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IOWA—Unsettled Saturday; colder.

Sun rises, 7:17; sets, 5:06.

LOCAL TEMP.—9 p. m., 36; 7 a. m., 34; 2 p. m., 48.

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DARING BANDIT IN BOLD STROKE

Robber Forces Frightened Pullman Porter to Aid in Getting Money

PASSENGERS ARE RELIEVED OF CASH

Cold Muzzle of a Revolver Used to Convince One Who Suspects Joke

Chicago, Jan. 23.—With the assistance of two reluctant but badly scared porters a lone bandit held up four passengers on the rear sleeper of the Michigan Central passenger train due here from Detroit at 7:30 o'clock this morning. It was a semi-comic affair which netted the bandit something under \$300.

The robber entered the train at Jackson, Mich., and left it about fifteen minutes later when Louis Thoms one of the porters, signalled for the emergency brakes.

T. Merritts, porter of the car attacked, was the first to view the robber, who pointed a pistol at him and handed him a bag.

"Here," said the intruder, who was dressed in a black and white check suit, and wore a cap pulled down over his eyes, "you go ahead and wake the passengers. Tell 'em there's a robber wants their money. No monkey business. I've got three or four pals with me."

Porter Collects Cash.

Merritts took the bag, or hat, he is not sure which, but thinks it was a bag and shook the occupant of the first berth he came to.

"Excuse me, sir," said the porter, "but there's a man here says give him your money."

"Aw, shut up; quit your kidding and let me sleep," cried the angry reply from the berth.

"Tell him I'm a real robber with a gun," interposed the bandit, who poked the weapon between the curtains, whereat there was a tinkle of coins falling into the receptacle trembling in the porter's hands.

From A. M. Todd of Chicago, the robber got \$135; from Herman Marks of Detroit, \$100, and from F. D. Palmer of New York, an unknown sum.

"I don't know how much," said Palmer, "but it was what small short change I had with me."

Finds It No Joke.

The fourth passenger robbed was L. J. Rhoades of Chicago. Mr. Rhoades said: "When the porter told me 'a gentleman wanted my money,' I told him porters usually did. The next instant I found it was no joke for the bandit pressed his pistol against my head. He got only a few dollars from me."

John Toole of Saginaw, Mich., occupied the next berth. "I had time to tuck my jewelry and all my money under the mattress except \$2 which I held out for the sake of appearance, but the robber fled at this point."

P. G. Savage of Detroit, expressed the opinion that the robber boarded the train at Ann Arbor, Mich., instead of Jackson.

"I noticed a man who got on at Ann Arbor," said Savage. "He answered the description of the bandit and seemed to be observing everything very closely."

There were about 20 passengers in the car and most of them knew nothing of the robbery until they arose. The robbery took place at 1:45. There were no women in the car.

CLINTON NOMINEE DECLINES TO RUN

Clinton, Jan. 23.—City Attorney William E. Hayes yesterday mailed Joe R. Lane of Davenport, chairman of the district congressional committee, his declination of the republican nomination for congress. Conditions he says, make it impossible to accept at this time and declines in time to make it possible to nominate another.

BURNS FATAL TO WOMAN

Explosion of Gasoline Causes Severe Injuries Which Result in the Death of Woodward Lady.

Woodward, Ia., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Chester Alme, wife of Chester Alme of the Woodward Mutual Telephone Co. died this morning from burns received at 10 o'clock last night after an explosion of gasoline.

Mrs. Alme had a pan of gasoline and water with which she was cleaning clothes. Her husband came into the room, lighted his pipe and accidentally flipped the match into the pan of oil. It immediately exploded, the flames enveloping his wife whose clothes and hair took fire. Death came at 8 o'clock today, following every effort to save her life.

Mr. and Mrs. Alme came here about a year ago from Adel. They have no children. She was about 35 years old.

Dying Statesman Clings to Life in Tenacious Manner



SENATOR CULLOM.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Former Senator Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois, critically ill here, passed a good night, his physicians said, and was stronger this morning than at any time since his present illness began.

About noon today Mr. Cullom had a sinking spell and his family was prepared for the end. He rallied however, and although his respiration had at one time fallen as low as five, his physicians said his wonderful vitality gave promise that life would be prolonged indefinitely.

