

FIRTH WILL DECLINE.

Won't Take Nomination for Speaker—Smith's Hand Seen.

After a conference between William B. Gourley, chairman of the state Democratic committee of New Jersey, and James R. Nugent, a member of the same committee in Newark, N. J., yesterday...

The conference between Nugent and Gourley, both of whom are strong champions of Mr. Firth...

Mr. Firth says that he realizes that his position is not understood elsewhere in the state as it is in Warren County. The people there have known him all his life and have elected him many times to public offices of honor and trust...

The declination of Firth is said by some Democrats in Newark and Essex County to have been requested. Many see in it another shrewd move of ex-Senator Smith to keep on top in his political fight against "Boss" Robert Davis...

It became apparent to Smith yesterday that to gain control over his eleven men in Essex he would have to do something in the matter of Firth's opposition, and it is said that it was at Smith's suggestion that the "consent" to withdraw...

Asked what would be the situation with regard to the Essex delegation with Firth out of the way, Mr. Gourley said he could only speak for his own county, and that there would be no change in the line-up of the forces from there...

WILL WATCH JERSEY LEGISLATION.

Newark, Dec. 15.—The People's Lobby, an association whose object will be to watch all legislation in Jersey, has been formed by men throughout the state who in the past have been identified with reform and independent movements...

CONVICTS IN MUTINY.

Governor of Mississippi Commands Troops in Person. Jackson, Miss., Dec. 15.—The convicts at Oakley prison farm, in this county, mutinied this afternoon and killed J. M. Buckley, a guard...

TO CHANGE DIPLOMATIC TITLES.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Foster, of Vermont, introduced a bill to-day providing that diplomatic representatives of the United States above the grade of chargé d'affaires shall hereafter bear the title of American Ambassador...

FOR LOAN TO JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

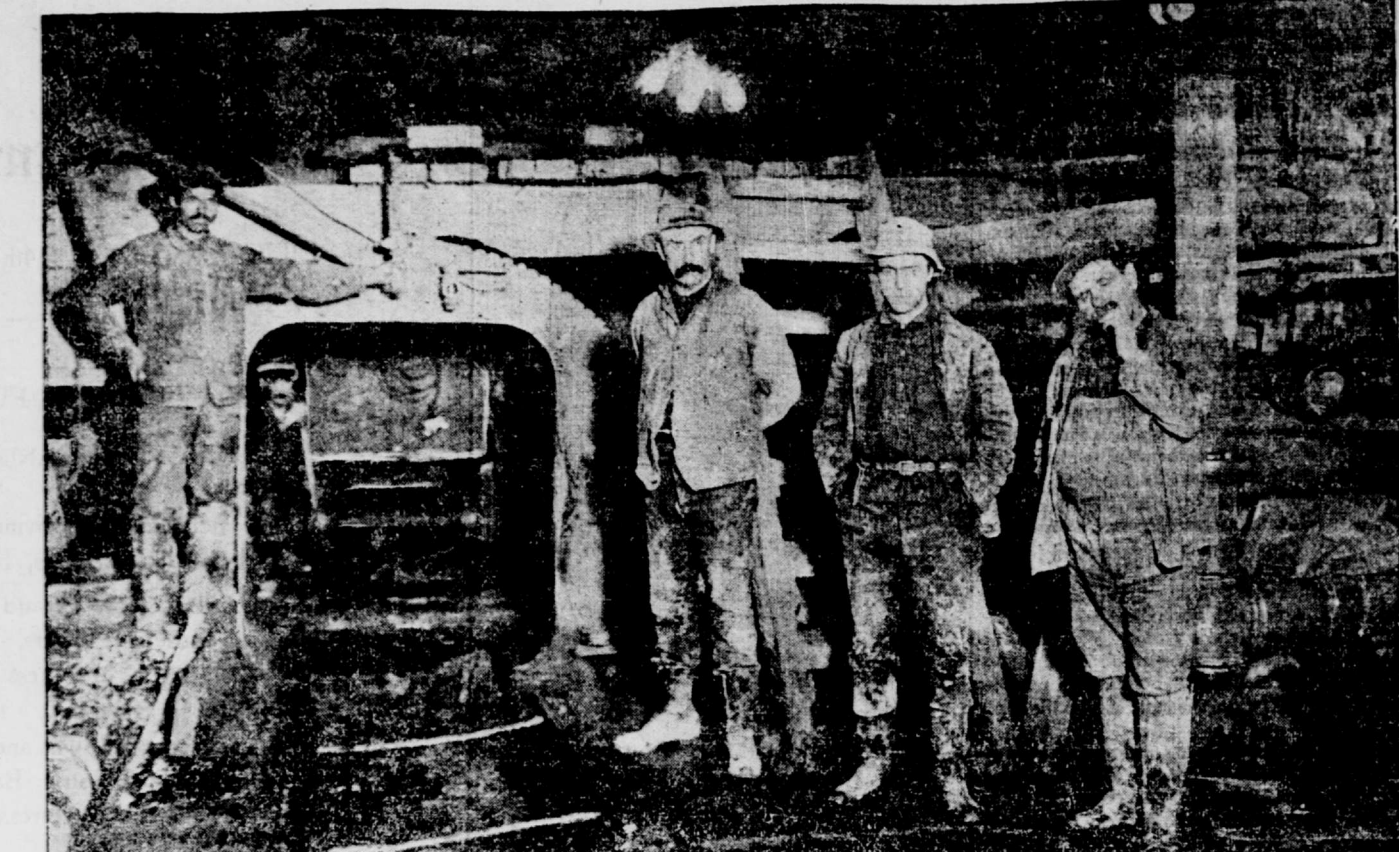
Washington, Dec. 15.—The Senate Committee on Industrial Expositions to-day authorized a favorable report on Senator Dill's bill providing for a government loan of \$1,000,000 to the Jamestown Exposition.



