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ARE IN FEAR OF A CLASH

All Interviewed on Goldfield Situation Look for Trouble

WHEN MINES REOPEN

Incident in Which Officer is Insulted Shows Men's Attitude.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The adjutant general has received a telegram relative to the situation in Goldfield, Nev., from Colonel Reynolds, commanding the troops now in that mining camp, dated yesterday, in which it is stated the district is now orderly, but the fear is expressed that when the mine operators open the mines Thursday trouble will be encountered.

Will Force Fight.
Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 10.—The mine operators of Goldfield have decided to force the fight on the Western Federation of Miners and reopen the works on Thursday despite threats of violence.

The wage scale will be cut and 500 strike breakers brought from other places, the members of the federation being absolutely ruled out. The coal system, such as was in force at Cripple Creek, will be used.

The troops now here will be placed throughout the camp so as to be as near as possible should any trouble occur. They will practically guard the strike-bound mines. Governor Sparks of Nevada also will be in town on Thursday to personally oversee the action of the operators and miners.

Miner Abuses Army Officer.
The change in the time of opening the mine from Wednesday to Thursday was made to allow time to get men from other points to replace the strikers.

Frank A. Keith, general manager of the Tonopah Mining company, and other prominent mining men from other camps are here in consultation with the Goldfield owners.

A street brawl took place at noon yesterday when a member of the Western Federation called one of the officers of the federal troops a vile name. "Diamond Field" Jack Davis, who was walking with the officer, grabbed the offender and held him until an officer arrived. An attempt to draw weapons was prevented by bystanders.

Expect Desertions from Union.
The order given for horses for the troops under command of Colonel Reynolds has been countermanded, and it is doubtless the intention to divide the camps now established into a number of smaller camps nearer to the large mines, where the first attempt to reopen will be made, and where the first trouble will occur, if it is to be violence or bloodshed.

The officials of the Mine Owners' association assert they are depending on many desertions from the Western Federation. They will permit men belonging to the American Federation of Labor, or affiliated unions, to go to work, and will not bar men belonging to any labor organization except the Western Federation and the Industrial Workers of the World.

FUNERAL IS SET FOR DECEMBER 19

Only Crowned Head at Oscar's Burial Will Be Own Son, It Is Believed.

Stockholm, Dec. 10.—Attended by the prince and his suite, King Gustav V. at noon yesterday received the homage of the troops, who were drawn up in a semi-circle around the palace. It was a solemn spectacle. The king addressed the troops briefly, saying it was his firm conviction that they would always be ready to follow him when the welfare of the country required them to do so.

The funeral of the late king is expected to be held Dec. 19. Only the reigning sovereign of Sweden, among the crowned heads, is likely to attend, the king of Denmark and others sending representatives.

When he was dying King Oscar expressed a wish that the theaters and other amusement places would not be ordered closed on account of his death.

Auto Dash Saves Two Lives.
Wabash, Ind., Dec. 10.—A dash of a mile in his automobile by Dr. B. A. Hauser saved the lives of the two children of Bert Havens, they having eaten strychnine pills. They were in convulsions and a moment's delay would have meant death.

CALLS STRIKE OFF

Western Federation of Miners Abandons Struggle in Cripple Creek District.

WAS IN PROGRESS FOUR YEARS

Cause of Long Series of Exciting Events, and Led to Declaration of Martial Law at One Time.

Denver, Dec. 10.—The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners yesterday officially called off the strike in the Cripple Creek district, giving as the reason the fact that the camp is in need of skilled mine workers, and now, by calling off the strike, many union men employed "in less favorable places" can go to Cripple Creek and accept work without violating their union pledges.

Kept Up Four Years.
The strike was declared Aug. 12, 1903, in sympathy with the striking mill men of Colorado City. The striking events that followed, including the declaration of martial law and deportation of union miners, made Colorado the center of interest for many months.

PRIZES FOR CORN

County Farmers' Institute Offers Premiums in Connection With Annual Meeting.

OPEN TO ALL GROWERS

Awards to Boys for Ears Grown from Seed Furnished—Exhibit of Bread By the Women.

