

GOV. SPARKS TO SUMMON LEGISLATURE

NEVADA'S EXECUTIVE WILL ISSUE CALL

ACCEPTS PLAN SUGGESTED BY ROOSEVELT

Situation in Goldfield is More Hopeful—Troops Will Be Retained for Several Weeks

By Associated Press. RENO, Nev., Dec. 29.—A special session of the Nevada legislature will be called tomorrow by Governor John Sparks. The governor said tonight that he will issue the proclamation in the morning and that the date of convening will be in about two weeks.

The call will be made at the suggestion of President Roosevelt, who has notified the governor that such action must be taken or the troops now stationed at Goldfield will be removed.

Notification of the intention to assemble the legislature has been transmitted, Governor Sparks says, to Washington.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 29.—The announcement made by telegraph word to President Roosevelt that he will call the Nevada legislature together in special session as soon as possible has put an entirely new aspect upon the labor situation here.

Troops to Remain. At least a portion of the federal troops will, it is thought, remain in Goldfield for an indefinite time, and all federal troops are being gradually withdrawn from the district.

It is not at all certain that the legislature will act in accordance with the wishes of Governor Sparks, but the effect of keeping federal troops in Goldfield for several weeks and will make the possibility of serious trouble more remote.

The governor has asked many prominent citizens of Nevada for an expression of opinion regarding the special session, and has received only favorable replies.

The Esmeralda county grand jury has recommended the appointment of a board of arbitration to attempt to settle the strike.

George Wingfield, prominent as a member of the Mine Owners' association, is a member of the grand jury. The governor will give at least ten days' notice of the convening of the legislature, and the call will be issued either tomorrow or Tuesday.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 29.—County Commissioner Rosenthal of Goldfield, asked for his resignation by Governor Sparks, has refused to vacate his office, and said tonight the refusal had been received at the executive office.

WOMAN STUNNED, THRUST INTO POOL OF WATER

Mysterious Murder in Hackensack Meadows is Being Solved—Victim Believed to Be House Servant

By Associated Press. NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 29.—The woman whose nude body was found on the Hackensack meadows in the town of Harrison last Thursday was stunned by blows on the head and then thrust headfirst into a pool of water.

The body was found in a shallow pool, where she was shallow, and the head struck the bottom with sufficient force to stir the water so that her dying gasps drew into the lungs bits of ashes and cinders. There were two abrasions on the base of the brain, and the right ear.

After inflicting these, the physicians determined, the murderer split the woman's clothing from the neck down. The autopsy was done with scarcely more than a single stroke of a keen edged instrument, the stroke made its way through every thickness of clothing and into the body. That the weapon was used to aid the murderer, is believed largely due to the hope of the assassin that the case might be mistaken for one of suicide.

The shoes and stockings were pulled off the feet, the woman was stood fairly on her head in the water and so held until she was dead.

FAVORS PLAN TO AID FORMER PRESIDENTS

Senator Allison Agrees with Grover Cleveland in That Congress Should Support Those Who Once Occupied the White House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Senator William B. Allison of Iowa, chairman of the committee on appropriations, favors action by congress looking to the care and support of former presidents of the United States.

In an interview tonight he referred to the recent utterance of former President Grover Cleveland on the subject, and agreed with him that some provision should be made in this matter. The matter deserved recognition at the hands of congress, he said, and undoubtedly would receive it.

In the case of Thomas Jefferson, who died poor, Mr. Allison said the government would have done well to pay his debts.

At present Mrs. Garfield is receiving an allowance from the government, and he said that to make provision for former presidents would cause no considerable drain on the treasury, as nearly have been two of them alive at the same time.

THOUSANDS FACING DEATH BY STARVATION IN INDIA PROVINCES

Rain Falls for Four Days Instead of Four Months and Famine Conditions Are Serious

By Associated Press. HILLSDALE, Mich., Dec. 29.—Secretary H. S. Myers of the general conference of Free Baptists said today:

"According to advices just received by me from missions in Bengal and Orissa, India, four months of rain is the usual allowance in Lucknow, India, in a year, but during the year 1907 it has rained only four days. The result is famine everywhere. Fields of rice that should have been full of food are as nothing.

"Thousands of the population are suffering and before relief comes next August in another crop hundreds of thousands without the aid of wires from Christian lands.

"The Indian government has undertaken famine relief and many missions are caring for the orphans and helpless."

PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SENT BY WIRELESS

French Inventor Constructs Apparatus by Which Likenesses Are Transmitted Through Space

By Associated Press. PARIS, Dec. 29.—Pascal Berjonnet, an inventor, today exhibited before the postmaster general and a number of persons interested in scientific investigation, a new telephotography apparatus which can be adapted to the wireless system or to the ordinary telegraph wires.

He transmitted the picture of the postmaster general without the aid of wire from one end of the hall to the other.

The inventor claims that distance does not interfere with the effectiveness of his method. Photographs, he says, can be sent by it between New York and Paris.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Cloudy Monday; light west wind. Maximum temperature yesterday, 62 degrees; minimum, 41 degrees.

LOCAL Chief Kern appeals for new city jail. The exceptional good work of police force as argument in yearly report.

Famous Chinese junk, Whang Ho, will make long voyage to home land. More than one thousand five hundred Mexicans expect to take advantage of railroad's offer and return to native land.

Warrant issued by district attorney of San Bernardino charging Charles H. Curtin with forgery. Woman wanted in Minneapolis on charge of murdering infant thought to be on way to Los Angeles.

Relatives of Thomas Neal of Mount Vernon, Ill., request local police to watch out for aged man. Local globe trotters return from four months' visit to foreign lands.

Health office euthemio expected to fall this week and six heads may drop in basket. Eastlake park watchman set upon and seriously beaten by gang of ruffians.

A. P. Griffith of Azusa refuses to meet Dr. R. P. Sheppard on lecture platform, and much heralded event is called off. Genevieve Cleves receives threatening letters from persons who object to her intentions to expose fake spiritualists and mediums.

COAST Governor Sparks of Nevada announces that he will summon a special session of the legislature to consider the situation at Goldfield. Street car conductor in San Francisco is shot by passenger with whom he had disputed over a transfer.

Grand jury in San Francisco will resume the investigation of the wrecked California Safe Deposit & Trust Co. Man wanted for murder committed in 1899 is captured in Oakland.

Y. M. C. A. leaders are holding session at Pacific Grove. Los Angeles bartender shoots at liveryman in Marysville. Captain and crew of coast vessel fight gallantly to save vessel from being destroyed by fire.

Greenwood consul investigating riot at Marysville. Second trial of Harry Thaw for murder of Stanford White will be begun in New York a week from today. Insanity will be the defense.

Kansas City law is being violated in Kansas City; grand jury indict actors who violate the ordinance. Attorney denies right of Mrs. Eddy to spend a million dollars in founding a charitable institution.

Sunday closing law story of being mistreated by American consul at Rio de Janeiro brings quick denial from official. Anti-rent strike in New York is spreading.

Murder mystery in New York, of which woman was the victim, is being solved by the police. Farmer in Vermont kills his mother-in-law, drives his wife and children from the house, defies posse, and finally kills himself.

Seven transatlantic liners arrive in New York, battered by heavy seas, and reporting an unusually stormy voyage. FOREIGN Grave of Thomas Druce opened in England to discover whether coffin contains body or roll of lead, suit for big estate depends, in part, on outcome of investigation.

Courtesy of Warwick announces coming tour of America. Lord Curzon, chancellor of Oxford, agrees to accept nomination to fill vacancy among peers of Ireland.

Famine in India threatens thousands with death. American battleship fleet sails from Port of Spain for Rio de Janeiro. Being sentenced for killing his wife in a drunken rage at Virginia City. Repeated attempts to obtain a pardon for him were unsuccessful.

BATTLESHIPS ARE AGAIN ON HIGH SEAS

FLEET STARTS ON SECOND LAP OF JOURNEY

LEAVES PORT OF SPAIN FOR RIO JANEIRO

Newspapers and Residents in Trinidad Praise Exemplary Conduct of Admiral Evans' Sailors

By Associated Press. PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 29.—The American battleship fleet weighed anchor at 4 o'clock this afternoon and steamed for Rio Janeiro. Accompanying the fleet were the supply ships Culgoa and Glacier.

Early in the morning the signal went up from Rear Admiral Evans' flagship Connecticut to prepare for departure at 8 a. m., but owing to a delay in the coaling of the battleship Maine from the collier Fortuna it was necessary to change the time of sailing.

Long before the hour set a myriad of small craft, chiefly launches and steam yachts, moved up and down along the lines of anchored warships, the merry parties aboard shouting farewells to the departing visitors.

