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WALL STREET CAPITULATES TO PRESIDENT

Will Not Seek to Defeat Trust Measure.

White House Wins the Acquiescence of Morgan.

Financial Kings Ready to Accept Conservative Action.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—President Roosevelt has convinced J. Pierpont Morgan that now is the accepted time for conservative legislation to regulate trusts. Morgan and those associated with him in the great combinations known as the Morgan group have become convinced that the President means business now, as he did when he insisted that the coal strike should be ended by an agreement for arbitration. They have learned to respect the President's words as meaning just what they express and when he said there would be an extra session if this Congress failed to pass legislation to regulate the trusts they began to consider the advisability of getting on the President's side of the question.

Morgan has let it be known that he and his friends will not resist conservative trust legislation like that proposed by the sub-committee which is at work formulating a bill which will meet the administration policy. The trust magnates known as the Morgan group have reversed their attitude on the trust question a. d they desire to be known as promoters of good trusts, not afraid of the Government's supervision and regulation.

MORGAN SWINGS INTO LINE.

Morgan has, through one of his trusted partners, made known to some of the Republican leaders in Congress that he will not resist an effort to pass a bill which proposes to have a department of commerce, through a bureau of corporations, make investigations as to the conduct of trusts; to make it as dangerous to the receiver of rebates and secret freight discriminations as to the transportation companies that grant such rebates, and to prevent the interference of trusts with the price-making power by secret contracts or understandings.

The Morgan group of financiers, who are principally interested in railroad properties and the steel trust, are ready to have such legislation at this time. They profess to have discovered that the President is not as radical as he appeared from his speeches and messages, although the President has not changed his policy.

The real reason for the change of attitude on the part of Morgan and his friends is the knowledge that the President intends to call an extra session of the Fifty-eighth Congress if he does not secure some legislation for the regulation of trusts at this session. Financial interests have been told, not by the President, but by some of the most conservative Republicans in Congress, that now is the accepted time for them to get out of the way of the will of the people and get into the administration ark before the waters are let loose in flood.

ACTION WILL NOT BE RADICAL.

The disposition of Congress now is to make a careful and conservative beginning in trust legislation to meet real evils, and not interfere with legitimate enterprise. If the way for such legislation is made too difficult at this session public opinion will demand radical legislation from the next Congress, and the pressure will be too heavy to resist with conservatism. Morgan and his friends are ready to get out of the way of the administration policy, and leading railroad men in control of such lines as the New York Central, the Pennsylvania and those controlled by Morgan are quite willing to have the law so strengthened as to prevent discrimination in rates, especially if the punishment falls alike on the receiver as well as the giver of preferential rates. They say this would enable them to maintain published rates and prevent great shippers holding them up for preferential rates.

FEATURES OF PROPOSED BILL.

The bill will be reported from the subcommittee on trusts next week and will be a conservative measure. It will provide for four principles of regulation. There will be a modified provision for publicity, one that will not expose the legitimate business methods of firms to their rivals, but will provide a method for dealing with corporations that pursue such methods as will place them under suspicion.

There will be another provision for making effective the law against preferential rates of transportation, and to punish severely not only the givers but the receivers of such preferences.

There will be another provision dealing in the same way with corporations that seek to interfere with the price-making power by secret arrangements or contracts, and provision for the securing of evidence of such practices.

There also will be a provision for Government investigation of trust methods.

Grand Jury Censures Trustees.

SAN RAFAEL, Jan. 16.—The Grand Jury which was impaneled last November rendered its report this evening. It censured the Trustees of Sausalito for granting the poolrooms of that city a license. The Grand Jury also censured the Town Trustees of San Rafael for permitting the saloon men to remain open after 11 p. m., which is a violation of the liquor ordinance of this city.