Arrangements have been made to hold a corn contest in connection with the annual farmers' institute meeting, which is to be held at Taylor Ridge Jan. 9 and 10. Three premiums are offered for the best 10 ears of corn of any color, raised by any resident of the county. The premiums aggregate \$80. The boys will have a chance, too—three premiums aggregating \$50, will be offered to boys between 16 and 18 years of age, for the best 10 ears of yellow corn raised from the seed furnished by the institute. To boys under 16 years old, three premiums are offered for the best 10 ears of yellow corn raised from seed furnished by the institute last spring. The three premiums aggregate \$12. All corn submitted in the contests must be in the hands of the institute committee by 12 o'clock Jan. 10, and any one unable to deliver his corn in person may send it to F. E. Garnett, Taylor Ridge, prepaid. All corn awarded a premium becomes the property of the institute.

Prizes for Bread.
In addition to the corn contest, there will be a contest for the ladies, for exhibits of bread. For the best three loaves of home made bread made by any woman in the county, there are three premiums offered, the total value being \$20. Three premiums are offered for the three best loaves of bread made by any girl under 18 years of age living in the county. These premiums aggregate \$15.

TO CHANGE GROSSCUP BILL

Order for Reconvening of Grand Jury Is Said to Be for Purpose.

Mattoon, Ill., Dec. 10.—Judge James W. Craig has issued an order to the grand jury to reconvene on Monday, Jan. 6. It is said that this action is taken to give State's Attorney McNutt an opportunity to modify the indictments recently voted against Federal Judge Grosscup of Chicago and other officials and directors of the Central Illinois Traction company, and that the instruments will read for "criminal negligence" instead of manslaughter.

COLLIDE AT HIGH SPEED

Passenger and Freight Come Together on Northwestern—Five Hurt.
Beloit, Wis., Dec. 10.—Going at 50 miles per hour, a Northwestern north bound passenger train crashed head-on into a freight train a mile south of Beloit shortly after midnight. The long vestibuled train was partly derailed. Five train men were severely though not fatally injured.

Boston Holding Election.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 10.—Boston will today elect a mayor, street commissioner, two members of the school board, 13 aldermen, and 75 councilmen. The candidates for mayor are: Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, democrat, and Postmaster George A. Hibbard, republican, and John A. Conlithurst, independent.

Walsh Trial Resumed.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The trial of John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National bank, was resumed today after a postponement of eight days.

WHEAT AS A BASIS

Resolution Before Congress Seeks Wider Basis for Circulating Medium.

PRESENTED BY TILLMAN

Proposes to Investigate Legality of Recent Action of Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Resolutions were introduced yesterday in the senate by Mr. Tillman directing the committee on finance to investigate the recent action of the secretary of the treasury in the financial crisis, and also to inquire into the issuance of clearing house certificates. The resolutions were presented in two series, the first dealing with the operations of the treasury department and the second with clearing house certificates. The first resolution demands investigation to determine whether the action of the treasury in issuing certificates bearing 3 per cent interest was in accordance with law, and whether any legislation is necessary to protect the people and business interests from the issue of unlawful money.

Cotton and Wheat as Basis.
The second resolution wants light on whether the clearing house certificates with which the cities are flooded were issued according to law or contrary to it, and also whether it would be lawful to issue certificates against cotton, wheat, or tobacco stored in warehouses, the issue to circulate as money.

Session Is Short.
The senate was in session a little more than an hour yesterday and then adjourned until today. Little business was transacted beyond the introduction of bills.

A resolution calling upon the secretary of agriculture for information concerning the reclamation of swamp land in the United States and abroad was adopted. The house adjourned until Thursday without transacting any business beyond the introduction of bills. It was stated authoritatively that the house committee will not be announced this week.

STATE RAILROAD BODY GETS SETBACK

Supreme Court Decides Stopping of Fast Mail Trains Blow at Interstate Commerce.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The question whether a railroad company can be compelled, upon the order of a state railroad commission, to stop its fast mail trains when engaged in interstate commerce was decided yesterday by the supreme court of the United States in the negative in the case of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company against the board of railroad commissioners of South Carolina. The opinion was delivered by Justice Peckham and reversed the decision of the South Carolina supreme court. The opinion held the order of the commission to be an interference with interstate commerce.

PENALTY IS \$500 A MINUTE

New York Edison Company Must Furnish Power for Fires Promptly.

