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## FIRE CAUSES A PANIC IN A TALL BUILDING

Four Dressmakers Jump From the Fifty Story and Three Are Fatally Hurt.

DAYTON, O., Dec. 18.—Four women employed at dressmaking in the Canby building were panic-stricken by a fire this morning and jumped from the fifth story. Minnie Troxell, the two Levison sisters, and Mrs. Frank Hughes were probably fatally injured. Elias Reeder, the elevator man, became excited and losing control of his car fell five floors and was fatally hurt. Mrs. Saunders fell three stories from the fire escape and was seriously injured. All could have escaped easily as the fire was confined to stores in the basement. Smoke filling the building caused the panic.

## STREET CARS

A fellow remarked the other day, right out loud "street cars in Walla Walla." Now another fellow alarm like that young man and to the work house you go for ten days, understand? If he had said "the streets need paving" or the Toggery for Swell Togs or some other short truth-like saying we would have forgiven him. Swell Togs at the Toggery is no bubble it is a positive fact. The Toggery is the name of a Haberdasher Shop down on Second street in Jones block and Togs are furnishings for men, carried in said shop, so there you are and if you don't believe it, ask the landlord. It takes quite an assortment to satisfy everyone, but we have the assortment.

Bath Robes \$5 to \$12.50

TOGGERY For Swell Togs

Jones Block, Second Street

## NICE THINGS IN JEWELRY

Watches  
Rings  
Fobs  
Chains  
Glasses

In looking around for nice things for X-mas step in and see a brand new line of jewelry direct from the best manufacturers in the United States.

GEORGE G. HEDGER  
The Optician  
21 MAIN STREET

## Playing Cards==

For Christmas presents you will find here in many pretty and assorted designs, either for the home, card parties or the club. A nice line of dominos and poker chips.

Meyer & Keeney Phone Main 264. No. 27, Main street.

Lowney's CHOCOLATES and BON BONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The packages are beautiful, the contents fresh. From 10c to \$3.00 at

The Hockett Drug Co.

No. 5 East Main.

## INTERSTATE COMMISSION

Makes Its Report on Commerce.

ELKINS LAW IS BENEFICIAL

One Thousand Fifty-nine Persons Killed and 10,800 Injured on Railroads Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The report of the interstate commerce commission issued today shows returns for 291,000 miles of railway, approximately 98 per cent of the entire mileage in the United States. The gross earnings were nearly \$2,000,000,000 and the operating expenses \$1,250,000,000. The earnings show an increase over the previous year of about \$34,000,000. The report declares that the Elkins law is beneficial as it has checked many violations of the interstate commerce laws. Freight rates show an increase in no way in which an advance can be prevented. Some progress has been made toward a solution of the car coupler problem. During the year 164 passengers were killed and 4100 were injured; 885 employees were killed and 6400 were injured.

## RUHLIN AND GREEN TO BE ARRESTED

Governor of Ohio Orders Arrest of Principals, Promoters and Witnesses of Fight.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 18.—Governor Nash today instructed the attorney general to bring to punishment all the principals, promoters and witnesses of the prize fight between Ruhlín and Green pulled off at Akron last night. Five hundred spectators were present.

**Amalgamation of Metal Trades.**  
TOLEDO, O., Dec. 18.—The International Association of Allied Metal Machinists today decided to submit the question of amalgamation with the International Mechanics to a referendum vote of both organizations. This is almost certain to result in an amalgamation, which is regarded as a step toward inevitable union of all crafts in the metal trade.

**Escaped Bandits Still at Large.**  
TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 18.—Alvord and Stiles, escaped bandits, are still at large. They have not been seen in Happy Valley, where they made their headquarters when they escaped two years ago. A telephone message saying that they were surrounded in the foothills of the San Jose mountains has not been confirmed.

**Chicago Wheat Market.**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Wheat opened at 79½; closed at 79½.

## CIVIC FEDERATION IS IN SESSION

Senator Hanna Is the Presiding Officer—Some of the Notables Present.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The annual meeting of the National Civic Federation began here today. Senator Hanna presided, Volney Foster, a Chicago manufacturer, addressed the meeting this afternoon on the industrial question. Among those present were John Mitchell, Bishop Potter, President Elliott of Harvard and Chief of Railway Conductors Clark.