CLAIMS SWINDLERS SEEK THE SHELTER OF ROYAL FAMILY

Leader in the Movement to Prosecute London and Globe Finance Corporation Directors Makes Sensational Declaration

PROMOTER IMPLICATED IN ALLEGED SWINDLES CONNECTED WITH THE FAILURE OF THE LONDON AND GLOBE CORPORATION, WHO WILL BE PROSECUTED IN THE ENGLISH COURTS.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—At a meeting to-day of the supporters of the movement to initiate the prosecution of Whittaker Wright and others connected with the failure of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, Limited, in which considerable American money was lost, it was resolved to raise a fund of $25,000 for the purpose.

Arnold White, who presided, announced that $10,000 had been promised already, and said that unless the honor of the administration of English law was to remain under a cloud immediate steps must be taken to sift the scandal. The reason the prosecution was not undertaken by the Government, he declared, was that the directors were sheltering themselves behind members of the royal family.

Mr. White added that he understood a royal Duke had invested his money in the company, and he believed that certain "hangers-on" at court were using the name of the King and others for the purpose of hiding their own nefarious deeds.

Other speakers declared that the shareholders of the London and Globe were victims of one of the most "terrible, heartless and gigantic swindles of the present age."

CASTRO'S COUP ROBS BLOCKADE OF ITS RIGOR

Venezuelan Decree Reopens Overland Trade With Colombia.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CARACAS, Jan. 16.—Mallet Prevost, who was sent to this country by a group of American capitalists to endeavor to convert the Venezuelan debt, arrived here yesterday. He was taken from Curacao to Puerto Cabello on board a German man-of-war. He came overland from the latter place to Caracas.

The Venezuelan Government yesterday morning published a decree reopening overland trade with Colombia by the rivers Zulia and Catatumbo and the port of Villamizar. This will afford an outlet for an enormous quantity of Colombian products, which have been blockaded for more than two years, as there was no other means of reaching the coast. This decree will benefit Venezuela as well as Colombia in a very high degree. Venezuela will collect transit dues and will also be able to obtain food during the blockade. The decree will also have a tendency to soothe the Colombias ire against this country.

RAILROAD AGENTS DECIDE TO AID THE ROCK ISLAND

Resolution Will Be Passed Settling the Controversy on the Basis of a Truce.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—After an all-day session here to-day the passenger representatives of Western lines decided to do what they could under the rules to assist the Rock Island in the position the latter assumed relative to immigration business. It is probable that neither the Rock Island nor the Southern Pacific will come back into the immigration fold, but that a resolution will be passed which will settle the controversy upon the basis of a truce. It was found impossible owing to the attitude of the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe to accede to the demands of the Rock Island, which would have to be granted before the latter company would join the bureau.

FRIENDS LOTH TO REGARD HIM AS A SUICIDE

Advance the Theory That "Winnie" Mercer Was Murdered.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, Jan. 16.—Intimate friends in this city of the late George Barclay Mercer, known to the baseball world as "Winnie" Mercer, and his mother are firmly of the opinion that Mercer was not a suicide, but was murdered. After much discussion on the part of George Y. Tavis, manager of the team on which Mercer first played; George Carr of the Washingtons and other close friends, a telegram was sent to-night to the Chief of Police of San Francisco asking him to make a close investigation.

Friends declare that the letters given out were not written by Mercer, who never signed himself "Winnie," and that the recent attempt to rob him of $3000 shows that desperate men were after him. As for a shortage, they scout the idea, as he had property and also friends by the hundred who would have backed him for any amount.

Former Student Now Instructor.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Jan. 16.—E. O. James, '02, of Mansfield, Ohio, has been made an assistant instructor in the department of English literature. James graduated from the English department last May and since that time has been doing post-graduate work. Dr. Newson, associate professor of mining and metallurgy, has returned to the university after a four months' tour through England, Wales and the Continent, where he visited all the principal mining schools. Dr. Newson regards the equipment, laboratories and methods of the American schools in mining as superior to those of Europe.

TILLMAN'S VICTIM IS VERY WEAK

Surgeons Offer but Little Hope for Gonzales.

Prayers for His Recovery Are Offered in Schools.