New York, Dec. 10.—A penalty of \$500 a minute, the heaviest ever proposed by a city, is imposed in a contract just signed with the New York Edison company. The company must pay this if it fails within three minutes after a fire alarm is given to furnish adequate power to operate pumps from the city's new high pressure water mains between Chambers and Twenty-third streets.

Wilson Now Governor of Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 10.—Augustus Wilson was today at noon inaugurated as the 38th governor of Kentucky.

GREAT CATHEDRAL BEING PLANNED BY CATHOLICS FOR WASHINGTON, D. C.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 10.—Roman Catholics of the United States are planning to erect in Washington the largest and most magnificent cathedral in the world. Prominent priests and laymen are at work on the project, which will distribute the cost of this great structure among 14,000,000 of Catholic laymen in the country. This may require two years.

Baltimore is the site of the church, but if the words of Cardinal Gibbons have been correctly interpreted, some other city will be selected for the great cathedral. There is uniform belief among the clergy and laity that this other city will be Washington and that New York or Chicago are out of the question.

Cardinal Talks.

The facts concerning the projected cathedral were put before Cardinal Gibbons yesterday afternoon.

STOESSEL IS BEING TRIED

Russian General Accused of Humiliating Russian Army

YIELDING PORT ARTHUR

Pleads Not Guilty of Charge of Needlessly Surrendering to Japanese.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 10.—Before a brilliant assemblage of his old comrades-in-arms Lieutenant General Stoessel was this morning placed on trial to answer with his life and reputation for the loss of Port Arthur on the 1st



LIEUTENANT GENERAL STOESEL.

of January, 1905. In a firm tone and confident manner the general pleaded not guilty to the charge of needlessly surrendering the fortress and thereby humiliating the Russian army.

Held He Exceeded Powers.
He is to be tried also on the charge of lacking initiative and with having exceeded his powers. General Fock and General Reiss are codefendants with him. The first is accused of having conspired the surrender of the fortress, and the second with having executed the order of surrender. General Smirnov, General Stoessel's most bitter enemy, is to be tried on a minor count. The trial is exciting the most intense interest in army circles. The hearing will last a fortnight. Major Esmunova of the Japanese army, who was General Nogi's chief officer of the staff during the war, as well as several newspaper correspondents, have been summoned as witnesses, but their attendance is uncertain.

Stoessel Near Collapse.
General Stoessel is in a pitiable state of excitement over the final hearing of his case, and the doctors are apprehensive of the effect upon the veteran officer, who has suffered two paralytic strokes since the fall of the fortress. The general told the reporter of the Associated Press that he was glad that the trial after its many delays was at last coming to a close. He expects to be fully rehabilitated.

Socialists Had Only Candidate.
Lincoln, Dec. 10.—At a meeting of the board of regents of the state university today W. C. Rogers of Waterloo was sworn in as regent to serve until Jan. 6. He received more than 20,000 votes at the last election, being the only candidate for the short vacancy.

RED CROSS HELPS

National Society Will Take Charge of Work of Relieving Miners' Families.

RESULT MONONGAH HORROR

Bodies Being Taken Out Rapidly by Rescuers and May Be Nearly All Recovered by Night.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The machinery of the Red Cross society will be utilized in collecting contributions in aid of the families of the victims of the mine horror at Monongah. Instructions were sent by telegraph to the state branches of Illinois, Ohio, New York, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, asking that announcements be made through the local newspapers to that effect. They will also be received by the local organizations.

Getting Bodies Rapidly.
Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 10.—With 112 bodies on the surface at 10 today, and 29 more ready to be brought out of the mines, it was expected that the total number of bodies recovered from the wrecked mines by noon would be 141. The rescuers are working at the right side of mine No. 8, where it is thought the majority of the bodies yet in the mine will be found.

Nearly All Out by Night.
The work of rescue is being pushed along rapidly, and by night it is expected most of the bodies will have been taken out. It has been raining here steadily since last evening, and miserable conditions prevail throughout the section today.