SOLDIERS CHARGE WOMEN

Mounted Troopers With Drawn Swords Disperse Crowd on Way to Liberate Mother Jones.

Trinidad, Colo., Jan. 23.—Quiet today succeeded the riotous scenes of yesterday afternoon when several were injured and twenty arrests were made when the state troops dispersed a parade of striking coal miners and their families following an attempt on the part of the crowd to break through the cavalry lines and march to San Rafael hospital, where Mother Jones is under military arrest.

ESKIMOS ARE DIPPY OVER NEW DANCES

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—The "bear dance" and the "bunny hug" have penetrated even to the depths of white Alaska, according to Capt. F. E. Kleinschmidt, the arctic explorer, who is here to lecture before the National Geographic society. These dances, he says are fully as popular with the Eskimos as they are in the United States, but the "Turkey Trot" and "Hesitation waltz" are not included among the Eskimo amusements.

ITALIAN SALOON KEEPERS SLAIN

PARTNERS ARE CALLED OUT OF NEWLY PURCHASED BUILDING AND SHOT TO DEATH.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Disinclination of Italians to give information to the police is hampering the detective department today in its efforts to identify the murderer of Anthony Puccio and Rosario Dispenza, Italian bankers, who were shot to death last night in front of a saloon they had just purchased. A third man was wounded but fled.

Both Puccio and Dispenza, it was made known today have been frequently arrested in connection with "black-hand" cases and are thought by the police to have knowledge of such lawlessness but such charges were never brought against them. The bank owned by the two was wrecked a year ago by a dynamite bomb but Dispenza is said to have been worth about \$100,000. A sister of Dispenza told the police that the two men were called out from the saloon by a strange man and that a moment later she heard several reports of a shotgun. The third man is thought by the police to be Joseph Portuguese who is wanted by the police of Urbana, Illinois in connection with the murder of an Italian there. Portuguese is thought to have been employed at one time by the slain partners. A letter from a law firm of Danville, Ill., to a former employe of the Puccio and Dispenza bank was found on the body of Puccio. It stated that Portuguese was wanted for selling liquor in violation of law.

VILLA PLANS TO FORCE A BATTLE

Mexican Rebel Prepares to Cut off Retreat if His Men Take Torreón

FEDERAL ARMY TO BE CAUGHT IN TRAP

Troops Being Sent to Place Themselves Between City and Capital

Chihuahua, Mex., Jan. 23.—Rebels and federals today were concentrating their forces for a decisive battle at Torreón—a battle that is expected to decide whether or not General Villa can push on into the central and southern states with his victorious army from the north. Villa sent several more troops south today. He thus far has succeeded in advancing the bulk of his army to Jimenez, half way to Torreón, without resistance.

There is every indication that the Huerta government is preparing to make a desperate resistance at Torreón, risking everything in a supreme effort to prevent Villa's 15,000 victorious rebels advancing farther in the direction of Mexico City. General Resencio Valasco, federal commander at Torreón, has advanced his forces northward to Bermejillo and Napiim, along the railroad. It is believed that Velasco has been reinforced by troops from garrisons to the east and south.

Villa, in disposing his troops preparatory to the battle, today planned to send large detachments south of Torreón to cut off the retreat of the federals to Mexico City.

REFUSES TO TALK; FACES TERM IN JAIL

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Frederick E. Ellis, vice president of the Armour Car Line today faces possible imprisonment because of refusal to answer questions regarding his company's business, asked by members of the interstate commerce commission, which is investigating the relations of the railroads with private car lines and shippers.

Geo. P. Boyle, attorney for the commission, announced he would begin contempt proceedings against Ellis and all other officials of the company, who refused to give the desired information.

On the advice of attorneys for the company, Mr. Ellis refused to disclose details relative to his financial relations with Armour and Co., and its income from car rentals, on the ground that the commission has no jurisdiction over the Armour car line, as the company is not engaged in interstate commerce.

Should the courts hold that the commission has no jurisdiction over the affairs of the company, Mr. Boyle announced he will begin prosecution of every official of the company who has accepted passes from railroads.

KANSAS CITY SCENE OF RESERVE HEARING

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 23.—David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture and William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, the committee for organization of the new federal reserve bank system, began a hearing here today.

Bankers from Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri were present to tell the committee the needs of their districts. The hearing will end tonight.