Assassin's Defense Will Be That He Thought Foe Was Armed.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 16.—Editor N. G. Gonzales, who was shot and seriously wounded yesterday by Lieutenant Governor Tillman on the most traveled street in the capital of South Carolina, was holding his own at 9 o'clock to-night. There had been no change since last night. The crisis is yet to come. The best surgeons in this part of the State are doing all they can to save his life, but hold out little hope. At the same time Gonzales is making a plucky fight. As he has a strong constitution, excellent habits and a resolute will it is thought there is a chance that he will pull through notwithstanding his critical condition and the serious condition of his wound. No one, not even members of his family, is allowed to see the patient.

This morning when the city schools assembled and prayers were said they included an appeal to God for the recovery of Gonzales. At the South Carolina College prayers were offered up for the recovery of the stricken editor and even in the Senate chamber, where Lieutenant Governor Tillman had presided shortly before the shooting, the chaplain prayed that the Almighty would save the life of Gonzales.

NO FEAR OF VIOLENCE.

While there is a great deal of feeling over the affair it can be said with positiveness that there is absolutely no thought of violence against Tillman on the part of Gonzales' friends. All sensational reports of threats against Tillman's life in the event that the stricken editor should die are baseless, as it is the wish of Gonzales and his closest friends that the affair should be left for the courts to settle.

Gonzales' wound was dressed shortly before 10 o'clock this morning and later Dr. Guerry announced that the stricken man was holding his own and was as well as could be expected, but that the odds were against his recovery. His pulse was 110; temperature, 99; respiration, 28. He rested well until after 1 o'clock, and this fact gave some encouragement to his physicians, but a period of restlessness followed at 2 o'clock. At 6 o'clock in the evening the wound was again dressed and was found to be in a satisfactory condition. His condition, the surgeons announced, was critical, but was as good as they could expect. There had been no change during the day and at 9 o'clock to-night the doctors said that his pulse was 120 and temperature 100. They thought the first crisis would be reached during the night.

TILLMAN MAKES STATEMENT.

Lieutenant Governor James H. Tillman conducted himself quietly and calmly during the day in the County Jail, where he had a comfortable room on the second floor. He had some new furniture brought to his place of confinement and made himself comfortable. Visitors called upon him, but most of the day he spent in consultation with his lawyers, Congressman George W. Croft, Judge Buchanan and Coleman L. Blease.

Two of his counsel gave to the press, with a request that it be published, the following statement prepared by Tillman:

"I can only say that when the truth of the unfortunate affair is known my friends, as well as the people, will know how thoroughly I was justified in doing as I did.

"The statements already published in the newspapers are untrue, and at the proper time this I will be ready to show. Beyond this I don't care to make any further statement.

"JAMES H. TILLMAN."

It is understood here that Colonel Tillman's line of defense will be that he thought Gonzales was armed, that he saw a weapon in the editor's coat pocket and that Gonzales had his hand in his coat pocket. He is said to contend that he had every reason to believe that Gonzales was armed. Gonzales' friends say that he was not armed.

Tillman will claim that when he raised the pistol the second time at Gonzales he did so expecting Gonzales to defend himself, and he lowered his weapon because there was no response, and not because of anything Gonzales said. Tillman, it is understood, will contend also that he had not met Gonzales before. This is denied by Gonzales' friends, who say Gonzales and Tillman were in the same chamber at the State Capitol together.

Mrs. Tillman and Mrs. George B. Tillman are expected here to-night.

Arizona Fugitive Caught in Boston.

BOSTON, Jan. 16.—After having been chased across the country by Arizona officials, who wanted him on a charge of embezzlement, Justice T. Hinds was arrested here to-day. High Sheriff Joseph J. Roberts of Prescott, A. T., immediately served requisition papers upon Governor Bates from the Governor of Arizona, charging Hinds with being a fugitive from justice. Transactions in a mining enterprise are said to be the basis of the complaint against Hinds.

POPE MAKES QUICK SELECTION OF NEW VICE CHANCELLOR

Appoints Cardinal Vannutelli to the High Station and That Prelate Is Now Looked Upon as the Probable Future Pontiff

NOTED PRELATE WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND IS NOW LOOKED UPON AS THE PROBABLE SUCCESSOR OF POPE LEO XIII.