NOTED DEMOCRATS CALL UPON BRYAN

Discuss Political Situation at Nebraska's Home—Old Friend of Commander Dies in Cincinnati.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 10.—Senator DuBois of Idaho, Mayor Dahmann of Omaha and Editor Hoyt of Milwaukee today took luncheon with William J. Bryan. No statement was made of the matters under discussion, but it was not denied the political situation was discussed. Bryan this morning received word of the death of J. W. Patrick of Cincinnati. Bryan, when a boy, carried water to harvest hands employed by Patrick, who rented a farm belonging to Bryan's father.

SECRETARY TAFT GETS NEWS AT SEA

Wireless Telegraph Informs Him of Mother's Death, and He Is Much Affected.

On Board Steamer President Grant, in the English Channel, Dec. 10.—(By wireless telegraph to London, via Falmouth.)—The message announcing the death of Secretary Taft's mother was received at 1:30 this morning. The secretary was aroused and the message communicated to him. He was greatly affected. The secretary had hoped to reach America before the worst.

EVANS IN CHARGE OF FLEET

Admiral Boards Flagship and Vessels Assemble for Start of Cruise.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 10.—The battleship Kentucky passed Cape Henry at 11:15 today and at once joined the fleet in Hampton Roads, completing the fourth division of the fleet under Rear Admiral Sperry. Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 10.—The double-starred flag of blue, emblem of the commander-in-chief of the Pacific-bound battleship fleet, was flung to the breeze from the main truck of the battleship Connecticut yesterday, and Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans formally assumed his position as leader of the greatest naval movement in the history of the American people.

Yesterday was assembly day for the fleet, which is to set sail Monday and of the 16 great fighting machines ordered to skirt the southernmost end of all America there were but two laggards. These were the Minnesota, flagship of Rear Admiral C. M. Thomas, commander of the second squadron of the fleet, and the Kentucky.

SEES HOPE IN AEROPLANE

Chief Signal Officer of United States Army Thinks It Practical.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The army is already looking beyond the simple balloon, the dirigible balloon and like contrivances for navigating the air to the more scientific aeroplane. It is announced that the chief signal officer will soon call upon American inventors to submit plans for a practicable machine heavier than air, to be used instead of a balloon for military purposes. The terms of the advertisement are now under consideration.

OFFERS A REWARD

Proclamation of Governor Posts \$500 for Capture and Conviction of Murderer

WHO KILLED VAN WINKLES

Two Fairport Men Held to Find Out What They Know of the Whereabouts of Jones, the Suspect.

Governor Cummins of Iowa has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and conviction of the murderer of Mr. and Mrs. William Van Winkle, who were clubbed to death at their home at Fairport last week. The only condition of the reward is that the money will not be paid if the man is in custody at the time. As there has been no arrest, the reward is open. Previous to the posting of the reward by the state, Sheriff Benham and County Attorney Pepper of Muscatine issued a notice guaranteeing a reward of \$500 for Harry Jones. This offer is not to be considered an addition to the state reward, but was posted merely as a guarantee, and was made for 30 days.

Two Men Held.
Two Fairport men, Jack and Al Bassett, have been detained, and questioned about the murder. It is not believed that they had a hand in the crime, but it is thought that they know something of Jones, and that they had a conversation with him the night of the murder. They are to be held a few days pending an investigation.

Description of Jones.
The man who is sought as the alleged murderer is described as follows: About 5 feet 11 inches tall; weight, 190 pounds; age, about 45 years; smooth face, plain dimple on chin and scar on right side of face; tattoo marks, dancing girl and circle with star on arm; nervous twitching of eyes and sniffling of nose; eyes deep set; has military walk and appearance; drinks hard. When last seen had no mustache; hair on top of head is thin; wore dark brown checked suit and corduroy cap; wears a No. 8 shoe. Jones is a sleight of hand performer.

No Trace of Man.
Though the search has been continued daily, no further trace of Jones has been found. James Lewis of Fairport thinks Jones had about \$38 when he went to Fairport the night of the murder.

KULP BEING TRIED

Davenport Militia Commander Having Hearing for Disobeying His Orders.

PERMITTING PRIZE FIGHT

Objections of His Attorneys Overruled and Taking of Testimony Begun at Des Moines.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 10.—Captain O. W. Kulp of Company B, I. N. G., was placed on trial today before a court martial, charged with disobeying the orders of a superior officer. Kulp is accused of permitting a prize fight at Davenport after Adjutant General Thrift, at the direction of Governor Cummins, had ordered him to stop it. Kulp claimed he discharged the general's orders, in that he permitted only a boxing exhibition.

