

## MINER CHIEF HITS JUDGES IN MICHIGAN

Tells Congress Committee  
That Many Are Copper  
Property Stockholders.

### UNFAIR FOR STRIKERS

Vice President of Federation  
Declares Men Have No Chance  
for Square Deal.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Vice President Mahoney of the Western Federation of Miners made charges against Michigan copper mine operators before the house rules committee today.

Mahoney charged that members of the supreme court of Michigan were keenly interested in mining properties, either as stockholders or otherwise, and that it was impossible to obtain redress for miners in the state courts. He alleged that operators employed agencies in Chicago and New York to enlist "gunmen" for the strike area.

New Propositions Left Out.  
As an economic measure the house postoffice committee has eliminated from the appropriation bill every new proposition, including \$2,000,000 in increased pay for rural carriers. The democratic caucus will probably consider authorizing the postmaster general to investigate the advisability of government ownership of telephones and telegraphs.

Pindell Gaining Ground.  
Senators who investigated the Pindell-Lewis correspondence are now said to favor the nomination of Henry Pindell as ambassador to Russia. While the opposition will be carried to the floor of the senate, many leaders expect his confirmation soon.

## DAVIS GUILTY IN DYNAMITING CASE

Admits Conspiring to Transport  
Explosives Illegally When  
Arraigned in Court.

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—George E. Davis, an ironworker arrested in New York a few months ago, pleaded guilty to a charge of having conspired to transport explosives illegally when arraigned in the federal court here yesterday. Harry Jones, secretary and treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, implicated by Davis, pleaded not guilty, but his attorney asked permission to withdraw the plea if occasion arose later. The date of Jones's trial was not set and the sentencing of Davis was deferred.

The indictments against Davis and Jones resulted from a confession made by Davis at the time of his arrest. Davis told federal officers he had caused a large number of explosions in structures being erected in the East by nonunion workmen. The charges are similar to those on which thirty-three union men were convicted here last December, and which, it was alleged by the government, were part of a conspiracy to dynamite nonunion structures throughout the country.

Since his arrest Davis has been held in the same cell that was occupied by C. E. McManigal, principal witness for the government in the trial last December. Jones has been at liberty under \$10,000 bond.

## FED LEAGUE MAY LOSE CLEVELAND

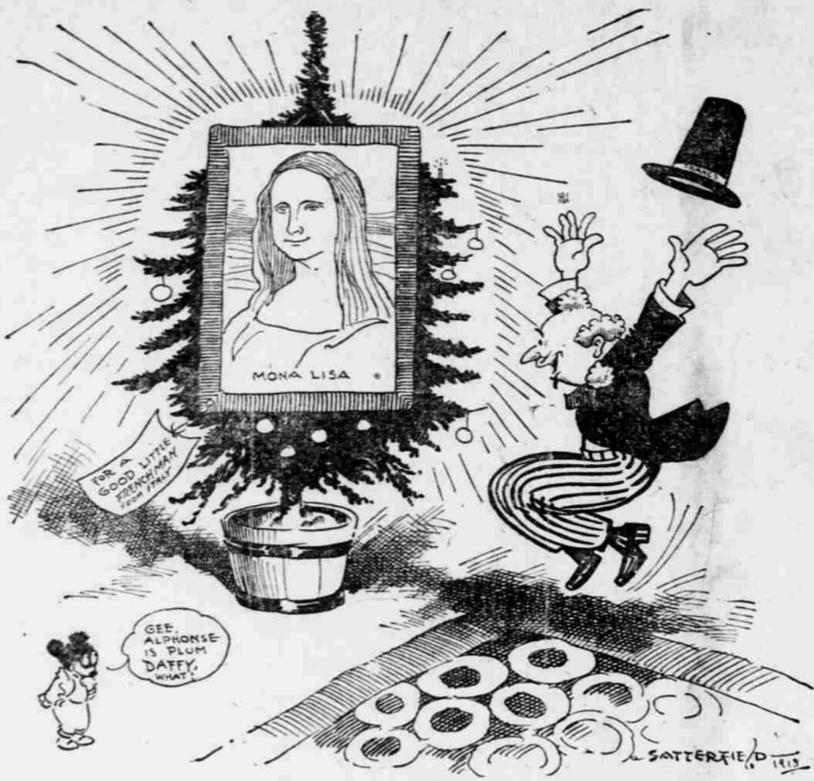
Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Unless something unforeseen develops Cleveland will not be in the Federal baseball league the season of 1914. Charles Zimmerman, one of the directors of the club, said he was unable to obtain new playing grounds, as ordered by the league.