SHIPPING BILL SIGNED.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—President has signed the bill to prevent removals of cases involving damages on shipped goods from state to U. S. courts unless the amount in controversy exceeds \$2,000. Senator Keyton and Representative Towner of Iowa were the champions of the bill.

COTTON GIN REPORT.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Cotton ginned prior to January 16 amounted to 13,589,171 bales, the census bureau announced today. Round bales included, numbered 97,034, and sea island, 76,152.

Navy Officials are Planning to Purchase Oil Wells to Supply Fuel For Battleships

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—As a result of an investigation disclosing the advantages of oil equipped battleships, Secretary Daniels and Secretary Lane, chairman of the house naval affairs committee and others have been conferring over a project for government ownership of oil lands and pipe lines for furnishing the navy with its own fuel. Rear Admiral Griffin, chief of the bureau of steam engineering has just filed with the house naval committee a statement outlining the project with recommendations. Meantime a hearing will be given at the interior department next Saturday night

PHYSICAL TESTS FOR FOREIGNERS

Prospective Immigrants to Be Examined Before Admission to U. S.

SOLDIER STANDARD MAY BE ADOPTED

Federal Officials Believe They Have Solution for Puzzling Problem

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—After a conference today with Commissioner General Caminetti, Secretary Wilson of the department of labor advised Speaker Clark that the problem of Asiatic immigration could be solved by congress raising the standard of admission so as to include in the list of excluded aliens those persons not able to pass the physical tests required of recruits for the United States army.

"Inasmuch as the vast majority of the present day immigrants must earn a livelihood, if at all, by performing manual labor," wrote Secretary Wilson, "I see no reason why the standard should not be raised to this point." The views of the department of labor, including the immigration bureau, are expressed in a letter to Speaker Clark, in which Secretary Wilson says the method suggested would not only meet the Asiatic immigration issue but also immigration generally of a laboring element, without violating the most favored nation or other similar clauses contained in existing treaties, as subjects and citizens of all countries would under such a law be treated as to physical requirements in exactly the same manner. The letter was in response to the request from Chairman Burnett of the house immigration committee, for comment on the Raker bill for Asiatic exclusion.

Secretary Wilson says that a concerted movement exists in India and elsewhere to gain admission to the United States; that Canada has legislated in even more drastic manner than is provided in bills now pending in congress, and that if the Hindu movement is not checked by legislation, not only California but all the west will be affected.

APPENDIX IS FOUND ON THE WRONG SIDE

Mason City, Iowa, Jan. 23.—The appendix of Vivian Hussey, of this city was found to be on the left side and the internal arrangement of other organs reversed, when he was operated on at a local hospital yesterday, according to a statement of his surgeon today. It is claimed such cases are exceedingly rare. Hussey will recover it is said.

AMERICAN AUTO IS INVADING EUROPE

EXPORT OF MACHINES BUILT IN THIS COUNTRY, SHOWING MARKABLE INCREASE.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—The growing popularity of American automobiles in foreign countries is evidenced by the fact that exports of motor cars are twenty times as much now as a decade ago. In a statement today the department of commerce announces that the value of exports of automobiles and parts thereof for the last year approximates \$40,000,000 compared with only \$2,000,000 a decade ago.

While exports of automobiles in the meantime showed enormous increases imports showed a marked decline. The total value of automobiles and parts thereof imported in 1909 were nearly \$4,000,000 and last year about \$1,500,000.

American automobiles are sent to all parts of the world, the figures for last year showing exports to about 75 countries and colonies. America's largest customer is Canada.

More Investigations Will be Result of Act of Congress

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Plans for congressional investigation of the Colorado and Michigan strikes were being framed today by congressmen who expect the house to act favorably on the decision of last night's caucus, which instructed the rules committee to bring in a special rule permitting such an investigation.

While the action of the caucus does not actually order an investigation supporters of the movement declare it assures one and they expect to see hearings begun by the house rules committee within two weeks. The house itself however will have to act on the matter when the rules committee reports.

Those who oppose the investigation in the caucus will continue to oppose it on the floor of the house on the contention that no federal question is involved in either strike to warrant congressional interference.

Houghton, Mich., Jan. 23.—Union leaders in the copper district seemed pleased today at the prospect of a federal investigation of the strike of the miners which has been in progress since last week.

