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Anyway, Anna Gould's troubles are now countless.

Wonder if Mrs. Russell Sage has Count Boni on her list?

Peary says he prefers dogs to airships. Not as a steady diet, but for hauling.

Emperor William says he is an optimist, and his moustache bears him out.

"Arabians when they meet a friend shake hands six or eight times." Then do they strike him for a loan?

The wages of sin remain about the same. All others are being marked up ten per cent. or thereabout.

Even if Ontario should harness Niagara, it would not be the first time that beauty has been commercialized.

The cables say King Menelik hasn't one foot in the grave. It is therefore unnecessary to say that Abyssinia is still unpartitioned by the powers.

Acting on Mohammed's wisdom where the mountain was concerned, an Iowa town has moved itself to a railway that would not come to the town.

Fears are entertained in Persia that there will be a reaction when the crown prince becomes shah. What in the world can they have to react from in Persia?

With coal enough in the mines of the country to last 4,000 or 5,000 years it does seem as if it ought to be easier to get enough in the cellar to last four or five months.

Count Boni as a Paris newspaper writer, at a salary of $100 per, may not save much money, but he will have a glorious chance to get even with the flippant journalists of America.

The Chicago doctor who said in public the other day that a man ought to choose his wife just as he would a fine horse, probably heard from his wife when he got home, if he is married.

A dispatch says eastern traveling men are going to break up the tipping practice. What's the matter, asks the St. Louis Republic, with the westerners helping along this emancipation from small graft?

The average American family consumes 1,084 pounds of meat annually, according to Secretary Wilson's estimates. If that's true, says the Washington Times, the vegetarians have been stuffing the ballot in making up their returns.

A fashion writer announces that tiaras will be worn by ladies in the theaters next season. Well, even when general prosperity prevails, few ladies are likely to be able to afford tiaras that will seriously obstruct the view from behind them.

A Denver woman recently succeeded in raising $2,000 for a hospital by selling kisses and smiles. She might now be able to get another good slice of money for some charity by writing a testimonial in favor of somebody's cure for chapped lips.

The Pennsylvania railway doubts whether it will ever be reasonably practical for its trains to use electric motors in Washington. "Reasonably practical" is a phrase that covers so many con agencies that it should be accorded a place among the classics of diplomacy.

Inconsistency, the paste jewel of human nature, has never been better illustrated than by the barbarous contrast of bravery and cowardice which a medical journal points out in professional motor-car drivers. They risk their lives in perilous runs for money, for excitement, for fame, from zest for the sport or whatever the motive may be. Yet some of them will not have the number 13 on their cars. Shrinking from the fictitious terrors of a medieval superstition they plunge boldly into dangers that are so obvious that every spectator of a race holds his breath. Curious illogical human nature!

If the recommendations of a college baseball coach are adopted, the game will be more confusing to the uninitiated than it is at present. He suggests that the batter be allowed to run the bases either way, going from the home plate to first base or to third, as he chooses, and continuing that way to the home plate again. When the first man in an inning has run to the left instead of to the right all the others will have to go that way. Whether there is any merit in the proposal or not, it indicates that the baseball players are not going to allow the football players to have things all to themselves in amending rules.

Thomas A. Edison claims that he can make an automobile for $200 that will last 15 years. But why, asks the Chicago Record-Herald, should anybody want an automobile that will last as long as that? We will all be flying in less than 15 years from now.

A Cincinnati drummer posing as Richard Harding Davis had the time of his life at the expense of Nashville's "400."

The thing that worries Walter Wellman is that he might pass the pole in his balloon and not be able to stop.

When the first steamship bringing immigrants to Charleston came across the ocean recently, 29 couples were married on the voyage. Each of them will face the problem of making a home in America with new strength and new determination.

It looks as if the man who claims to produce vegetable life artificially were merely making more work for Prof. Wiley.

Informed football has been produced O. K. Now reform the professional player.

FIGHT TO THE DEATH

In the Presence of Many Frenzied Women.