Mason City, Iowa, Dec. 17.—Fire yesterday damaged the Keeler building, Sanders' cafe, Bay Brothers' confectionery store, the Thompson & Dean grocery and Everett Smith's grocery to the amount of \$20,000.

## ILLINOIS SCHOOL BARS SLIT SKIRT

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 17.—Slit and X-ray skirts and transparent stockings were barred at Charleston high school at a special session of the girls and women members of the school staff today. The teachers said conditions have become shocking.

### HIS CHRISTMAS GIFT



## DEMOCRATS PLAN FOR 1916 BATTLE

Organize Common Council Club  
to Have Branches in Every  
Corner of Nation.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President Wilson's close political friends in Washington yesterday took initial steps toward the formation of a gigantic political organization in preparation for the 1916 campaign. It is hoped to extend it even into small communities, where meetings may be held every two weeks in school houses. The aim is admittedly to promote "progressive democracy."

Back of the scheme is a newly formed club composed mostly of "original Wilson men" in the government service, chiefly appointees of Mr. Wilson to some of the biggest offices in Washington. It is known as the "Common Council Club." The name is taken because "common council" is one of the president's pet phrases. Joseph E. Davies of Minnesota, secretary of the democratic national committee, commissioner of corporations and secretary of the new club, denied the club had been organized to back any person for the presidency, but members of the club would not deny that the organization might be utilized as an aid to the renomination and election of Mr. Wilson in 1916. They preferred to side step that question gracefully by talking of other things.

One of them said: "We favor a single presidential term and urge the adoption of an amendment to the constitution to that end. We are all men of a common purpose who want to spread our ideas as thoroughly as possible throughout the country." Members of the organization met today at the University club and appointed committees to carry into effect their scheme for nation-wide branches. It is proposed to have the topics selected by the Washington headquarters of the club and later discussed by the branch clubs all over the country. Thus will Mr. Wilson's policies be kept constantly before the voters in the most favorable light.

## SHORT MEASURES CHEAT MILLIONS

Consumers of Michigan Big  
Losers in Purchases Last  
Half Century.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 17.—Consumers of almost everything sold by dry measure in the state of Michigan in the last half century have been cheated out of millions of dollars because of short measure. The fact has just been discovered through a ruling of the bureau of standards at Washington, which has notified the Michigan food and dairy commissioner that half bushel, two quarts and one quart measures, recently received from him for inspection, all were short measures. A new standard of measures has been prepared. It is estimated the change will cost merchants of the state \$100,000.

Open New Railroad Sheds.  
Clinton, Iowa, Dec. 17.—Hundreds of persons inspected the new \$1,000,000 shops of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad here yesterday. There was a banquet at Lafayette Inn and

## CHICAGO'S MAYOR MAY BE ARRESTED

State Secretary Says Harrison  
Auto Has Been Carrying  
Illegal Number.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17.—The arrest of Mayor Harrison was ordered yesterday by Secretary of State Harry Wood, who says the mayor has violated the state automobile law. The order is contained in a letter to his Chicago deputy, W. R. Dillon, state chauffeur's examiner. And Mr. Dillon, informed of the order, is not exhibiting any great amount of enthusiasm. At his Oak Park residence last night he pleaded he could not tell what he was going to do until the letter from his superior had been perused.

But he braced up long enough to declare: "Mr. Harrison will be treated exactly like any one else."

Asked how any one else is treated, Dillon again exhibited signs of distress. He said a warrant is sworn out and the defendant is "asked to appear in court." Not always, it appears, is the warrant served.

An attempt to learn from the mayor his side of the case was unsuccessful. Dillon says he saw an automobile on which the license number did not look right. He chased it a half a dozen blocks and caught up and examined the number—33590—carefully.