Thousands See Departure. Thousands of residents climbed the surrounding hills to view the great ships as they moved outward on their journey of 8000 miles and more, while boatloads of excursionists went to the small islands in the gulf and others to the floating dock to catch the last glimpse of the ships that were so royally welcomed to this port almost a week ago.

The fleet presented a magnificent appearance as it steamed out in four columns with the supply ships trailing, a distance of 400 yards separating one division from another. With the Connecticut in the lead, the battleships headed for the Boons and steamed majestically through the Grand Boon and thence along the northern coast of Trinidad. An average of from ten to eleven knots an hour will carry the fleet to the end of the second lap of the 14,000-mile journey in about twelve days, and it was announced by Admiral Evans before his departure that he expects to reach Rio Janeiro on Friday evening, January 10.

During the week of their visit here the American officers and men received every courtesy at the hands of the residents. Sir Henry Moore Jackson, the governor of Trinidad, Col. Swain, and other high officials gave dinners and garden parties in honor of the commander of the fleet and his officers, and there were scores of excursions and entertainments for the men, all of whom enjoyed more than the ordinary amount of shore liberty.

Praise for Sailors. The newspapers here and the residents are unsparring in their praise of the exemplary behavior of the men, and the papers compliment Admiral Evans in the warmest terms, expressing to him and his men the best wishes of the people of Trinidad and the hope that they will soon return.

Yesterday an unusual number of steamers, with many excursionists aboard, put out to the fleet, and in spite of the racing and many other attractions ashore thousands availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the finest fleet of battleships ever anchored in these waters.

The American consul, William W. Handley, paid his farewell visit to the flagship yesterday afternoon, believing the start for Rio Janeiro, and made an appeal for aid to the United States consul at that place was not heeded, was shown to George E. Anderson, consul general at Rio de Janeiro, who passed through St. Louis tonight from his home in Springfield, Ill., to Nashville, Tenn., preparatory to returning to his post after his biennial leave of absence.

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125,000 OUT OF WORK IN NEW YORK

Socialist Delegate to Federated Union Advocates Clothing and Feeding of Poor and Employment by Government

SEVEN TRANSATLANTIC LINERS HIT BY STORM

Vessels Have Rough Passage—All Bear Scars Made by Battering Seas—Non-Seriously Damaged

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A fleet of seven transatlantic steamships—the Campania, Cedric, St. Louis, Panonia, Pretoria, Caronia and Minneapolis—came creeping into port today bearing scars of battering seas, which held the liners back and delayed them a day in their trip across the Atlantic.

On Christmas day the storm was so heavy that only a dozen of the cabin passengers of the St. Louis went to the dining room for dinner. None of the steamers was seriously damaged, though at one time the officers of the Pretoria used oil to calm the turbulent seas.

The Campania brought \$3,000,000 in specie and the Cedric \$1,200,000. Oldest Prisoner Dead. RENO, Nev., Dec. 29.—James Murphy, 73 years old, and the oldest prisoner in the Nevada state penitentiary, is dead. Murphy served twenty-three years of a life sentence for killing his wife in a drunken rage at Virginia City. Repeated attempts to obtain a pardon for him were unsuccessful.



At It Again —From the Washington Star.

SAILOR LAD'S STRANGE TALE CAUSES STIR

STORY OF MISTREATMENT BY CONSUL DENIED

American Representative at Rio de Janeiro Asserts That All Applicants for Relief Are Dealt with Courteously

By Associated Press. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—The story from Pittsburgh concerning Howard Ray, aged 14 years, who said his home was in San Francisco and that he was shanghaiing at Norfolk, Va., by a British vessel and carried to Rio de Janeiro, where his appeal for aid to the United States consul at that place was not heeded, was shown to George E. Anderson, consul general at Rio de Janeiro, who passed through St. Louis tonight from his home in Springfield, Ill., to Nashville, Tenn., preparatory to returning to his post after his biennial leave of absence.

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KILLS CONDUCTOR IN A FIGHT OVER A TRANSFER SLIP

Passenger in San Francisco Becomes Involved in Quarrel with Employee of Railroad and Slays Him

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Arthur Sussman, a conductor of the United Railways company, was shot and killed today at the intersection of Twelfth and Polson streets by Bonaventura Arcieri, a passenger.

Previously Arcieri had tendered a transfer which Sussman had refused to honor. Arcieri then paid a cash fare and began to argue the matter. Sussman slapped Arcieri in the face and the latter drew a revolver and shot Sussman. A riot followed.