New York.—In the presence of half a hundred women on the verge of frenzy from terror, Abraham Loess and Louis Segal fought to the death in a book bindery in a Center street loft today. Loess, who was foreman of the bindery, received a deep knife wound in the neck just as a half dozen policemen, who had been attracted by the cries of the women, rushed into the room. His jugular vein was severed and he died in a few moments. Segal was arrested.

Henry Lapidus, a 15-year-old boy, who was employed as a sweeper in the bindery, caused the row which resulted in the tragedy. Segal complained to the boy that he was raising too much dust, and when the boy continued to wield the broom as vigorously as before Segal struck him.

Loess took the boy's part, and in a moment the men were fighting desperately. Just before the police came, it is alleged that Segal caught up a knife which was used for trimming the edges of books and plunged it into his opponent's neck.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Of Life Insurance Companies Plan of New York Meeting

New York.—More than a score of men holding prominent positions in the life insurance companies of the United States met here today at the invitation of Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, with a view of forming a national association on the lines of the underwriters and bankers, with special provisions for the special lines of insurance business. All of the big companies were represented.

The movement is designed to lay plans to do away with the alleged lack of co-operation among the companies to decide upon a uniformity of practice in matters of general administration and to take some cohesive action in the matter of opposing what may be decided to be pernicious activity on the part of legislators in regard to the conduct of life insurance companies.

OLD HATFIELD-M'COY FEUD

May Be Revived by Killing of William Hatfield by a Country Girl.

Sergent, Ky.—Owing to an old trouble growing out of the Hatfield-McCoy feud war of Pike county, Elizabeth Daniel, a plucky country girl of eighteen summers, shot and instantly killed William Hatfield, 24, son of the late notorious "Devil Anc" Hatfield, once a leader in the celebrated feud war, near Bilmore, on Blackberry creek. The Daniel girl's father has been a McCoy sympathizer since the days of the feud, although the girl persists that she killed Hatfield in self-defense. Flourishing her revolver in mid-air, Miss Daniel fled to the mountains and is now surrounded by friends. It is feared that the old Hatfield-McCoy feud will be revived, as the Hatfields are said to be arming themselves.

CAPT. MACKLIN SHOT DOWN.

Believed Assassin Was Discharged Soldier.

El Reno, Okla.—Capt. Edgar B. Macklin of Company C, Twenty-fifth United States infantry, was shot twice and dangerously wounded tonight by a negro, and the belief is expressed here that it was one of the members of the troop discharged by President Roosevelt for participation in the Brownsville riots. The shooting occurred at the officers' quarters, when Capt. Macklin and his wife were seated at the dinner table. One bulletin entered Capt. Macklin's abdomen, the second struck him in the jaw. The surgeon says that while his wounds are dangerous, they are not necessarily fatal.

On Dec. 14 the secretary of war, upon recommendation of the general staff, ordered the trial by court-martial of Capt. Macklin for "conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline in failing to exercise due diligence in preventing the occurrence of rioting at Brownsville last August."

WORSE THAN REPORTED.

Uncle Sam May Send Relief to the Famine-Stricken Chinese.

Washington.—Reports having been received here from consuls and other officials of the State department that the condition of the famine sufferers in China is worse than at first supposed, the matter, at the instance of the American National Red Cross, was brought to the attention of the cabine today. It is probable that an appeal will be issued for supplies and steps taken to assign one or more army transports to the work of transporting them.

In order to send a government vessel it will be necessary, however, to secure the consent of congress, and to this end Secretary Taft will consult with th members of the military committees of the house and senate.

Railroad Fined.

Fort Worth, Tex.—In the case of the United States government vs. the Fort Worth and Denver City railway a verdict in favor of the plaintiff was rendered in the sum of $500. The petition of the government recited that four freight cars, which were the property of the road and were in use by that road, were not supplied with safety appliances connected with couplings, and asked for the recovery of penalties in the amount of $100 in each case. One count was dismissed, but verdicts were obtained in the other three cases.

Sanford Selected.

Washington.—Edward T. Sanford of Knoxville, Tenn., has been selected for appointment as assistant attorney-general in the department of justice to succeed J. C. McReynolds, who will retire on the first of the year. Mr. Sanford is a native of Tennessee, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He has several times led the Republican campaign in Tennessee. He was president of the Tennessee Bar Association last year.