**Herder Centenary Observed.**

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Today was the centenary of the death of Johann Gottfried Herder and literary, scientific and university circles marked the anniversary by holding interesting exercises in memory of the great German philosopher. In Berlin the celebration was held under the auspices of the Society for the History of the German Literature, and at Weimar, where Herder resided for many years, the commemorative exercises were held under the direction of the Goethe society.

Herder's poetry won for him the highest admiration from Goethe and other leading lights of his day, but at the same time his fame rests more on his critical writings than on his verses. Born in East Prussia, in 1744, Herder studied philosophy at Konigsberg under Kant, for whom he conceived an enthusiastic admiration, although subsequently he became one of his most resolute opponents. In 1764 he was appointed assistant professor and teacher at the Cathedral school of Riga, where his sermons were greatly admired. Here he published his first works, "Fragments on the Recent German Literature," and "Critical Forests," which contain the germs of all that is essentially peculiar and characteristic in his thinking. In 1775, on the recommendation of Goethe, he was invited to Weimar by the grand duke and appointed court-preacher and consistorial councillor. Here he resided until his death, December 18, 1803.

**Celebration in New Orleans.**

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 18.—The Crescent City today looks like Nice or Seville in carnival time. It is un-American in color of decorations, in the banners and mottoes displayed and in the dress and speech of the numerous sailors and naval officers seen about the streets. True, the stars and stripes are almost everywhere to be seen side by side or intertwined with the foreign colors, but with this exception in the detail of the decorations studied efforts have been made to give New Orleans the same outward aspect it bore a century ago, when it was more French than American and with a strong admixture of Spanish in the population and customs.

When the leaders of New Orleans society, together with distinguished diplomats, army and naval officers and other invited guests, gather in the old French Opera house tonight for the grand ball which is to usher in the three days' celebration of the Louisiana Purchase centennial, it will not be difficult for the onlooker to see in his mind's eye the similar scene of exactly one hundred years ago when the belles and beaux of this city, with Spanish, French and American civil and military officers, danced the gay minuet at what was called the Transfer ball.

The ladies of the Louisiana Historical society having in charge the arrangements for tonight's function have carried out their plans in a way to insure the success of the affair. Among the guests of note will be the Spanish and French ambassadors and officers of the French, Spanish and American war vessels now at New Orleans. The ladies will dress in the costume of 1803. New Orleans belles, descendants of those who took part in the original ceremonies with an old-fashioned New Orleans supper, similar in every particular to that served at the Transfer ball a century ago.

The naval parade began at 1 o'clock this afternoon and lasted nearly the entire afternoon.

**Near and Broad.**

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 18.—Charles Neary, the local lightweight who has made a good showing lately in bouts with Tommy Mowatt, Eddie Santry, Jack McClelland and other good men of his class, is to tackle "Kid" Broad in a six-round go before the Milwaukee boxing club tonight. Though Broad's fighting prowess is well known the many followers of Neary in Milwaukee are confident he will be able to hold his own with the Cleveland boy.

**The New Frisco Postoffice.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The board of architects of the treasury department to decide plans for the San Francisco postoffice have selected those of Eames & Young of St. Louis. The building will cost \$1,500,000 and the firm will get \$75,000.

**Bert Ross Hanged.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Bert Ross was hanged today for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Ward at San Diego. Ross died gaunt.

## THE JAPS WANT WAR

Intense Popular Feeling Against Russia.

MIKADO RESISTS PRESSURE

The Government Still Hopes That Negotiations Will Result in Peace.

TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 18.—Popular feeling against Russia today is at the highest point. It is believed that if it were put to a popular vote Japan would almost immediately declare war. The government is showing great steadiness, although the pressure is enormous. The cabinet has not yet sent a reply to Russia's communication.

**Xmas Trade in Germany.**

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Though Germany is supposed to be suffering more or less from an economic crisis there is little evidence to be found in the capital of any business depression. From all indications of the last week the merchants are doing a lively holiday business. The volume of trade appears to be up to the standard of former years though there may be some reduction in value, which would tend to show that the people find it necessary to indulge themselves on a cheaper basis. The stores all appear crowded, however, while the streets and curbs are lined with hawkers, ranging from old men to mere babies and vending toys and novelties of every conceivable description.

**Cornell-Pennsylvania Debate.**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 18.—The chosen debaters of Cornell university arrived in Philadelphia today for the festive joint with the University of Pennsylvania team tonight. Greater interest than usual lies in tonight's debate, because of the seven contests already held. Pennsylvania has won four and the present one will either make it a tie or throw Cornell still further behind.