"It wasn't our number," Mr. Wood said in Springfield. "It was one of the frameup numbers purchased from one of the number jobbers in Chicago. The chauffeur told Dillon it was Mayor Harrison's machine and that the mayor had made application properly and had sent down to Springfield for a number, but that it hadn't come. On this statement Dillon let the machine go and referred the case to me."

"I've had this looked up today, Mayor Harrison did get his number. His application came on Oct. 30 and his number was sent to him on Nov. 1. Somebody was lying, so I have ordered Dillon to go ahead with the prosecution. We got Roger Sullivan and George Brennan and I guess there is no crime in getting Harrison. We play no favorites."

Secretary Wood displayed with considerable pride the style of number plates which will be issued after Jan. 1 when the time for auto license payment arrives again. The figures are a vivid St. Patrick's green on a white background, which is solid, instead of "open work," as in the present numbers. "It is the official color of the administration," Mr. Wood said, "and looks good to me. It is the first number plate which complies absolutely with the law."

## AMERICANS ARE NOT MALTREATED

Washington, Dec. 17.—Consul Fletcher has advised the state department that many of the reports of maltreatment of Americans in Chihuahua are without foundation. Rear Admiral Fletcher reported normal conditions were being restored at Tampico.

## 25 BODIES TAKEN FROM MINE RUINS

Most of Victims of New Castle,  
Col., Exposition Employed  
as Strikebreakers.

New Castle, Colo., Dec. 17.—Twenty-five bodies of 37 men killed in yesterday's explosion in the Vulcan mine were removed from the workings today. Women and children thronged the morgue for a glimpse of husbands, fathers or brothers.

Tentative plans were made for a general funeral. The scene of the explosion was far within the tunnel. Rescuers hurried into the mine even before the smoke and flames lifted, but it was several hours before the fate of the workers was ascertained.

Two men were rescued on the upper level. Every miner at work on the lower level, however, was found dead. Among the dead were L. L. Crawford, mine foreman, and L. Walters, fire boss. All the victims were married and all but six or eight were Americans, most of them sons of ranchmen and business men of New Castle.

Father J. P. Carrigan of Glenwood Springs hurried to New Castle at the first news of the explosion.

Among the first of the rescuers, the priest pushed into the smoking pit, penetrating the entire mine in search of victims alive that he might administer the last rites of the church.

The mine was only about a year old and was equipped with modern safety devices. It was inspected by the state authorities a few days ago. It is owned by the Rocky Mountain Fuel company.

The employees were called out on a strike recently by the United Mine Workers, but some of them had gone back to work. The other victims of the disaster were strike breakers.

## ATTEMPTS MADE TO FIRE BACHELOR HOME

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 17.—One man was seriously hurt and 35 other persons narrowly escaped death this morning when an attempt was made to burn bachelor hall apartments in Wilkesburg, a suburb. Oil-soaked waste was scattered in the corridors and fired.

## WAITERS STRIKE AT CLEVELAND HOTELS

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Officers of the cooks' and waiters' union said they would call out all union waiters, chefs, cooks and other union workers employed in Cleveland hotels, and asserted they would utilize the remaining help in order to win the waiters' strike begun yesterday at the Hotels Statler, Hollenden and Colonial. These hotels entered the second day of the strike with check girls and bell boys working as waiters. Hotel men asserted they are not worrying over the strikers' demand for increased wages.

Noble Prize to Hardy.  
London, Eng., Dec. 17.—Thomas Hardy, the English author, is to be awarded the 1914 Nobel prize for literature, according to the Pall Mall gazette.

## LESS POWER TO SOUTH IS PARTY'S PLAN

70 Less Delegates in Future  
National Republican  
Conventions.

### ILLINOIS IS CUT TWO

New Program to Become Effective  
When Ratified by the  
Various States.

Washington, Dec. 17.—After several hours' discussion the republican national committee met today and agreed that in future conventions delegates presenting certificates from proper state authorities should be placed on the temporary roll of the convention. The latter feature promises to do away with contests and deprives the national committee of arbitrary power to seat delegates.