MISSISSIPPI NEWS

State Pensioners.

State Auditor Henry has made up his pension report for the year 1906, showing a total of 7,863 pensioners. For the year 1905 there was a total of 7,612 pensioners, being an increase of 251. Below is a list of pensioners in each class and the amount drawn by each class. The No. 1 pensioners receive $125 each, the Nos. 2 and 3, $75, while classes Nos. 4, 5 and 6 are pro-rate pensioners, who receive $28.30 each:

Class	Number	Amount
1	114	$ 14,250.00
2	338	25,350.00
3	14	1,050.00
4	3,759	106,679.70
5	457	12,933.10
6	3,181	90,022.30
Totals	7,863	$249,985.10

Fierce Fight.

In a free for all fight, covering a desperate attempt to escape, at the Oakley convict farm, Capt. Buckley, hospital steward, received a seven-inch gash across the chest and Sergeant Dodds had an arm broken.

The fight began in the hospital, a negro named Ben Cooper attacking another negro named Charles Prince with a razor. Capt. Buckley attempted to cut his throat, and was only prevented by Hezekiah Pluney knocking the weapon down. Pluney then grappled with Cooper and disarmed him.

The attack on Prince was the signal for a general fight, in which eight or other negroes took part, and when Sergeant Dodds entered the room he was set upon and badly beaten with clubs, iron bars, etc., sustaining a broken arm.

When the other negroes saw Pluney take the razor from Cooper they quieted down and order was restored.

Pluney will be given a pardon for his action in the emergency.

Railroad Commission Wins.

The United States supreme court affirmed the decision of the Mississippi supreme court in the rate case of the Alabama and Vicksburg Railroad Company against the railroad commission of Mississippi. The suit originated in the chancery court of Hinds county, having been brought by the railroad company to restrain by injunction the enforcement of an order by the commission putting into effect and over its road from Vicksburg to Meridian, both cities inclusive, from and after Dec. 8, 1903, a flat rate of 3½ cents per 100 pounds on grain and grain products.

Deadly Duel.

A long-standing family feud was ended when Henry M. Hurst and John T. Stewart met in the public road near Magnolia and Hurst was killed. For years there had been trouble between the two men, the original differences arising from a trivial cause. When the the two met, it is said Hurst turned his team across the road so that Stewart could not pass and said, "I am going to kill you." With this, it is claimed, he drew his revolver, but his action was anticipated by Stewart, who fired first, killing Hurst instantly.

Italians Carve Each Other.

A number of Italian laborers employed by the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad on its tracks near Tunica got to quarreling among themselves, and before the town officers could get to the scene they indulged in a free fight, resulting in one of the number getting his throat cut. Another one was cut, but not seriously, while a third was bruised up badly. The railroad authorities were requested to move the gang from Tunica.

Rhodes Scholarships.

The Cecil Rhodes scholarship examinations for 1907 will be held at the University of Mississippi on the 17th and 18th of January. One scholar will be chosen for Mississippi, and he will go into residence at the University of Oxford, England, next October. The examinations cover arithmetic, either elementary algebra or elementary geometry, Latin and Greek. Each scholarship is worth £300 annually, and may be held for three years.

Lowlands Flooded.

Excessive rains flooded the lowlands in Panola and adjoining counties from a depth of a few inches to seven feet. The Tallahatchie and Coldwater rivers were out of their banks, deeply inundating the adjacent country.

Pritchard Pardoned.

The governor has pardoned Thomas J. Pritchard, who, in October, 1902, was convicted in Franklin county on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

New Rural Route.

Rural free delivery route No. 5 out from Philadelphia has been established, resulting in discontinuing the offices of Fair Ground, Hope, Saw, Worth and Trapp.

Files New Charter.

The new Mississippi Mills Company of Wesson, capitalized at $500,000, has organized under a new charter.

Immigration League.

The Mississippi State Immigration League has been organized with John T. Savage, Jackson, president, George F. Bauer, Jackson, treasurer, Fred Mueller, McComb City, secretary, and is now a live factor in the general plan of developing and husbanding the varied resources and material assets of the State.

Enforcing Game Law.

