the Druce hearing.

Woman Jury Decides For Man.

Denver, Dec. 23.—For the first time since woman suffrage went into effect in this state, a jury of six women tried a case in the district court. They decided in favor of the man in the case. The suit was brought by Victor Pope, a tailor, against Mrs. James W. Walkover to recover the price of a suit which she claimed did not fit.

Deception of Truth.

Bismarck boasted that he deceived the whole world by telling the truth. It is true that he single defeat the fever, but without intending it.—West-Minster Gazette.

PIT DEMON'S TRIBUTE

Another Toll, This Time of Perhaps 250 Men, Has Been Collected.

ONLY ONE MAN ESCAPES DEATH

Blast So Fearful That the Rescuers Work Without Hope.

THREE HORRORS IN NINETEEN DAYS

All in the Same Vein of Coal and the Total Dead Near 600—Holiday Saves Many From Death.

Jacob's Creek, Pa., Dec. 20.—An explosion of gas in the Darr mine of the Pittsburg Coal company, located here, entombed between 200 and 250 miners, and there is scarcely a ray of hope that a single one of them will be taken from the mines alive. Partly wrecked buildings in the vicinity of the mine, and the condition of the few bodies found early in the rescue work, indicate an explosion of such terrific force that it seems impossible that any one could have survived it. All of the thirteen bodies taken out up to this writing are terribly mutilated, and three of them are headless.

Third Horror in Three Weeks.

This is the third mine disaster since the first of the month in the veins of bituminous coal underlying western Pennsylvania and West Virginia for the Naomi mine, near Fayette City, and the two mines at Monongah, W. Va., in which the earlier explosion happened, are in the same belt as the local workings. This last catastrophe swells the number of victims of deadly mine gas for the nineteen days to between 550 and 600.

Church Holiday Saves Many Lives.

That this disaster does not equal or even surpass in loss of life and attendant horrors the one in West Virginia is due to the devotion to church duties of a considerable number of the miners. In observance of the church festival many of the four hundred or more men regularly employed at the mine did not go to work. Those who escaped through this reason are members of the Greek church, and they suspended work to celebrate St. Nicholas Day. As was the case at Monongah the explosion followed a brief shutdown, the Darr mine having been closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

RUMBLE TELLS OF THE BLAST

Cloud of Smoke and Dust Follows—Rescuers Go to Work.

The first sign of what had happened was a rumble, followed by a loud report and a concussion that shook nearby buildings and was felt within a radius of several miles. At the same time there came out of the mouth of the mine an immense cloud of dense smoke and dust. Intuitively every one in the vicinity knew what had happened and all started for one place, the mouth of the mine. The smoke and dust pouring from the mine's mouth told a story of seething flames back in the workings, and from this source came reports that were persistent that the mine was burning. The ventilating fans were kept in operation almost without interruption, however, the power plant having stood the force of the explosion, and the rescuers have found no fire anywhere in the mine. As far as is known only one man had gone to work escaped. Joseph Mapleton, a pumper, emerged from one of the side entries shortly after the explosion. He had left the part of the mine where most of the men were working, and was on the way to the engine room for oil. Mapleton was somewhat cut and bruised, but after going home and having his injuries dressed he returned to the mine and joined the rescuing parties. William Kelvington, superintendent of the mine, was not in the mine when the explosion occurred, and he quickly organized rescuing parties, starting one force of twenty-five men, with reliefs at short intervals, in the main entry, and a similar force at a side entry. It is hoped to reach the greater part of the victims through the latter. So far little trouble has been encountered on account of gas or lack of air by the rescuers.

Thirty-Three Corpses Found.

Jacob's Creek, Pa., Dec. 23.—Only thirty-three of the two hundred or more miners caught by the explosion in the Darr mine of the Pittsburg Coal company last Thursday have been found by the rescuing parties and brought to the surface. Nearly all of the others are presumed to be a mile or more beyond the point to which the rescuers have been able to prosecute their search.

Fairmont Mines Yield 340 Bodies.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 23.—Bodies are gradually being recovered from the mines of the Fairmont Coal company at Monongah, the scene of the great disaster of Dec. 6, and the total number has reached 340. It is the general opinion here that 400 men, if not more met death in the mines.

Principal Cereals Are Short.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The government's final crop report shows a shortage of several hundred millions of bushels in the principal cereals, but that the aggregate value on the farms is much higher than last year.

Double Tragedy at New York.

New York, Dec. 21.—James H. Olyphant, senior member of the Stock Exchange firm of James H. Olyphant & Co., is dead from a bullet wound inflicted at his office by Charles A. Geiger, a customer from Beaufort, S. C., who after firing upon Olyphant killed himself. The men were closeted in Olyphant's private office at the time, and all that is known of what immediately preceded the shooting was learned from the lips of the dying broker. Olyphant said that his refusal to extend further credit to Geiger caused the tragedy.

Illinois Central Agony Postponed.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The annual meeting of stockholders of the Illinois Central railroad has been postponed by order of Judge Hall, of the superior court, until March 2. The stock transfer books of the company are to be closed on the day preceding that upon which Judge Hall is to hand down his decision in the injunction suit now pending, and are to remain closed until the postponed meeting finally adjourns.

AT END OF HIS VOYAGE

Secretary Has at Last Completed His Journey Round the Globe.

REMAINS OF KING OSCAR INTERRED

Route of the Procession Lined with Thousands of Mourners with Heads Uncovered.

BLOODLESS DUEL ENDS IN PEACE

Hungarian Statesmen Do Not Harm Each Other and Become Reconciled.

