

# MINERS' PLEA FOR PROBE IS BEING PUSHED

### House Rules Committee Hears Arguments by Labor Leaders.

## SEEK END OF STRIKES

### Official of Illinois Fears Bloodshed Unless There is Federal Interference.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The house rules committee today received telegraphic appeals from Michigan and Colorado miners' unions for a congressional investigation of the strikes in those states.

Democratic members of the committee pondered on a prospective investigation, but deferred action. President Walker, of the Illinois Federation of Labor, telegraphed as spokesman for more than "a half million workmen and women identified with the federation." He appealed for investigations, "so the people may know whose rights are infringed."

Secretary McDonald of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, telegraphed in behalf of 8,000 members for immediate investigation to prevent suffering and possible loss of life.

Clark Hits Calamity Howlers.

In his debate in the house Republican Leader Mann drew a picture of industrial conditions. He said they warranted a note of warning to the people in power. Speaker Clark, in reply, said Mann, Senator Root, former speaker Cannon, ex-Governor Hadley and Chairman Hiles of the republican committee, "had been the greatest calamity howlers in the country this fall," and it looked "like a republican conspiracy against the progress of the republic."

Demands Upon Ammons.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—Several hundred delegates at a state labor convention today marched the streets to the capitol to demand that Governor Ammons abolish the military commission in the Colorado strike zone and dismiss certain military officers.

# HEADACHES DRIVE EDITOR TO DEATH

### Pains Due to Accidental Shooting by Son Cause Shabbona Man to Suicide.

Shabbona, Ill., Dec. 18.—Headaches which resulted from being accidentally shot by his son, Harold, aged 16, three years ago, and which at times drove him frantic, caused Joseph Nolan, editor and owner of the Shabbona Chronicle, to hang himself in his printing plant last night. The dangling corpse was discovered by his daughter, aged 16, who had gone to call him to supper. He is survived by his wife and five children. Nolan was 45 and came here seven years ago from Chicago.

# WARD'S DAUGHTER TO GET MILLIONS

### Only Child to Receive Bulk of Estate of Late Chicago Mail Order Man.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—Miss Marjorie Ward, aged 25, is expected to be the chief beneficiary of the will of A. Montgomery Ward. The estate is valued at \$15,000,000. The widow and daughter are the only immediate members of the family.

# SON ACCUSED OF CHAINING FATHER

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—Max Glaser, aged 59, was found today by the police chained to the floor of a room in the rear of a butcher shop run by his son Morris. The latter, when arrested, admitted to the police that his father had neither food nor water for three days. Mrs. Morris Glaser, who turned the police, said her husband considered his father insane and did not want him placed in an asylum.

## AIN'T SHE THE GIDDY OLD THING?



# WILSON HOST AT CABINET DINNER

### First State Function of Season Scheduled at the White House Tonight.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson will give the first cabinet dinner of the season at the White house tonight. A few invited guests outside of the cabinet will be present, including Mayor-elect Mitchell of New York.

The first state function of the season is to be followed by dinners by cabinet members to the president, and the usual official receptions. The New Year's reception will not be held this year. The president will leave Washington immediately after signing the currency bill, which is expected to reach him next Monday or Tuesday. He will go south and remain two or three weeks. Today he will take part in the planting of an elm tree on the White house lawn on the spot where the Cleveland elm was uprooted several months ago by a storm.

# TOWN IS DIVIDED ON MURDER CASE

### Wealthy Woman Engages Counsel to Defend a Stenographer Accused of Crime.

Toms River, N. J., Dec. 18.—Joseph Moriarity, a stenographer, was placed on trial in the supreme court today for the murder of Mrs. Caroline Turner, wife of an employee of the Lakewood estate of George J. Gould, whose mutilated body was found in April, 1911, in a clump of trees near her home.

Moriarity is without means, but Mrs. Jasper Lynch, a wealthy society woman of Lakewood, by whom he was formerly employed, has arranged to defend him. She has engaged a cluster of lawyers, who are opposed by a strong array of legal talent for the state.

The little court room was crowded with society women. The fashionable colony is divided into two clans, one friendly to the prisoner and his wealthy sponsor, and the other hostile.

# COURT GRANTS THAW A HEARING FOR BAIL

### Concord, N. H., Dec. 18.—A commission to examine Harry K. Thaw to determine whether his liberty under bail would be dangerous to public safety was announced in a rescript issued by Judge Aldrich in the federal court yesterday.

In the rescript, which is on Thaw's application for admission to bail under the habeas corpus proceedings, Judge Aldrich says: "The commission is not appointed for the purpose of listening to experts upon an advisory hearing, but for making such observations and examinations as it sees fit to make as to Thaw's present condition; and whether he is insane or not, its opinion is sought upon the single and sole question whether it is reasonably probable that his liberty under bail

would be dangerous to the public peace and safety."