Overrules Objections.
Much of the morning was given up to the hearing of objections made by the attorneys for Captain Kulp. These were registered in turn against the personnel of the court, its manner of organizing, its jurisdiction and the manner in which the summons were served, but were all overruled.

Martens Evasive.
Louis Martens, an officer of the Tri-city Athletic club of Davenport, under the auspices of which the alleged prize fight took place, was the first witness. He proved evasive and the state failed to get a direct statement from him that money was paid the principals in the boxing contests for the part they took in the program on the night in question.

NO ADULTERATION OF PAINTS

United States Supreme Court Sustains Tribunal of North Dakota.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The supreme court of the United States has decided the case of the Heath & Milligan Manufacturing company, paint manufacturers of Chicago, and a large number of other paint manufacturers, against J. H. Worst, director of the North Dakota government agricultural experiment station, brought to test the validity of the North Dakota statutes of 1905 prohibiting the adulteration of white lead and mixed paints. The opinion by Justice McKenna upheld the law, thus affirming the decision of the United States circuit court for the North Dakota district.

IMPLIES HE MAY PUNISH

Letter to Federal Office Holders by President Made Public

ADDRESSED TO CABINET

To be Dealt With as "Serious Violation of Official Propriety."

Washington, Dec. 10.—After the cabinet session today the letter addressed by President Roosevelt to members of the cabinet Nov. 19, instructing them to inform the federal office holders not to participate in the third term movement for President Roosevelt, was made public at the White house. It is understood the cabinet officers will at once take action in accordance with the terms of this letter, which follows:

Going as Delegates.
"I have been informed certain office holders in your department are proposing to go to the national convention as delegates in favor of renominating me for the presidency, or are preparing to procure my endorsement for such renomination by state conventions. This must not be.

Threatens to Punish.
"I wish you to inform such officers, as you may find it advisable or necessary to inform in order to carry out the spirit of this instruction, that such advocacy of my renomination, or acceptance of election as delegate for that purpose, will be regarded as a serious violation of official propriety, and will be dealt with accordingly. Sincerely yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

OKLAHOMA ELECTS ITS FIRST SENATORS

Robert L. Owen and Thomas H. Gore, Both Democrats, Chosen by the Legislature.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 10.—Robert Latham Owen of Muskogee and Thomas H. Gore of Lawton were formally elected to the United States senate today by the Oklahoma legislature. Both are democrats. Republicans cast their votes for Charles G. Jones of Oklahoma City and Clarence B. Douglas of Muskogee, editor of the Phoenix.

BIG COTTON ESTIMATE CAUSES SHARP SLUMP

Department of Agriculture Places the 1907 Crop at 5,581,960,000 Pounds.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The department of agriculture estimates the total cotton production for the year 1907-08 at 5,581,960,000 pounds. New Orleans, La., Dec. 10.—Following the posting of the government's crop estimate on the cotton exchange today cotton futures dropped from 20 to 27 points. Buying orders eventually stopped the recession in values.

ANOTHER BRANCH OPENS

Business Resumed by Stock Yards Bank of Commerce at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 10.—The Stock Yards Bank of Commerce affiliated with the National Bank of Commerce, that closed when the latter institution failed last Wednesday, resumed business this morning with \$80,000 in cash and sight exchange on hand, against \$120,000 deposits. The Union Avenue Bank of Commerce, another small branch of the National Bank of Commerce, is in course of reorganization.

GOULD LINE REMOVES TRAINS

Missouri Pacific Discontinues Service Between Topeka and Fort Scott.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 10.—The Missouri Pacific railway has abandoned their only passenger trains out of Topeka. They had been running daily between here and Fort Scott. The officials give the enforcement of the 2 cent fare law as the reason for discontinuing the service.

Earthquake at Clinton, Ill.

Clinton, Ill., Dec. 10.—Several distinct earthquake shocks were felt in DeWitt county last night about 8:45 o'clock. The sensation was very much like that of a monster explosion, but inquiry revealed that nothing of this character had taken place throughout the country. The earthquake was also felt with a good deal of force in both Weldon and Lane, in the same county.