The stringency of the game law contained in the new code was shown when Charlie Armstrong was fined $25 by Mayor Doty of Grenada for selling venison. Section 2332 of the new code provides that "if any person at any time shall sell or offer for sale any animal, bird or fowl mentioned in this chapter, and known as game animals or fowls, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction be fined $25 or imprisoned for thirty days, or both such fine and imprisonment, as the court may direct.

THE OLD SAYING TURNED AROUND.

"This is no time for dreams that bore
These happy visions of the night before."

A BUNGLED HANGING

ROPE BROKE WHEN JODA HAMILTON DROPPED.

DIED BEFORE SECOND JERK

The Spectators See Something Awful at a Legal Execution in Missouri.

Houston, Mo.—The execution here of Joda Hamilton, the 20-year-old farmer boy, for the murder of five members of the family of Barney Parsons, a farmer, was a horrible affair. Two attempts were necessary before the hanging proved successful. The first rope broke. At the first attempt Hamilton shot through the trap with a jerk, and the spectators were horrified to see the rope part. Hamilton dropped to the ground and lay there writhing.

Was Dead, Doctor Says.

Partially conscious, he was picked up, and carried a second time to the scaffold. The rope was hurriedly placed about the boy's neck, and the trap again sprung. This time it was successful. The trap was sprung at 11:05. It required some time to repair the rope, and it was 11:10 before the trap was sprung the second time. The attending physician expressed the belief that Hamilton was fatally injured by the first fall, and died before he dropped the second time. The body was turned over to Hamilton's father.

Though the jail yard was stockaded, many saw the execution. People came from all parts of the county. The curious ones climbed buildings and poles near the jail to view the execution, which was the first legal one in the history of the county.

Hamilton Inspected Scaffold.

The day before the execution, at his own request, Hamilton was permitted by the sheriff to see the scaffold. He sprang the trap several times to test it, and requested the sheriff to pad the edges so that he might not be scratched if his body scraped the trap.

Though he admitted the killing of the five members of the Parsons family, Hamilton was hanged for the murder of but one, the baby, whose throat he cut with a knife.

Will Announce the New Year.

Washington, D. C.—The naval observatory will send this year, as usual, four series of New Year's eve telegraphic time signals to announce the exact instant of the beginning of the new year in each of the four great standard time zones of the United States, namely, Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific. Each series begins five minutes before the hour, and the last click, following a silent interval of ten seconds, marks the exact hour.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED SELF.

Vice Consul General Fairchild at Mukden, Manchuria.

Mukden.—The American vice consul-general, Nelson Fairchild, shot and killed himself. It is believed that the shooting was accidental. Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Friday). There is a universal feeling of sympathy.

HUNGER FOLLOWS COAL FAMINE

Food Supplies Are Growing Short in the Northwest.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Coupled with reports of fuel famine in the northwest, comes reports of still another cause of suffering—a shortage of food supplies. Inadequate service has been interrupted by the cold and blizzards on the western prairies, and now there are towns which are not only suffering from want of fuel, but even from the very necessities, in the lack of food.

Cow Causes Fatal Wreck.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Passenger train No. 12 on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad was derailed at Southwood, killing two trainmen and injuring another. None of the passengers was injured. The derailment was caused by the train striking a cow.

A Head-On Collision.

St. Paul, Minn.—A Soo passenger train and a freight met in a head-on collision at Cardigan Junction. Several passengers are known to have been badly injured.

INVESTIGATE CAR SHORTAGE

CATTLEMEN TELL THEIR TROUBLES TO COMMISSIONERS.

Texan Ranchers Testify They Cannot Get Stock Cars for Shipment of Cattle.

Kansas City, Mo.—Before the interstate commerce commission investigating the car shortage, H. S. Boice who owns a ranch at Channing Tex., said he attempted to make a shipment from Texas on Sept. 20 of 125 cars of cattle. He could not get cars until Oct. 13, and then only in limited number. The rest of the cattle were not shipped until Dec. 11.

H. C. Jett, of Fort Davis, Tex., said he had been since Oct. 17 trying to ship 5,000 cattle, and had just received seven cars.