The question which will be debated is: "Resolved, That aside from the question amending the constitution, it is desirable that the regulation power of congress should be extended over all corporations whose capitalization exceeds \$1,000,000." Pennsylvania has the affirmative and Cornell the negative side of the question.

**PANAMA POINTERS**

**PREPARING FOR WAR**

**Minister Beaupre to Be Taken From Bogota on Cruiser—Troops in Readiness.**

**A Cruiser for Minister Beaupre.**

PANAMA, Dec. 18.—Arrangements were made today for a United States cruiser to go to Cartagena to conduct Minister Beaupre from Colombia to Colon. No reason is given, but the presumption is that it is to give Beaupre an opportunity to communicate freely with Washington regarding affairs at Bogota.

**Troops Ready for Panama.**

P. T. LEAVENWORTH, Ariz., Dec. 18.—A thousand rounds of fixed ammunition for the Twenty-eighth mountain battery arrived today by express. The battery is now prepared for immediate call. If ordered to the isthmus they will probably go via San Francisco for operations on the western side of Panama.

**America's Gift to Lipton.**

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The banquet hall of the Hotel Cecil will ring tonight with words of praise for Sir Thomas Lipton as a man and a sportsman. The occasion will be a dinner arranged by prominent Americans resident in London and at which will be presented the magnificent silver service sent to Sir Thomas by the American people. Consul General Evans will preside and the assembled guests will include a large number of prominent Americans and Englishmen interested in Anglo-American relations.

The silver service consists of twenty-two elaborately engraved and chased pieces. The inscription on the set shows the donors, for it reads: "From the people of the United States to Sir Thomas Lipton, baronet, K. C. V. O., who by his good tempered sportsmanship, his generosity to the families of American soldiers and his hospitality to Americans at home and abroad has contributed much to our Anglo-American friendship."

## LIVERYMEN STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES

Several Funerals Interrupted in Chicago by Drivers, Quitting Jobs.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Fifteen hundred livery drivers struck today and the business is tied up. At noon 400 stable men quit out of sympathy. The drivers demand \$14 a week and a 12-hour day. A funeral at St. Precipus church this morning was interrupted by members of the coupe and cab drivers' union, who had been impressed into service by the liverymen, were called out by their business agent while the ceremonies in the church were progressing. When the pallbearers started to place the body in the hearse they were notified that there were no drivers as all had refused to proceed to the cemetery. The body was finally conveyed to the cemetery in a light undertaker's wagon, while Rev. Neuvel and the mourners proceeded in street cars. Another funeral that was to have taken place this morning was postponed and the body will be taken to the cemetery this afternoon in an express wagon. This afternoon many liverymen are crossing to the scale and the union predicts an early victory. An undertaker who succeeded in getting non-union drivers this afternoon, called upon the police to protect a funeral. A detail of officers accompanied the carriages and the hearse and stood guard around the church while the services were being held.

**Williamsburg Bridge To Open.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Tomorrow, with the booming of cannon, bursting of rockets, and the cheering of thousands, the Williamsburg bridge, spanning the East river from Manhattan Island to the Williamsburg section of Long Island, will be formally opened. The bridge is the largest suspension bridge in the world.

At the celebration Mayor Low, Mayor-elect McClellan, the borough presidents of Manhattan and Brooklyn and many other municipal officials will take part, and with the picturesque marine parade and the procession on land, the opening up of the new connecting link between Manhattan and Brooklyn will be fittingly observed.

It was thought up to the last moment that President Roosevelt would be present. However, the federal government word has been received from him that it would be impossible for him to be present. However, the federal government will be represented by a number of officials, and it is probable that several craft from the Brooklyn navy yard, which is not far from the Williamsburg end of the new bridge, will take a conspicuous part in the opening ceremonies.

Thirty-five thousand flags, some of them fifty feet long, are being placed so as to decorate the great span and its approaches. At each of the entrances stands of colors fill the air with red, white and blue, and each upright is almost hidden beneath a mass of patriotic hues. Tomorrow night the entire structure, from anchorage to anchorage, across the span over the river, and the ends of the approaches, will be outlined in incandescent electric lights. There will be about 29,000 of these, and they will sparkle from the main cables and all the jutting parts of the huge web, and the lattice-work towers from their foundations to their apexes.