It will be open to the commission to give interested parties an opportunity to offer evidence in respect to acts, if any, since Thaw's commitment to Mattawan, tending to show personal violence.

When the report of the commission is presented the parties may have leave to be heard further on the question of bail.

# CHARGE NEGLECT TO PEORIA MAYOR

### Reform Crusaders Also Assail Chief of Police in Campaign for a Clean Up.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 18.—A recently formed Law Enforcement league, headed by Rev. Clement G. Clarke, pastor of the First Congregational church, in a circular signed "The Committee of Five," charges Mayor E. N. Woodruff and Chief of Police W. W. Rhoades with neglect of their duties.

The charges declare that a 16-year old girl was given by Chief Rhoades into the custody of an ex-convict, who had been sentenced for trafficking in women. They charge that a certain member of the city administration has been connected with a gambling house; that street walking zones unchecked; and that one member of an incoming grand jury has been approached and "fixed."

Mayor Woodruff on Saturday appealed to the Association of Commerce to assist the administration in disproving these charges. The Association of Commerce named a committee of five to investigate the matter. State's Attorney C. E. McNemar has set on foot an investigation of the claim that the machinery of the courts has been fixed. He made a demand on Mr. Clarke yesterday that the name and proofs be furnished. Mr. Clarke said they would be furnished under certain conditions.

The committee of five of the Law Enforcement league has agreed to hold a conference with the similar committee representing the Association of Commerce Friday afternoon.

The charges against Mayor Woodruff and Chief Rhoades are denied in official circles. At a meeting of the Law Enforcement league held last evening doubt was expressed that proof of some of the charges could be furnished.

The purity crusade is the outgrowth of the killing of Special Officer Otto Hofer by Bill Schuster, a saloon-keeper, two months ago. Since that time cabaret shows, all night restaurants and saloons, and all gambling houses have been closed; the Law Enforcement league has been formed and open declarations have been made that all saloons will be forced out on Sunday; the segregated district eliminated, and the lid put on prize fighting.

# TRAIN REFUGEES FROM CHIHUAHUA

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 18.—A special train with 500 refugees from Chihuahua reached here today. They said conditions in the Mexican city since its occupation by Villa, rebel commander, were such as to warrant the departure of all foreigners from that vicinity.

# HARRISON FILLS 3 BOARD VACANCIES

### Chicago Mayor Appoints New School Directors to Take Places of Rebels.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Three new members of the school board were appointed last night by Mayor Carter Harrison. To fill the places of three of the five whose resignations he accepted as a result of their voting to oust Mrs. Ella Flag Young from the superintendency.

The appointees are: John A. Metz, president of the Carpenters' District Council, to succeed J. G. Harding; John W. Echhardt, former member of the library board, to succeed H. W. Luttmann; Joseph A. Helpach to succeed J. B. Dibelka.

The mayor said he had not yet decided on a successor to C. O. Sethness, Harry A. Lipsky, the fifth member, whose resignation was accepted, probably will be reappointed. Mr. Lipsky sent Mr. Harrison a letter explaining that he had cast a blank ball in order that on the second he might announce he would vote for Mrs. Young, turning the tide in her favor.

# CHANGES AFFECT NUMBER OFFICERS

### Major General Bell to Leave Islands and Come to United States in March.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The war department today announced important changes in high ranking officers. Major General Barry, commanding the eastern division at Governor's Island, goes to the Philippine Islands in March to relieve Major General Bell, who returns to the United States in May.

Major General Carter, commanding the second division, now in Texas, goes to the Hawaiian department to relieve Brigadier General Funston, who in April will return to the United States for assignment to a brigade command.

Brigadier General Macomb, commanding the first Hawaiian brigade, will come to Washington to relieve Brigadier General Liggett as president of the army war college. Liggett will relieve Brigadier General Edwards, commanding the sixth brigade, now in Texas, who goes to Hawaii to relieve Macomb.

# VANDALS WRECK LIBRARY'S INSIDE

Oberlin, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Vandals last night wrecked the interior of the Carnegie library used jointly by Oberlin college and the town. Books and magazines were thrown in confusion and card index files destroyed. Restora-tion will cost several thousand. The police indicted the student body as responsible.

# OUST GEORGE AS GOVERNOR MODEL HOME

### New York State Board of Charities Condemns Noted Social Worker.

## LOOSE MORAL CONDUCT

### Brings Downfall of Founder of Institution for Aiding Wayward Children.

New York, Dec. 18.—Removal of William R. George from active participation in the affairs of the George Junior Republic at Freeville, N. Y., founded by him more than ten years ago, is recommended by the state board of charities. His moral conduct is severely condemned.