ROME, Jan. 16.—Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Catholic church in succession to Cardinal Parocchi, who died yesterday. The haste with which the Pope filled the vacant office is much commented upon. Cardinal Vannutelli is now regarded as the probable successor of Pope Leo, as the vice-chancellorship is one of the highest positions in the papacy.

The Pope to-day received in private audience Francis McNutt and Mrs. McNutt of Washington, who presented the Pontiff with a jubilee gift of four magnificent columns of alabaster from Tivoli. These have been erected in the throne-room, to hold candelabra on either side of the throne.

COIN INTENDED FOR THE BOERS GOES ASTRAY

Leader of Irish Brigade in South Africa Makes Revelation.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Jan. 16.—Before the members of several Irish societies, at a reception given in his honor to-night, Colonel John F. Blake, leader of the Irish brigade in the Boer war, made what he said was his first statement as to the financial assistance given to Irishmen in the field by societies in this country. The statement came as a surprise. He said that the Clan-Na-Gael claimed to have appropriated $15,000 with which to bring home the Irish brigade from South Africa, and that people now are inquiring about the expenditure of that money. He disclaimed having received any money from the organization, and had knowledge of only two sums of money sent to the Transvaal.

Blake said he understood that $4000 was first sent to bring home a detachment of the Chicago Ambulance Corps, but this was not a fact. The Boer Government paid the passage of the detachment from Delagoa Bay to New York and supplied each man with an additional $20. Shortly after the detachment left Delagoa Bay the $4000 was received by United States Consul Hollis at Delagoa Bay, but as the detachment sailed before the funds arrived, Hollis returned the money to the person who sent it and got his receipt.

YOUNG WOMAN CRUSHED BY RUNAWAY ELEVATOR

Miss Anita Kelly Meets With a Serious Accident in Santa Barbara Hotel.

SANTA BARBARA, Jan. 16.—Miss Anita P. Kelly, a sister of Mrs. Charles Givernaud of New York, was seriously, if not fatally, injured in an elevator accident at the Potter Hotel to-night.

Miss Kelly in some manner fell while entering the carriage and either struck the operating handle starting the elevator, or else the employe became frightened and pulled the lever. At any rate the elevator shot upward with Miss Kelly hanging half way out. It stopped on the floor above and crushed her in a most painful manner. She was taken to the Cottage Hospital, where it was thought one of her legs will have to be amputated before morning.

CITIZENS LOOT ENGINE TENDER OF ITS COAL

Crowd of Angry Illinoisans Holds Up Passenger Train.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEWMAN, Ill., Jan. 16.—A crowd of angry citizens held up a passenger train known as the Decatur accommodation last evening and took every bit of coal out of the engine tender. This outburst was due, perhaps, to a report which came to Newman that there was coal on the siding at Montezuma, Ind., billed for Newman which the company refused to haul. The train carried United States mail and was delayed several hours on account of the raid.

It has since been learned that the report was untrue, and as soon as the coal was delivered to the road it was hauled to Newman.

PORTUGAL COMPLAINS OF LOSING CITIZENS

San Joaquin County Clerk Notified to Watch for Fraudulent Naturalization.

STOCKTON, Jan. 16.—County Clerk Eugene D. Graham has received a letter from Governor Pardee calling attention to a representation made by the Secretary of State, upon complaint of the legation of Portugal, alleging that citizens of Portugal were using fraudulent and illegal means to secure naturalization papers. The complaint alleges that people who have not yet come over from the old country are illegally securing naturalization papers in the United States. The object seems to be to avoid military service in their native land. It is also claimed that Syrians and Armenians are resorting to the same practice.

Graham referred the letter to Superior Judges W. B. Nutter and Frank H. Smith. Accompanying the letter of the Governor were copies of the complaint of the Portuguese legation made to the Secretary of State and the letter of Secretary of State John Hay.

Famous Bas Relief Reported Stolen.

ROME, Jan. 16.—It has been reported here that the famous bas relief, "The Descent from the Cross," by Luca Della Robbia, has been stolen from the church of San Severo, Florence. The bas relief is valued at $100,000.

