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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE WAKES

This Collection of Senators Trying to Offset the President's Efforts Toward Anti-Trust Legislation—Senators Working on Elkins Bill to Increase the Powers of the Interstate Commission.

From Globe Washington Bureau.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—Since the announcement of the administration's plan to curb trusts by curbing the railways the senate committee on interstate commerce has revived its interest in the bill to increase the powers of the interstate commission and to give railroad corporations the right to make pooling contracts.

GERMAN CRUISER DROPS A SHELL

Commodore Says Unauthorized Persons Were in Venezuelan Port.
PUERTO CABELLO, Jan. 15.—The German cruiser Vireta, at sunset last night, fired a shell at La Vireta, the fort crowning the hills behind this port. The shell, which was fired because men were believed to be in the fort, exploded without causing damage.

The people of Puerto Cabello were at a loss to understand the action of the cruiser. Early this morning, however, Commodore Scheder sent the following communication to the Venezuelan authorities through William H. Volkmar, acting American consul here:
"I fired a shell yesterday at Fort La Vireta because, against my explicit prohibition, the presence has been observed there of unauthorized persons. Judging from reports those persons were soldiers."
The statement that there were unauthorized persons in the fort is denied by the authorities here.

CONTINUED ANXIETY OVER THE ST. LOUIS

President of the Line Issues a Tranquillizing Statement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Up to midnight no news had been received of the American line steamship St. Louis. Throughout the day crowds of inquirers called at the offices of the company, where the agents maintained a cheerful view and assured all that there was no need for alarm.
To those who made inquiry a copy of the following statement signed by Clement A. Griscom, the president of the line, was given:
"There is no apprehension whatever felt about the ship, as several causes have contributed to her delay. She did not leave Cherbourg until Sunday forenoon, nearly sixteen hours late, and, according to her average speed for the last few voyages, was not due here until Tuesday. Furthermore, incoming ships are a day late and report heavy weather. It is known that the ship's boilers are not in good condition as she is being drawn at the end of the present voyage for repairs. It is not even believed that she met with any mishap, such as the breaking of a shaft or loss of propeller."

DEATHS OF A DAY.

ROME, Jan. 15.—Cardinal Lucido Mary Parocchi, subdean of the sacred college and vice chancellor of the Roman Catholic church, died today of heart disease. He was born in 1823, was of Italian nationality, and was created a cardinal in 1877. His death removes one of the prelates considered to be the most likely to succeed Pope Leo. There was considerable friction between the cardinal and Cardinal Ferrero on this account, and it led to the unprecedented step of the pontiff in removing the cardinal from the post of vicar of Rome because it was thought that he, too, openly posed as the future pope.
ANTIGO, Wis., Jan. 15.—T. D. Kellogg, a wealthy lumberman and known throughout the state, died today from heart disease, aged seventy years.
SIoux CITY, Iowa, Jan. 15.—Col. Thompson, of Rock Rapids, former commander of the Grand Army of Iowa, died today. He was a well known banker and pioneer.
Telegraphers Get a Raise.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 15.—Delegates of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, who were in conference with Baltimore and Ohio officials at Baltimore, returned home tonight and announced that a wage settlement had been agreed to, which gives to the operators an average advance of 10 per cent in wages, a reduction of hours of work from ten to nine, and a ten-days' vacation each year with pay.

All Smooth for Platt.
ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Causes of both Republican and Democratic senators met in assembly today to elect a successor to United States Senator Thomas C. Platt. There is believed to be no doubt that the Republicans will select Senator Platt to succeed himself. John A. Stanfield, of Elmira, Democratic nominee for governor in 1890, will be the candidate for the complimentary vote of the Democrats.

"WILL BEAT SIR THOMAS AGAIN"

Herreshoff and Iselin Confident Their New Defender Will Be Able to Hold the Cup in Uncle Sam's Land.



NATHANIEL G. HERRESHOFF. C. OLIVER ISELIN.