The investigation was begun more than six months ago. More than 50 witnesses from six states were examined in regard to charges of loose living made against George by young women, former members of the republic. The oldest of these charges dated back to 1904. The testimony is unprintable, and no verdict whether the charges were proved was rendered by the investigating committee.

The board recommends that no more girls be received and those now there be removed to other institutions. It suggests that the courts of the republic, the grand jury and district attorney be abolished and that a superintendent deal with all offenses.

Refuge for Wayward. His retirement from the directorship of the national organization of republics is believed forecast by the report. The George Junior Republic was founded by George as a refuge for bad boys. Pioneer members were toughs of the old Bowery, youth who said they "never had a chance." These were taken to the hills of Freeville, near Ithaca, and under George's direction governed themselves in the republic he founded. George was a benevolent despot. His chief aim was to bring back to home life wayward boys and girls. From the model at Freeville other George Junior Republics were founded throughout the country.

Counsel for George was indignant and said that only witnesses against his client had been heard and that witnesses could have been called who would easily have disproved some of the charges. George is 47 and has been in poor health more than a year.

Has Hypnotic Powers. The committee's report, which was adopted by the board, says in part: "In view of certain confessions and statements regarding George's exercise of hypnotic influence upon citizens of a republic, his admissions of lapses of memory, as testified before the joint committee of the National Association of Junior Republics, his presence at the institution is clearly undesirable." It was brought out in the testimony by the committee of trustees that George could hypnotize himself standing before a mirror. Sometimes he did so and had to be awakened from the spell by some one else, being unable to throw it off himself.

Republic Population 124. George officially withdrew from the management of the institution in 1908 and accepted office in connection with the National Association of Junior Republics. However, he continued to reside in a house adjoining the republic and until recently had more or less influence in the management.

The republic's present population of citizens is 124, of which 41 are girls. No person is admitted under 14, and the average age is about 17. The property consists of 400 acres and 20 buildings.

Familiar With Girls. The report of the committee says further: "Evidence shows that for many years it has been the custom of George to exhibit undue familiarity with girl citizens. Whatever may have been his motive his example in this regard and the influence of these acts as shown by witnesses had the effect of leading to immoral acts of a number of older girls and boys. About a year ago it became apparent to those in control of the republic that a seriously immoral condition existed. An effort to eradicate the evil resulted in the arrest and conviction of several citizens of both sexes. Until recently there have been many opportunities for immorality among the citizens. We find it has been the custom to permit girls to do housework in houses occupied by boys."

Spanish Rout Moors. Madrid, Spain, Dec. 18.—A large force of Moorish tribesmen was routed with heavy loss by Spanish troops at Muley Abeslam, Spanish Morocco. The Spanish loss was considerable. "A veritable rain of bombs was tossed by Spanish airplanes into the midst of the Moors," said a dispatch to the war office.

## THE WEATHER

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

Fair tonight and Friday, not much change in temperature, with the lowest tonight about 30 degrees. Moderate variable winds, becoming southerly.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 28; highest yesterday, 42; lowest last night, 27. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 1 mile per hour.

Precipitation none. Relative humidity, at 7 p. m. 80, at 7 a. m. 81.

Stage of water, 3.3, 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 star Regulus of constellation Leo is in reality a tremendous sun, giving out nearly 1,000 times as much light as our sun.

# NATIONAL WIRES BURLESON'S PLAN

### Postmaster General Says Telegraph Is Monopoly Which Public Should Own.

## TAKES UP TELEPHONES, TOO

### Declares Congress Has Laid Basis for Taking Over Both the Systems.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A sweeping declaration in favor of the principle of government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines and an assertion that the postal service now is self-supporting for the first time since 1882 are features of the annual report of Postmaster General Burleson, transmitted to congress yesterday. He urges that he be authorized to contract for experimental aerial mail service and says his department has submitted a request for \$50,000 to use for that purpose.

Discussing the policy of government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines, Mr. Burleson says: "A study of the constitutional purposes of the postal establishment leads to the conviction that the post-office department should have control over all means of the communication of intelligence."

"The first telegraph line in this country was maintained and operated as a part of the postal service, and it is to be regretted that congress saw fit to relinquish this facility to private enterprise. The monopolistic nature of the telegraph business makes it of vital importance to the people that it be conducted by unselfish interests, and this can be accomplished only through government ownership."

"The act of July 24, 1866, providing for the government acquisition of the telegraph lines upon payment of an appraised valuation and the act of 1902 directing the postmaster general to report to congress the probable cost of connecting a telegraph and telephone system with the postal service by some feasible plan" are evidences of the policy of this government ultimately to acquire and operate these electrical means of communication as postal facilities, as is done by all the principal nations, the United States alone excepted.