UNAIDED HE SLAYS FIVE ASSAILANTS

Philippine Bolomen Catch American Tartar.

Lives of Eleven Natives Pay for an Attack.

Constabulary Inspector Fletcher Fights Thirty Islanders.

MANILA, Jan. 16.—Constabulary Inspector Fletcher, while traveling alone in the province of Albay, Luzon, last Wednesday, was attacked by thirty bolomen. Fletcher killed five of his assailants, but was himself wounded. He escaped and organized a party, which pursued the bolomen, overtook them and killed six more.

Death sentence has been imposed upon one of the natives who murdered five American soldiers in the cemetery at Bonangonon, Luzon, on Decoration day of last year.

CAPTIVE ROASTED ALIVE.

American Army Officer in Samar Victim of Awful Cruelty.

MANILA, Jan. 16.—With the continuation of the trial of Major Edward B. Glenn of the Fifth Infantry, who is charged with having unlawfully killed seven prisoners of war in Samar, a Spaniard who was at one time held prisoner by the insurgents testified that while he was confined in the headquarters of General Lukban, in Samar, in May of 1900, he saw an American prisoner roasted to death. The Spaniard said sticks were driven into the man's body and he was slowly turned over until dead. The body was then left to be devoured by hogs. He did not know the man's name, but thought he was one of several officers or men who were missing in Samar in 1900.

Other witnesses reviewed the Balangiga and Gandara and Catubig massacres. The defense produced a letter written by the insurgent leader Gueverra, in which he admitted that the Balangiga massacre was contrary to the laws of warfare.

Captain Abraham P. Buffington of the First Infantry testified that Brigadier General Jacob H. Smith had offered protection to the natives and urged them to come inside the American lines. Lieutenant Pratt testified that General Smith, in his orders, had directed that the war be waged against able-bodied men, not against women and children.

ARCTIC EXPLORING SHIP NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED

Another Expedition to Be Exclusively French Will Leave for Spitzbergen Next May.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Dr. Jean Charcot has announced the plans for an Arctic expedition under the patronage of the Academy of Science and the Ministry of Public Instruction. A ship for the voyage is now under construction at St. Malo. She will be specially equipped to resist ice. The party will leave France on May 15 for Spitzbergen and thence will start for Franz Josef Land. The expedition will be exclusively French. Lieutenant De Gerlach, who commanded the Belgian Antarctic steamer Belgica, will probably be a member of the party, which will comprise several scientists.

Dr. Charcot says France has hitherto left Arctic exploration to foreigners and he hopes to revive French attention in the subject.

MEMBERS OF REICHSRATH SLEEP IN THE LOBBIES

Obstruction Tactics Are Being Continued With Occasional Outbreaks of Disorder.

VIENNA, Jan. 17.—The session of the Reichsrath which began Thursday continued until 6 o'clock Friday morning. It was resumed at 10 o'clock Friday morning. The session has been continuous and the Reichsrath was still sitting at 3 o'clock this morning. There have been long obstruction speeches in the Czech language, with occasional outbreaks of disorder. The Czech minority is maintaining a quorum in relays. Most of the members are sleeping in the lobbies or playing cards. It is intended, in an endeavor to break down obstruction, to extend the session until Sunday.

HEBREW MANUSCRIPT BIBLE IS DISCOVERED IN SYRIA

Is Written in Samaritan Characters and Shows Important Differences From Existing Text.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—In a dispatch from Cairo the correspondent of the Daily Mail reports the discovery in Syria of one of the oldest Hebrew manuscript Bibles. It consists of the five books of the pentateuch written in Samaritan characters on gazelle parchment in the year 116 of the Mosiem era. It shows important differences from the existing text.

Telephone Companies Consolidate.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 16.—It is understood that the Pacific States Telephone Company has absorbed the Columbia Telephone Company, which has its headquarters in this city. The Columbia Telephone Company has a capital stock of $600,000, though only $100,000 is paid up. It has about 1200 subscribers in this city and a number of long distance lines in Oregon