MRS. ANNA B. DEPEW.

Has Used Duffy's for Fifty Years. Mrs. Anna B. Depew, of Wharton, Ohio, who has just celebrated her 101st birthday, is still hale and hearty...

ENGINEER BROWN AT THE MOUTH OF THE LAST AIR LOCK, EAST RIVER TUNNEL.



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NOT AN AGENT OF RUSSIA.

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TENNESSEE ALSO GETS GIFT.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 15.—The cruiser Tennessee, anchored in Hampton Roads, was to-day presented with a silver service, the gift of Tennessee. Governor J. N. Cox of Tennessee and members of his staff with their wives were present.

WANT AMERICANS ONLY

Foreign Contractors Banned from Panama Canal Work.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Foreign contractors are to be barred from competition for the completion of the Panama Canal. Chairman Shonts of the Isthmian Canal Commission made this announcement to-day.

A substantial reduction in the bond of the successful bidder was also made by the commission, in compliance with the request of prospective bidders.

To relieve the contractor from responsibility for the use of defective materials, or for the preparation for use of the same, provided he has requested the chief engineer in writing for the definite approval of the materials...

It was also provided that in case the government should decide to terminate the contract when the contractor is not in default...

RAILROADS MAKE REPLY.

Say They Are Trying to Relieve Coal Famine in Northwest.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The telegram sent yesterday by Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission to the presidents of various railroad systems calling their attention to the many complaints of coal shortage...

We will endeavor to comply and furnish prompt and satisfactory service, and be much pleased to have our traffic not only made, but made in a safe and profitable manner.

U. S. BILL AGAINST CUBA.

Mr. Taft Explains Finances to House Appropriations Committee.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Cuban financial situation was explained to the House Committee on Appropriations to-day by Secretary Taft. Through his explanation it was ascertained that American intervention in the island made necessary the expenditure of something more than \$2,000,000.

PENSION DAY IN THE HOUSE.

Three Hundred and Fifty Bills Passed in Less than an Hour.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The House to-day passed 350 invalid pension bills in less than an hour. Before taking up pension legislation the Committee on Appropriations reported an urgent deficiency bill, carrying \$21,500, for the various departments of the government...

AGRICULTURE OCCUPATION TAX NULL.

Georgia, Dec. 15.—The occupation tax passed under the general tax act of 1902 was declared unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court to-day. The decision was rendered in the case of the state against the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The Financial World.

No great activity shows in the market—though plenty of developments warrant a situation altogether contrary to that which rules upon the Stock Exchange.

A commanding episode of the week is the announcement of Great Northern's financial plan to increase the stock of the company to the amount of \$20,000,000.

That there is need of extension of transportation facilities is certified by every railroad authority in the land. In the case of Great Northern there is a special demand from such far Western territory as Idaho, Washington and Montana.

This whole transaction should be viewed broadly—and not only Wall Street traders have preferred to expect it. The Hill concession of duty is that corporate management is stewardship—that it owes strict account to owners.

And, happily, the Hill type of management has become typical rather than exceptional. We see the same high character, for example, in the administration of the United States Steel Corporation.

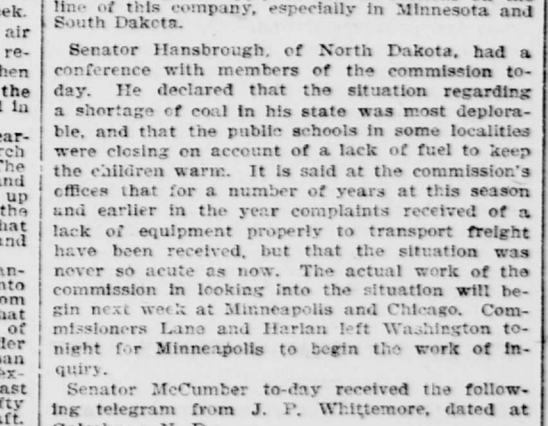
In the week's Stock Exchange record quotations up and down have moved largely to money market fluctuations. There has been less effect from common sense appreciation of facts than from hysteria.

One encouraging factor is the open departure of Standard Oil financiers from some of their recent grudging behavior. St. Paul's movement reflects this change of attitude.

The Flower group of stocks are among those sure to be advantaged by general market betterment. In Brooklyn Rapid Transit and People's Gas particularly there must eventually be re-flection of the great gains which they have been making as profit producers.

In all probability the lower priced shares on the board will be leaders as the market broadens. Among railways Denver, Colorado Southern and Mexican Central are entitled to material increase of market value.

Reference in this review to developments impending in the Hocking Coal & Iron property will soon be justified—probably by official announcement.



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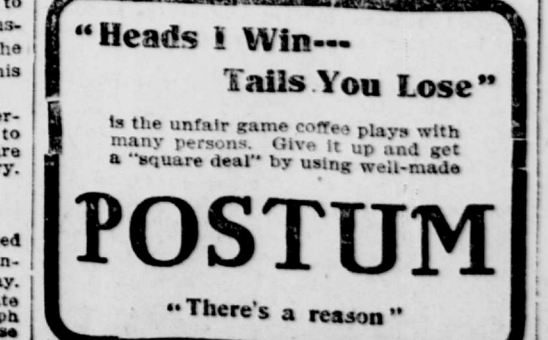
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