1910 Election or Bosses.  
The Warren committee finally agreed upon the plan of reapportionment providing four delegates-at-large for each state, one for each congressional district and one additional in each district where the total republican vote was 35 per cent or more of the total vote cast; no district, however, to have more than two delegates no matter how large the republican vote. States having congressmen-at-large are entitled to one vote for each. The congressional election of 1910 will probably be used as the basis of determining the exact representation for each state. The plan provides that it become effective when ratified by states representing a majority of the electoral college.

Illinois Loses Two Delegates.  
Under the Warren plan, representation in the national convention will be reduced by 70 delegates. Among states which lose delegates are: Illinois, 2; Kentucky, 1; New Jersey, 1; New York, 4. Total loss to north, 8; loss to south, 62.

The subcommittee unanimously agreed on the 35 per cent plan. The plan of the subcommittee to recognize the primary laws and change the rules of the convention was adopted by the national committee unanimously. The national committee late yesterday voted down the proposal for an extraordinary convention to alter the rules of the party.

## CURRENCY BILL TO PASS BY SATURDAY

Washington, Dec. 17.—Predictions that the currency bill will pass the senate before Saturday night were made by Bristow, Burton and Gallinger, republicans, today. "It is not the republicans who are delaying action or consuming the most time," said Gallinger.

At a conference of democratic senators tonight it is proposed to eliminate deposits guaranteed from the currency bill and change "lawful money redemption" to make treasury notes redeemable in gold, and arrange, if possible, for a final vote Thursday night.

Democratic and republican leaders tentatively agreed to vote on the currency bill at the end of legislative day Friday.

## SUFFRAGE LAW'S TEST CASE FILED

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 17.—The appeal case of William J. Soewn against Anthony Czarnecki of Chicago, brought to test the constitutionality of the woman's suffrage act, is on file in the supreme court, which is asked to take the case up at the February term for a quick decision.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.

Generally cloudy tonight and Thursday, with probably snow flurries tonight; somewhat colder, with the lowest temperature tonight about 25 degrees; light to moderate variable winds. Temperature at 7 a. m., 31; highest yesterday, 40; lowest last night, 31. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 9 miles per hour. Precipitation, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 87; at 7 a. m., 100. Stage of water, 3.4; a fall of .1 in last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.  
Evening stars: Jupiter, Saturn. Morning stars: Mars, Mercury, Venus. The white first magnitude star at the end of the handle of the sickle, seen in the eastern sky about 9 p. m., is Regulus.

## RAMPOLLA DEAD; TALKED FOR POPE

Cardinal, Who Possessed Large  
Wealth and Gave With  
Liberality, Expires.

Rome, Dec. 17.—Cardinal Rampolla, formerly papal secretary of state and at the death of Pope Leo XIII, the man most widely discussed as possible successor, died here yesterday.

The cardinal was an Italian nobleman, being in addition to his position as a prince of the Roman Catholic church, Marquis del Tindaro.

On his mother's side, though she was a Spaniard, he was related to the royal house of Saxony. Possessed of large personal wealth, he was known as liberal with it. An aristocrat by birth, education and the holding of conspicuous positions, he for a long time depended on an American-made alarm clock to arouse him at 5 o'clock in the morning.

As papal secretary of state he was ambitious for the extension of the power of the church, but was known to sympathize with much of the movement known as "modernism," which found little favor with Pope Pius X. The Paris Figaro said of him: "He beheld the light of fresh inspiration irradiating the world and he conceived the possibility of loving communion between a faith as ancient as the cross and a world modernized by science."

The cardinal was born at Polizzi, Sicily, in 1843. He was educated at the Collegio Capranico, the Jesuit college in Rome and later at the Accademia Dei Nobili Ecclesiastici, also in Rome.

Before becoming cardinal in 1887 he had been counselor to the papal embassy at Madrid, secretary of the propaganda for eastern affairs, and in 1880 secretary of ecclesiastical affairs. It was he who suggested the pope as mediator between Spain and Germany in the dispute over the Caroline islands.

In the year 1887 he was made papal secretary of state and was the papal representative in negotiations with Italy when Crispi was premier and severe laws against the Roman Catholic clergy aroused the anxiety of the Vatican.