Lauds Parcel Post. "The successful operation of the parcel post has demonstrated the capacity of the government to conduct the public utilities which fall properly within the postal provision of the constitution."

"Every argument in favor of the government ownership of telegraph lines may be advanced with equal logic and force in favor of the government ownership of telephone lines. It has been completely decided that a telephone message and a telegram are the same within the meaning of the laws governing the telegraph service and therefore it is believed that the statute enabling the government to acquire, upon the payment of an appraised valuation, the telegraph lines of the country will enable the government to acquire the telephone network of the country."

Inquiry Now in Progress. "In June last a committee was appointed to make an investigation of this subject, to determine the preliminary steps necessary for the government to take toward the acquisition of the telegraph lines of the country in accordance with section 5267 of the revised statutes. This committee is now engaged in preparing its preliminary report, and if the findings justify such action, proper recommendation will be made by the department at a later date."

Postmaster General Burleson presents an elaborate statement of the financial operations of the postoffice department, including a discussion of the method of bookkeeping, which he has changed.

"It is gratifying to report," says he, "that the total expense of maintaining the postal service for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1913, is found to be exceeded by the revenues for the same period; that there is an actual surplus of \$3,841,906.78; and that the postal service is now for the first time since 1883 self-supporting."

In the course of his discussion of

# BOOT LEGGER IS KILLED IN POSSE FIGHT

### Bonner, Kans., City Hall the Scene of an Unequal Battle.

## MARSHAL IS WOUNDED

### Accused Man Refuses to Submit to Arrest and Shoots Until He Drops Dead.

Bonner Springs, Kas., Dec. 18.—In a battle that ensued when a posse of 15 surrounded the city hall building, on the second floor of which was Rolla Harvey, an alleged boot-legger suspected of conducting a "joint," Harvey was killed and two other men wounded. More than 50 shots were fired.

Marshal Eastling attempted to arrest Harvey and his companion on the street, on a bootlegging charge. Harvey fired twice and Eastling and his companion fled. The shots missed. Eastling went about town awakening citizens and recruited an armed posse. Harvey lived with his wife and two children in three rooms in the city hall building on Main street. The posse took positions at four sides of the building. In response to a shot Harvey appeared at the door. "Surrender," shouted Eastling, "we are 15 strong. You don't want your family hurt."

Given Revolver by Wife. Mrs. Harvey handed her husband a revolver and retired. Harvey opened fire. Before a shower of bullets brought him down he had shot C. H. Weber in the leg and grazed Eastling's scalp. The posse swarmed up the steps and found the body of Harvey on the porch riddled by bullets and charges from shotguns.

Before the battle was over half the population of the town was in the vicinity of the city hall.

his general financial policy Postmaster General Burleson says:

"The postal service should be extended with due regard for the exigencies of public revenue, wherever its benefits, commercial and social, warrant the expenditure necessary, irrespective of whether or not the revenue from each extension will defray the cost thereof."

Changes Asked in Laws. Among the new laws which Mr. Burleson asks congress to enact are:

A law granting to the postoffice department exclusive jurisdiction over the selection of the sites for post-office purposes and joint authority with the secretary of the treasury in the selection of sites for federal buildings to be used jointly by the postal and other branches of the government service.

An amendment to existing law to allow \$2,000 indemnity for accidental death of any officer or employe of the postal service, or for death within one year caused by injuries suffered in the service in the line of duty.

Legal provision to leave, with full pay for a period of one year, for injuries suffered in the line of duty, and then at half pay for not exceeding one year additional.

A law to authorize the postmaster general to contract for experimental aerial mail service, for which an estimate of \$50,000 has been submitted.

A law to authorize the issuance of postal money orders payable at any money order office.

A law to authorize the removal of the limitation on the amount of postal savings deposits, with the proviso that interest shall not be paid on more than \$1,000. This will permit postal savings depositors to deposit any amount.

# IMITATION MILK FOR INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18.—Manufactured milk made by mixing a powder with water and adding butter fat has been sold here for some time, according to the largest companies of the city. It stands all tests required of milk. The discovery was brought about when one company put too much butter fat in its supply, causing the cream to settle at the bottom instead of the top. The health board has ordered the manufactured milk so labeled.

Woman Acquitted of Murder. Peoria, Ill., Dec. 18.—A jury in the circuit court yesterday returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Mrs. Ada Heathcoat, charged with the murder of George V. Barrick. The alleged crime occurred on the morning of Oct. 5 in an alley in the 1600 block on South Washington street. Sangamon Huggins, 11 years old, asserted he was an eyewitness.