The strikers declared they had nothing to fear from an investigation by a committee of the house of representatives such as was agreed on last night by a caucus of the democratic members of the house.

FORESEES WAY TO CONTROL WEATHER

COLLEGE PROFESSOR ADVOCATES MAKING USE OF PROPERTIES OF ELECTRICITY.

London, Jan. 23.—Sir Oliver Lodge the distinguished physicist and principal of Birmingham university, in an address before the institute of electrical engineers last night suggested the possibility of obtaining some measure of control over the weather.

If clearing weather, he said, were due to electricity, it might be imagined that man could acquire some control over the electrification of the atmosphere. If it were desired to produce rain, why not send up a kite to reach the clouds? He believed that if enough electricity were discharged into the clouds the drops would behave there as they did in the laboratory, they would coalesce and, once that had happened, the process might be repeated and cause a shower.

When rain was wanted, the lecturer said, negative electricity should be sent up and if fine weather is wanted positive electricity.

MASON CITY POLICE CAPTURE CONVICT

Mason City, Iowa, Jan. 23.—H. H. Decker, alias W. H. Wagner who escaped from St. Cloud reformatory where he was serving a five year sentence for robbery at Elk River, Minn., was arrested here last night at the point of pistols after giving the police an exciting chase through the business district. He is charged with selling butter stolen from the Milwaukee railroad, and he claims he was forced to do so by a partner, who knew his prison record.

The reformatory authorities have been notified, and Decker will be returned to that institution.

PACKWOOD COUPLE MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

Packwood, Jan. 23.—Thursday was the fifty-second wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Webb. They were married in Black Hawk township, this county, and lived on a farm two miles west of here, and raised a large family of boys and girls. Mr. Webb was born in Tennessee eighty-five years ago. Mrs. Webb was born in Illinois eighty years ago. They have lived a quiet, useful life and now are spending the sunset of their lives in peace and plenty. They are the parents of thirteen children, two dying when small and two daughters who were grown.

GROUND SQUIRRELS DIE BY THOUSANDS

Stockton, Cal., Jan. 23.—Rain and high water, it was estimated here today, has resulted in the death of 100,000 ground squirrels in the vicinity of Avena. Farmers, who regard squirrels as crop pests as well as conveyers of bubonic plague germs turned out with clubs and as the rodents caught in the flood swam ashore, they were slaughtered by thousands. At one ranch employes say they killed more than 5,000. Thousands of squirrels were drowned in their holes.

DIES WITH NAME CLEARED OF CRIME

WESTERN MAN EXONERATED BUT END COMES BEFORE HE COULD BE TOLD.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 23.—The name of John L. Howard was cleared today of the charge that had implicated him, as president, with seven other officials of the Western Fuel Co., now on trial, in the alleged conspiracy to defraud the government out of import duties. Permission for the prosecution to enter a nolle prosequi to him was received from Washington too late, however, to ease Mr. Howard's last hours and he passed away yesterday afternoon at his home in Oakland, the victim of apoplexy, ignorant of the fact that his plea: "I want this unfounded strain to be removed from me before I go," was in the act of being granted.

When court convened this morning, the special prosecutors in the Western Fuel case immediately took the steps necessary to have the charge against Howard's name wiped out.

As soon as they had received word yesterday of Howard's critical condition and a request from his attorney for a motion to dismiss the charge, the prosecutor wired to Washington and received the following reply from Attorney General McReynolds:

"Your telegram asking whether, under distressing conditions represented, you should enter nolle prosequi against Howard, is received. You may feel at liberty to take such action as, viewing all the circumstances, you may think is clearly in harmony with public interests."

Besides this office with the coal company Mr. Howard was president of the best sugar manufacturers of America and he was associated in many other commercial enterprises.

HEIR IS BORN TO FRENCH PRETENDER

Brussels, Jan. 23.—An heir to Prince Victor Napoleon, the official pretender to the imperial throne of France, was born here today.

Prince Victor Napoleon, who is in his 52nd year, was married in 1910 to Princess Clementine of Belgium. A daughter was born on March 20, 1912.

MURDERER CHEATS THE LAW BY DYING

FACED THREE DREADFUL ALTERNATIVES AS RESULT OF HIS OWN TERRIBLE DEED.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Andrew Olson, who for four months has faced hopeless lunacy almost sure death or prosecution for wife murder, died early today at the county jail, thereby concluding one of the most difficult cases ever before Cook county authorities.