Supplementing the electrical display will be a show of fireworks that will last an hour. The chief feature of this exhibition will be a set piece, representing Niagara Falls. This will be 1000 feet wide and the fall will be from the roadway of the span to the river itself, a distance of nearly 140 feet.

**Cost of Siberian Railroad.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—Reports from the trans-Siberian railway published today show that the total cost of the road for the past ten years in construction and strengthening the road have been nearly \$24,000,000. The cost will be increased in exact proportion as the road is extended eastward.

**Armenians Preparing for Revolution.**

VIENNA, Dec. 18.—Reports have been received here that large quantities of arms and ammunition have been successfully smuggled into the Armenian districts in southeastern Russia by Armenians and all is now in readiness for a general insurrection in the Caucasus in the spring.

**A Baseless Report.**

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 18.—The report that evidences of a plot against President Roosevelt were found in possession of Charles Pierson, a local anarchist, who was arrested yesterday for intemperate speech is without foundation.

**Rich Legacy From Pope Leo.**

ROME, Dec. 18.—It is reported that Cardinal Gotti today handed Pope Pius X \$7,000,000 in foreign securities, the legacy of Pope Leo to his successor.

**Secretary of Lady Board.**

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Lavina Egan, of Shreveport, La., was today elected secretary of the exposition board of lady managers.

## RESOLVING SPENDING

The Principal Occupations of Congress.

SPEECHES ON THE PANAMA ISSUE

More Resolutions Regarding the Investigation of Postoffice Frauds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Perkins of California presided over the senate today in Frye's absence. Dolliver, of Iowa, presented a petition referring to the proposed transfer of the Isles of Pines to Cuban. Upon Lodge's objection that it should be presented in secret session it was withdrawn.

Daniels, of Virginia, made a lengthy and bitter speech attacking the administration's actions toward Colombia. Fulton advocated Mitchell's bill making an appropriation for the Lewis and Clark exposition which was referred to the committee on industrial exhibits. At 3 o'clock the senate went into executive session for consideration of the Chinese treaty, which Cullom announced might be passed before the doors opened.

Penrose of Pennsylvania offered a resolution referring to the Turkish trouble and calling on the president to secure a convening of the Berlin congress of 1878 to see that the treaty provisions are enforced. Morgan offered a resolution bearing on the Panama revolution holding that the president has no right to use American troops to prevent Colombia warring with Panama. It went over.

In the house about 50 were present when the session opened. Wanger, of Pennsylvania, offered a privileged resolution calling Postmaster General Payne to transmit to the committee on postal expenditures all papers and reports in the postoffice investigation. Williams objected and asked time for debate and to offer amendments. Wanger refused to commit himself and said that the papers properly belonged to the postal committee as it is authorized by a rule of the house to pass upon all accounts and report all abuse of appropriations.

Wanger's resolution was adopted by a vote of 109 to 49. The bulk of the papers are already in the hands of the committee on postoffices.

**Dying of Plague in Mauritius.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Consul Campbell at Fort Louis, Mauritius, reports a terrible outbreak of plague, due to millions of rats which infest the island. Cats and dogs are dying in great numbers and are even more a menace than the rats.

**DIRECTORS TO MEET.**

Officers of the Commercial Club Will Consider Routine Business Tonight.

President Turner of the Walla Walla Commercial Club has called a meeting of the directors of the club to be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Baker-Boyer National bank. Business of minor importance will be transacted and claims against the club will be considered. It is expected that all the committees appointed recently to look after the improvements outlined by the club will be ready to submit their reports at the next session of the club, which will be held in January.

A committee will be appointed tonight by President Turner to take charge of the matter of holding the Farmers' Institute in this city early in February.

**Lumber Yard Burned.**

HARRISONVILLE, Mo., Dec. 18.—Fire today destroyed the lumber yard here. The loss is \$40,000.

**BURGALIZE A CHURCH.**

Two Young Men Now in Pen for One Year for Committing the Act.

For burglarizing a church at Endicott two weeks ago R. L. Davis and F. M. Dickson, two young Colfax men, will have to spend a year in the state penitentiary. Judge Chadwick sentencing them Tuesday afternoon following their trial at Colfax. Davis is only 21 years of age and Dickson a year older. The men entered the Endicott church on a Sunday night and stole a number of rubbers, an overcoat, an umbrella that had been left there by members. They were brought to the penitentiary yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Nessly.