The aim of the new papal secretary of state was to strengthen French sympathy for the papacy and in that endeavor he antagonized Germany and Austria.

At the time of the death of Pope Leo XIII, Cardinal Rampolla had been replaced by Cardinal Merry del Val as secretary of state. When the college of cardinals met, however, to choose a new pope Rampolla's name led on the first two ballots.

Since the election of Pope Pius X, Cardinal Rampolla had lived in virtual retirement at the Palace of St. Martha, just behind St. Peter's Cathedral, and has devoted his time to matters of doctrine and internal administration of the church.

At the time of the recent illness of Pope Pius X, when for a time there seemed but little or no chance for the recovery of the supreme pontiff, Cardinal Rampolla was again spoken of as a probable choice for the papacy. The death of Cardinal Rampolla was not made known to the pope until this morning. As recently as Saturday the pope received Rampolla, who was apparently in good health. The pope issued the following statement: "Rampolla was one of the greatest men in the church. He had become ever greater since he retired from state affairs." His holiness ordered the highest honors paid to the deceased cardinal. Death was due to angina pectoris.

## MRS. PANKHURST IN STATE OF COLLAPSE

London, Eng., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was again released from Holloway jail today. She has been imprisoned since Saturday. Mrs. Pankhurst, in a state of collapse as a result of a "hunger strike," was taken in an ambulance to the headquarters of the militant suffragettes, where a physician was waiting. She soon will be able to go to Switzerland to recuperate.

## BIG GRAFT ON CANAL CLAIM OLD EMPLOYE

Commissary Manager Al-  
leged to Have Taken  
Commissions.

### AN INVESTIGATION ON

Charged Profits of \$50,000 Are  
Made in Single Deal—Gov-  
ernment Not Loser.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Charges of irregularities in dealing between John Burke, commissary manager of the Panama canal work, and contractors who have been furnishing supplies, is being investigated to determine whether he received commissions from contractors.

The canal commission's office states the investigation has been in progress six months, and continues, based upon charges preferred by Charles Walker, a former subordinate in Burke's department. Walker alleged Burke was demanding and receiving large commissions from persons with whom he placed large contracts for food and other supplies for canal workers. He also alleged Burke awarded contracts to the Colon Import and Export company, in which he is a stockholder and had profited at least \$50,000 in the operations. His salary is \$4,500. Several large contracts were placed in Europe.

Millions in Contracts.  
Burke's work done entirely from canal purchases is believed to have totalled between five and six million dollars during the period covered by the investigation. One of the facts on which officials agreed was that if anyone lost money in the operations of Burke the government was not a loser. Law officers of the war department will determine what action, if any, the government may take.

## WORLD BIDS ARE SOUGHT BY NAVY

Removal of Duty by Underwood  
Bill Invites Foreign Compe-  
tition on Cloths.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Taking advantage of reductions in the Underwood tariff law, the navy has adopted a policy of purchasing supplies in markets of the world, instead of only the American market. The navy has put out bids for 100,000 yards of dark blue cloth for trousers, jackets and caps for enlisted men. The old tariff measure practically eliminated foreign bidders. All wool is now on the free list. The awarding of a contract for beef to Argentina packers was recently let at a substantial decrease in the bids submitted by American packers.

## BRYAN ASKS FOR NEW EMBASSIES

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Bryan, before the foreign affairs committee of the house today, advocated the purchase of embassy buildings at Tokio, Mexico City and Bern. Bryan emphasized that the government should provide embassies so poor men would not hesitate to accept diplomatic posts.

## EDITOR FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

Taylorville, Ill., Dec. 17.—F. D. State, editor of the Mount Auburn, Ill., Tribune, today was acquitted of the murder of Dr. Bennett Windsor, mayor of Auburn, whom he shot May 16. He pleaded self defense.

Engine Kills Man.  
Champaign, Ill., Dec. 17.—Vale Gary, an Illinois Central brakeman, was killed by an engine at Rantoul.

## CASE OF GUNMEN IN APPEAL COURT

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Arguments on the appeal of the four gunmen convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, began today in the state court of appeals. The appeal is similar to that already made in the case of Becker,