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ing his alleged interest in the deficiency appropriation for seeds for free distribution, and the second when DeArmond called Williams a liar and precipitated a fight in which both received blows before they were separated. This latter trouble, however, was attended by the house adjourning. Speaker Cannon announced the committee assignments, which make no important changes from a public point of view. Many bills were introduced and referred. Adjourned to Saturday.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Senator Culberson introduced in the senate a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution limiting the terms of the president and vice president to six years and prohibiting a re-election for a second term.

After being in session about twenty minutes the house of representatives adjourned until Jan. 6. The proceedings were enlivened by a brief but fiery speech by Gaines of Tennessee, in which he denounced Wall street and said "we should have brottered the thieves and turned back to the honest people their hard earnings."

Stockholm, Dec. 20.—The body of the late King Oscar of Sweden, who died Dec. 8, was interred in the Riddarholm church, the burial place of Swedish kings and heroes, with a ceremony, the simple impressiveness of which was accentuated by the widespread evidences of popular sorrow. Along the snow-covered route of the funeral procession thousands of people gathered and stood bareheaded in the biting cold during the passing of the hearse and mourners. Every bell in the city tolled throughout the progress of the funeral. Black draperies and other emblems of mourning hung from the fronts of the buildings facing the streets down which the funeral cortege passed, and both sides of the route were hedged with lines of troops.

Immediately following the hearse walked Gustave, the new king of Sweden, the king of Denmark, and the princes of the Swedish royal house. These mourners were followed by the special foreign embassies, representing states in all parts of the world. The archbishop of Stockholm officiated at the ceremony. The conclusion of the service was marked by a salute of forty-two guns and volley-firing by a detachment of infantry.

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EAD'S GROVE.

The sale at Walter Longhurst's, Tuesday, was well attended and everything brought fair prices. Walter expect to leave for Oklahoma about January 7th, and Mr. Harris will move on the place.

Fred Timm marketed twenty-five fine porkers at Greeley, Thursday, that averaged 273 lbs. and brought \$4.20 per hundred.

Joe and Sadie Fowler were in Manchester on Thursday.

Ray Moody, of Indianapolis, visited with Will Rutherford, Friday.

L. J. Clute & Sons shipped nine cars of sheep and hogs to Chicago Wednesday. L. G. and Gus Clute, Frank Fishel, Charles Croyle and Zeke Martin went with them.

Kenneth Ash and his mother, of Manchester, visited at W. S. Longhurst's Saturday and Sunday.

Several from here attended the minstrel show at Greeley on Tuesday night.

F. J. Shelden and wife visited at J. T. Fowler's on Tuesday.

Burt Fowler is at home again.

Charlie Lash, of Alexandria, N. Dakota, arrived Thursday to spend Christmas with relatives.

EARLVILLE.

The many friends and neighbors of Mrs. Henry Millen were surprised and grieved to learn, Friday evening, that the Death Angel had entered that home and claimed for his own the aged mother. She had been ill for a day or two previous, but her condition was not thought serious. She had reached the age of 80 years, and leaves to mourn her demise, one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Pierce, of Manchester, Iowa, and two sons, H. G. Millen, of Marion, Iowa, and W. I. Millen of this place. The funeral was held from the M. E. Church on Monday morning at 10 o'clock and interment made at Greeley, Iowa. Mrs. Millen had a host of friends, all of whom extend sympathy to the bereaved husband and family.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Henry D. Staehle, of Strawberry Point to Miss Marguerite Smith of that place on December 25. Henry is a former Earlville boy and his many friends here offer congratulations.

Word has been received here that on December 10th, Mr. F. F. Peebles of Martinsburg, N. Y., was married to Julia Pitcher Bush at that place.

Mrs. Peebles was formerly a resident of Earlville and is a sister of H. J. Pitcher of this place. Her many Earlville friends extend congratulations.

Garth Dunne is home from Ames, Iowa, for a two weeks vacation.

John Jones, of Chicago, and Oliver Kammler, of Dubuque, spent Sunday and Monday with Earlville friends.

Henry Nagle, of Arlington spent Sunday with his aunt Mrs. M. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parker, of Onida, were in town Monday.

John Armstrong, of Greeley, and Mrs. B. Halbert attended the funeral of Mrs. Millen Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Tobey will spend Christmas in Colesburg.

Miss Mary Young arrived from Washington, Iowa, Saturday to spend Christmas with home folks.

Miss Florence Robinson was pleasantly surprised by a number of her friends at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Abbie Koehl. The occasion being her tenth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tietge arrived from Des Moines to spend the holidays at home.

Death Causes Bank to Close.

North Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 19.—The Jewelers' National bank of this town, whose vice president and cashier, Frederick E. Sargeant, was found dead in a bathtub at his apartments, failed to open its doors for business. A notice posted on the door, stated that the bank would remain closed pending an examination of its affairs. Bank Examiners Alfred Ewer and Harry N. Currier are making an investigation.

For Sale.

Pony tread power, never been used. Inquire of J. A. May, four miles north of town. 45-1mo.

Death Summons

W. H. HINRICHSEN

Former Treasurer and Secretary of State of Illinois Dies After a Long Illness.

Alexandria, Ill., Dec. 19.—W. H. Hinrichsen, familiarly known as "Buck" Hinrichsen, formerly treasurer and secretary of the state of Illinois, died at his home here in the morning

Tirrill & Pierce

Loans, Real Estate and Insurance.

Advertisement for J. H. Allen, Clothier and Merchant Tailor. Features a drawing of a man in a suit and text: "From the way my Trousers fit you would say they were born, not made. They have the touch of a creative genius." Also mentions "MACKINETTE" RAIN COATS and "The Olden Days" brand.

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