Sir Thomas Lipton may be building an exceptionally fine challenger this time, but he will nevertheless be unequal to the task of fitting the America's cup if the confidence of Herreshoff and C. Oliver Iselin is justified. These two prominent yachting authorities are convinced that their new defender, now building, will prove the fastest thing afloat.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHOOTING AN EDITOR

Lieutenant Gov. Tillman, of South Carolina, Who Endangered Himself to the Nation in Connection With Jenkins Sword Incident, Perhaps Fatally Wounds N. G. Gonzales.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 15.—Narcissus G. Gonzales, editor of the State, is at the Columbia hospital, suffering from a pistol wound inflicted by James H. Tillman, lieutenant governor of South Carolina and a nephew of United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman. The shooting occurred on Main street, just at the intersection of Gervais street, in full view of the state capitol, the most frequented corner in Columbia. It was just a few moments before 2 o'clock when the cry was passed along the street that "James Tillman has shot N. G. Gonzales."

OMAHA FINDS IT HAS COAL

Another Case of Concealment of Supply Sufficient for Popular Needs.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 15.—A peculiar condition was unearthed in the coal situation today, when a newspaper made public the working of an alleged coal combination. For some time the price of bituminous coal has been advancing and the supply was thought to have been materially decreased. It develops, however, that there is plenty of soft coal in the city and sufficient anthracite coal for immediate needs, with a large number of cars arriving daily. What is known as a "coal exchange" is operated, it is alleged, by the principal dealers, through which all retailers agree on selling prices. One dealer, who is said to be the only large dealer out of the "coal exchange," said he would not supply, with more coming daily, and that he was quite sure most of the dealers had a reasonable supply for present needs.

FOUR TIMES THE AGE OF HUSBAND

Woman of Sixty-eight Refuses to Prosecute Boy Husband.

BARRETTSBURG, Mo., Jan. 15.—George Duest, aged seventeen, who recently married Mrs. Mary Greenard, aged sixty-eight, a wealthy widow, was arrested today on a charge of having cashed a check on a St. Joseph bank which bore the signature of his wife. She claimed to have given him a check for \$20, which is said to have been raised. Mrs. Duest refused to prosecute her youthful husband and took him home with her.

PASSENGER DIES OF FRIGHT

Spanish Vessel Has a Perilous and Terribly Disagreeable Trip.

SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE.
NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Merrill Francisco, one of the passengers, died of fright during the twelfth day that the Spanish steamship Montevideo was at sea, bound for New York. The Montevideo left Cadiz, Dec. 30, and was due here last Sunday. She reached her pier today.
Capt. Grau said it was the worst passage he ever made from start to finish. From the day she left the Spanish coast until she reached Sandy Hook it was one succession of gales. At times the sea ran seventy feet high, burying the ship under tons of water. On the fifth day out the starboard deckhouse was stove in. The starboard life boat was crushed and the starboard life boats were left awash. The water broke through every possible opening and soon everything above and below was a mass of ice. The ship had 242 passengers, most of whom were unaccustomed to the rigors of a northern winter. They spent most of the time on their knees before rudely constructed shrines they placed in every corner of the steerage.
On Jan. 12 the ship encountered the worst gales of the voyage. It broke on the ship with high head seas which carried away a companionway on the port side and the steerage bath room on the after deck. Water poured below deck into the steerage compartment. Francisco, who was weakened by terror and inability to eat, was unable to leave his berth. The next morning he was found dead.

MAKING THINGS UNPLEASANT FOR GERMAN GOVERNMENT

Newspaper Says Police Tried to Bribe One of Its Employees.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—The local sensation of the day is a page exposure of the Vorwarts, the Socialist organ, which in the past has been able to obtain possession of important government documents and information of the political police to bribe an employee of the paper to reveal the secrets of the office. The expose referred to was offered in a course of his services. He accepted the first bribe and turned the money over to his paper, which has warned the police agents that all the information possible on this and other subjects will be published.

FIVE BOYS KILLED BY A TRAIN WHILE COASTING

Sixth Is So Badly Hurt That He Is at the Point of Death.