Lord Curzon Agrees to Accept Nomination. Chancellor of Oxford University May Fill Vacancy Among Representative Peers of Ireland.

By Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 29.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston, chancellor of Oxford university, has agreed to allow himself to be nominated for the vacancy caused by the death of Lord Kilmarnock.

In accepting the nomination, which was offered to him by a number of members of the Irish peerage, Lord Curzon said that when the peerage was conferred upon him it was with a view to his returning to the house of commons, but the strain of work in India has proved too much for his strength, and the opinion of his medical advisers has driven him reluctantly to the conclusion that he cannot re-enter that house.

Unfortunately, he said, he was debarred from entering the house of lords by the ordinary channels through the refusal of the premier to allow him to take his place with the other ex-viceroy of India on the benches of the upper house, so that he would be pleased to take this opportunity to re-enter public life by the only means open to him, namely, as a representative Irish peer.

The writ of election have already been issued and the vote must be returned by January 20. All the Unionist papers welcome the return of Lord Curzon to active political life, but it is feared that his health will prevent him from taking the leadership of the party in place of Joseph Chamberlain, or possibly the premiership, for which he was slated by many members who were dissatisfied with Balfour's attitude with regard to tariff reform.

Lord Curzon's reference to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's refusal to allow him to enter the house of lords through the ordinary channels leads to the presumption that upon his retirement from the office of viceroy of India he intimated to the premier that as an ex-viceroy he should be made an English peer.

KILLS HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW; DEFIES POSSE; SLAYS SELF

Farmer in Vermont Murders One Member of Family and Drives Remainder from Home Before Ending Own Life

By Associated Press. BARTON, Vt., Dec. 29.—After shooting and killing his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lydia M. Dunke, aged 70, driving his wife and children from home and holding at bay a sheriff's posse, which surrounded his house all Saturday night, Edward Butterfield, a Barton farmer, was found dead in bed today, having shot himself with a rifle.

Butterfield is supposed to have been crazed by liquor. He was 50 years old.

DENY RIGHT OF MRS. EDDY TO USE FUND

TRUSTEES ARE FORBIDDEN TO FOUND CHARITY

Appropriation of Million Dollars for Benefit of Poor Causes Dispute in Ranks of Christian Scientists

By Associated Press. BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 29.—Disputing the power of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, to make disposition of so large a part of her fortune, formal notices have been served upon Trustees McClellan, Fernald and Baker, having in charge Mrs. Eddy's estate, ordering them not to make an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to found a charitable institution recently announced, or any other appropriation from Mrs. Eddy's estate, pending the outcome of litigation.

According to former United States Senator William B. Chandler, this action is to be followed by a new lawsuit involving the science head and her trustees, brought by the "next friends," Mrs. Eddy's son, George W. Glover, his daughter, Mary Baker Glover, and an adopted son, Edward J. Foster of Waterbury, Vt.

The contention of Mr. Chandler is that the proposed appropriation of \$1,000,000 is in direct violation of Mrs. Eddy's deed of trust of March 6, 1897, by which she turned over all her property to the three trustees for life, reserving only the right to use the income and certain realty, and which act marked the partial termination of litigation against her and the trustees by the "next friends" a few months since.

The new action, it is declared, will be entirely independent of another suit now pending against F. S. Streeter, Mrs. Eddy's attorney in Concord, demanding information concerning the deed of trust for \$25,000 set aside by Mrs. Eddy for the benefit of her son, George W. Glover, and his daughter.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS REMAIN CALMLY SEATED AS FIRE RAGES

SAN JOSE, Dec. 29.—The unusual spectacle of a congregation proceeding calmly with its services although smoke pouring into the auditorium through the floor gave unmistakable evidence that the church was a fire witness at the Christian Science church this morning.

Not until the firemen requested that the congregation be dismissed did the latter leave their seats, although the room was filled with acrid smoke. The firemen cut through the floor and extinguished the fire, which started from the gas furnace, after which services were resumed.

ANTI-RENT STRIKE IN NEW YORK SPREADING

Poverty on East Side Attributed in Great Measure to High Charges Made by Landlords

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The agitation for lower rents among the thousands on the east side continues unabated, and all day today the headquarters of the anti-high rent bureau was thronged with tenants who declared they would join in the movement.

Committees were appointed and spent the day organizing the families in the tenement houses. Numerous meetings were held in the district to protest against the high rents, which the tenantry declares to be in a great measure responsible for the poverty on the east side.