After he is alleged to have murdered his wife last September, Olson fired a bullet into his brain. Since that time he has been in a comatose condition, with a portion of the bullet embedded in his brain.

Physicians said he would remain a hopeless lunatic if the bullet was not removed. Other physicians said the removal of the bullet would mean almost sure death. If the bullet had been removed and he had recovered Olson would have faced trial for murder.

Yesterday jail physicians believed the prisoner's condition was such that he could withstand an operation and the piece of lead was removed. Death followed.

PRINCE IS ATTACKED.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—An unsuccessful attempt to attack Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany was made this afternoon as he was alighting from his automobile at his palace.

GET TOGETHER IS KEYNOTE OF BANQUET TALKS

Hundreds Attend Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Commercial Ass'n

VARIETY OF TOPICS ABLY DISCUSSED

Good Roads, Education and United Effort for Good of Community are Themes

The thirteenth annual banquet of the Ottumwa Commercial association was held Thursday evening in the armory with over three hundred men sitting down to the tables shortly after 7 o'clock. This banquet is easily conceded by members of the association to have been the best and most highly successful affair ever given by this organization.

Service hard to surpass followed by a most prandial program of more than ordinary interest in which the keynote was "get together" made the occasion one of rare pleasure. The variety of topics treated in the many toasts served to bring light on several important matters that are being considered today by the public. The names of the twenty-one directors who were elected were announced during the evening as follows:

Chase Bannister, W. B. Bonfield, W. J. Donelan, J. K. Dysart, R. W. Funk, M. C. Gilmore, S. P. Hartman, C. S. Harper, W. T. Harper, J. H. Morrell, W. T. Hall, M. B. Hutchison, J. K. Mahon, W. H. Mynard, D. F. Morey, Sr., F. A. Nimocks, J. F. Powell, N. F. Reed, J. B. Sax, F. A. Tisdale, L. T. Crisman.

Would Unite Bodies.

A few minutes before nine o'clock the men were called to order by S. P. Hartman who turned affairs over to Merrill C. Gilmore as toastmaster of the evening.

Mr. Gilmore outlined the work that has been accomplished by the commercial association during the past year. He also proposed a recommendation of the retiring board of directors to the newly elected board which was selected Thursday. This was that the retail merchants' association and the manufacturers' association be combined with the commercial association as bureaus. The idea in this project is to have better organization by the solid combining and working together of all of the bodies in the city dealing and handling industrial and commercial problems.

J. K. Dysart Gives Talk.

J. K. Dysart was the first speaker on the regular program and his subject was "Community building." Mr. Dysart's speech was short and snappy and right to the point with his arguments. He said:

"The crying need of Ottumwa is to 'get together.' Here we are a good sized city. We have our water power possibilities, our most excellent farm lands, our splendid trading facilities and our great coal fields. What we need now is a greater Ottumwa; we want a chance to work together and in that way accomplish results. We should have a fixed purpose in our hearts and minds toward making Ottumwa greater and better every day. If the business men of this city all get together and work as one, with only one idea in view, then there should be no trouble whatever in making Ottumwa a city of 50,000 people in ten years. Let's stand solid; let's get together."

Tells of Good Roads.

Dean A. Marsten of the Iowa state agricultural college at Ames was the next speaker and his topic was the subject of "Good roads." Dean Marsten is a member of the state highway commission and an authority on good roads. This topic being as widely discussed as it is at the present time in Ottumwa and Wapello county attract-

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UNION SEAMEN IN MUTINY

Part of Liner's Crew Refuses to Work With Non-union Men and Captain Arrests the Offenders.

Liverpool, Jan. 23.—Mutiny broke out on board the steamship Devonian shortly after she left Liverpool yesterday for Boston and she was compelled to put back to Holyhead where 19 of her crew were arrested. The outbreak was caused by trouble between the union and non-union seamen. The crew was a mixed one and a few hours after the vessel had left port the union sailors refused to obey the orders of the ship's officers until the non-union men had been put ashore.

The captain thereupon decided to causes that led up to it. He then ran back to Holyhead where the steamer came into port with mutiny signals flying.

An detachment of local police responded and arrested 19 union seamen.