SOUTH BETHEHEM, Pa., Jan. 15.—Five boys, whose ages range from thirteen to fifteen years, while coasting tonight, were struck by a train on the Philadelphia and Reading railway, and instantly killed, and another was fatally injured. The dead: Denis McGinley, John Coyle, Owen Cahill, Patrick Cahill and an unknown boy, who was mangled beyond recognition. John Heubner, the sixth victim, is said to be at the point of death.

MAKING STEEL DIRECT FROM ORE IN ELECTRIC FURNACE

Process Saves 33 Per Cent in Fuel and Nine-Tenths in Power.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Several independent steel manufacturers of the country today witnessed a test of the new process of making steel direct from ore in an electric furnace. It is claimed that the process saves 33 per cent in fuel and nine-tenths in power.

CONTINUE WAR IN HOUSE

SENATOR HUNTS TROUBLE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S STRIKERS
LIND RECEIVES THE INDORSEMENT OF WILSON

Second Attack on Babcock Organization Through Its Committee on Rules Results in Another Whipping for the Poor Losers.
Republican Senator Urges the Reciprocity Principles Which He Says Fifth's Democratic Congressman Elect Aably Advocated.

The attempt to make trouble for Babcock and his organization of the house through an attack on the committee on rules was renewed yesterday morning, and again the administration insurgents were summarily sat upon.
That element in the house which purposed to encompass the defeat of Babcock for speaker seems equally determined to make trouble after being whipped. The only apparent loophole for them is through the report of the committee on rules providing for the employment of clerks and other house assistants.

Charge Extravagance.
The original attack was made Tuesday by Representative Rosenwald, who based his onslaught on a plea of retrenchment. He claimed that the committee on rules was opening the way to extravagance by providing for additional help at an increased cost of \$56,500 per day over the salary list of the last regular session.
Representative Burns fairly flayed Rosenwald with one of the bitterest speeches delivered on the floor of the house for years, and succeeded in having the Rosenwald motion for reconsideration laid on the table by a practically unanimous vote. Yesterday Rosenwald returned to the attack, but when put to a vote his motion to take from the table was lost by 58 to 43.

Thorpe Sees Trouble Ahead.
The resolution was scheduled for discussion in the senate yesterday morning, but when it was reached Senator Thorpe filed an objection, and after a short passage of words by the senator, from Tillman and Senator Wilson, the resolution was laid on the table for one week.
Senator Thorpe declared that in looking ahead he could see where the senate would be landed with respect to state matters, without interfering with the work of the Minnesota delegation to congress, and in replying to this prediction Senator Wilson paid his tribute to Congressman John Lind. The senator from Hennepin denied the charge that he was a candidate for congress and urged the passage of this resolution to advance his claim.

FRED MASON OF ST. PAUL LANDS

Elected Secretary of the National Wholesale Grocers' Association.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 15.—The next session of the National Association of Retail Grocers will be held at San Francisco. The per capita tax was fixed at 10 cents per annum. The following officers were elected:
President, C. Rott, Chicago; secretary, Fred Mason, St. Paul.

EXPLAIN THEIR NEEDS.

Capitol Commissioners Entertain Lawmakers in New State House.
The members of the legislature were given ocular demonstration of the progress of the \$1,500,000 appropriation asked by the capitol commission for the completion of a new state house.

RAP HENNEPIN'S KNUCKLES.

Country Members Decide to Have a Voice in Preparation of Laws.
That the state at large is in open revolt against the time-honored domination of the legislature by the Hennepin delegation was plainly demonstrated by the squelching of the delegation in the house yesterday morning.

BUSINESS MEN FOR RECIPROCITY

National Board of Trade Strongly Favors the Idea.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—The annual convention of the National Board of Trade came to an end today. The question of reciprocity was brought up by the report of the committee of reciprocity through its acting chairman, Nathan French, of the Illinois Manufacturers' association. The report "urges legislation on the part of the national congress on reciprocity on the lines laid down by the late President McKinley in his address at Buffalo, and President Roosevelt in his recent address to congress."

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