The heads of twenty-seven families in one large tenement met on the roof today and agreed to strike for a dollar reduction.

OPEN GRAVE TO FIND BODY OF T. C. DRUCE

WORK OF EXHUMING COFFIN IS BEGUN

ALL ATTENDANTS SWORN TO SECRECY

Question as to Whether Casket Contained Corpse or Roll of Lead Will Be Determined

By Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 29.—The work of opening the grave of Thomas Charles Druce in Highgate cemetery to determine primarily whether the coffin contains the body of a man, or as has been asserted, a roll of sheet lead weighing some 200 pounds, was begun today. Incidentally, the clearing up of this mystery will help materially the progress of the famous Druce case.

The three-ton monument, which marks the resting place of the Druce family, was removed by a score of workmen, who were protected from public observation by a sheet which had been erected around the burial plot. Within the mausoleum electric lights were installed, so that operations might proceed without interruption.

All of those in attendance at the opening of the grave and coffin have been sworn to secrecy, so that the result of the investigations will not be known until the experts develop evidence at the police court.

Herbert Druce, the defendant in the now famous case, is charged with committing perjury by swearing that his father, Thomas Charles Druce of the Baker street bazaar died December 28, 1884, and that he saw the dead body placed in a coffin and buried in Highgate cemetery. His nephew, George Hollamby Druce, declares that this must be untrue, because T. C. Druce was in fact that fifth duke of Portland, who lived until 1879. That being so, George Hollamby Druce claims that he himself, being the senior descendant in the male line, is now the rightful heir of the Portland dukedom, and to certain rich estates, the income of which is placed at \$1,500,000 a year, now held by Lord Howard De Walden.

The opening of the grave, however, will not be conclusive proof of the claim of George Hollamby Druce. The fifth duke of Portland and a man known as Thomas C. Druce have been declared to be one and the same person by about a dozen witnesses, but particularly by Robert C. Caldwell of New York, who testified at length and in detail during the present trial.

Caldwell left London for New York in the middle of December. Upon his arrival he was arrested at the request of the British authorities on a charge of perjury. He is now ill at his home on Staten Island. Should he be brought to trial, the evidence obtained from opening the coffin would do much to convict or clear him.

Herbert Druce opposed the opening of the grave on the ground that he did not wish to desecrate his father's remains on the graves of persons who chose to make a claim to an estate he is not interested in and who had put forward a claim he declares he knew to be untrue. He was obliged finally, however, by the popular demand, to put aside personal and family interests for the purpose, as his advisers say, of once and for all time putting an end to the story for which Caldwell alone seems responsible, that there was lead in the coffin.

MORGAN PURCHASES TREASURES OF ART

Multi-Millionaire American Buys Two Famous Monuments and Loans Them to Metropolitan Museum

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—One of the famous art treasures of France, the Bron monuments, has been bought by J. Pierpont Morgan, and now reposes in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

News of the purchase became known today. It is known the cost of the monuments, which consists of two groups, "The Entombment" and "Our Lady of Pity," was large.

America has not given them to the museum, but has loaned them for an indefinite time. The monuments were erected by Pons de Gontaut, knight, and follower of Charles VIII in the chapel of the chateau de Blois in the east of the fifteenth century. The names of the sculptors are unknown. Eight figures of natural size compose "The Entombment," which is the larger and more important of the two groups.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The pick of the Kann art collection, purchased by Duveen brothers last August for a sum reputed to be in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000, has gone to America, one of the chief purchasers being Mrs. Collis F. Huntington.

There are several pictures by France, Hals and Roger Vanderweyden and Vermeer's "Young Girl Asleep," and the only Velasquez in the Kann collection, "Bust of a Young Girl."

America has also secured El Greco's "Presentment Caral Nino de Guercio" and Goya's "Bull Fighters."

Russia, France, Germany and Holland have also secured some of the collection. Joseph Duveen has called for New York on his way to San Diego, Cal., where he will direct the unveiling of a monument erected by sailors and the Pacific squadron in memory of the men killed by an explosion on board the Bennington in 1865.

Goodrich on Way to San Diego

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Rear Admiral C. F. Goodrich, commander of the New York navy yard, stopped off in Chicago today on his way to San Diego, Cal., where he will direct the unveiling of a monument erected by sailors and the Pacific squadron in memory of the men killed by an explosion on board the Bennington in 1865.