Not 10 per cent of the cattle are being moved," he said.

On the way to Kansas City he had noticed stock cars loaded with cotton, corn, railroad ties—everything but cattle.

"We cattlemen have got our blood up," said Mr. Jett, in reply to a question. "We'd like to tear out those railroad tracks down there."

DIGGING FOR HICKS.

The Entombed Miner Asks for a Chew of Tobacco.

Bakersfield, Cal.—The men are but a few feet from Hicks, the entombed miner, but progress is very slow. Hicks is in high spirits, and he took his milk with relish. The prospect of early release has resulted in his being almost in a jocular frame of mind, and jested through the speaking tube with those who talked to him during the forenoon. He said that he would rather have a chew of tobacco than get out.

Late dispatches from the Edison camp assure the rescue of Hicks. The engineers figure that he will be reached within a few hours, but that it will take some time to lift him safely from his nich.

A NOTE FROM THE VATICAN.

Protest Against the Acts of the French Nation.

Rome, Italy.—A note signed by the papal secretary of state, Cardinal Merry del Val, protesting against the search of the papal nunciature at Paris, the expulsion of Mgr. Montagnini and the seizure of the secret cipher, etc., has been presented to the diplomatic representatives accredited to the vatican. Great Britain was the only country besides Italy to which no communication was made, not having a representative at the vatican or a vatican agent in London.

DONALD CAFFERY DYING.

Former United States Senator from Louisiana.

New Orleans, La.—Donald Caffery, former United States senator from Louisiana, became suddenly unconscious while at a hotel here, and his physicians say that he is dying. Senator Caffery is suffering with acute kidney trouble. In 1900 Senator Caffery was nominated for the vice presidency by the gold democrats. He is 70 years old, and was an officer in the confederate army during the civil war.

Safe in Port.

Seattle, Wash.—The overdue steamship Pennsylvania has arrived. She brought 82 passengers, a great quantity of ore and a fortune in gold dust, all of which, with the crew, was in jeopardy during a trip from Valdez that consumed almost 11 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Root Entertain.

Washington, D. C.—The Secretary of State and Mrs. Root entertained at dinner in honor of the president and Mrs. Roosevelt.

More Wages for 13,000 Men.

Chicago, Ill.—Announcement of an increase in wages of 10 per cent has been posted in the mills of the Illinois Steel Co. at South Chicago. It is said a like advance will apply to employes of the company in Joliet and Milwaukee and that 13,000 men will be affected.

A Mansion for Christmas.

New York.—J. Pierpont Morgan has given a $600,000 mansion to his son, J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., as a Christmas present.

THE ENTOMBED MINER

STENCH FROM BODIES OF DEAD COMRADES DELAYS RESCUE.

WAILINGS AND MOANINGS

After Many Days the Unfortunate Man Seems to Have Lost His Courage.

Bakersfield, Cal.—At the mouth of the shaft, where communication has been maintained with the buried miner for many days, the faithful rescue workers are almost overcome by the stench of the dead bodies, which have begun to decay. Added to this come the repeated wailings and moanings of the man below, who apparently has at last lost courage. Work along the whole length of the canyon is suspended, and even the Los Angeles office of the Edison Co. is closed. It is hoped that rescue can be effected some time today.

Data for an Obituary.

Hicks, the entombed miner, after asking if the information was to be used in an obituary, gave this to an inquirer as to his personal history: He enlisted in Troop A, First Kentucky cavalry, in 1898, and later served in Co. D of the Twenty-eighth and Co. H of the Thirtieth regiments of infantry, United States army. He was three years in Manila as a soldier and civilian. In the latter capacity he was a cobbler. He is 38 years old and has a married daughter, Mrs. Henry Wagars, in Manchester, Ky.

TAPS FROM THE WIRES.

Report of Missouri charities and corrections board shows 2,058 convicts in state prison and but fifty women among the number.

Chicago banker charged with using $30,000 of funds admits stenographer signed notes. Arrest follows.

Standard Oil attorneys in New York plan surprise on federal attorneys and explain reason for abrupt closing of hearing.

Bridal party are hoisted in bucket to top of 200-foot smokestack at Peoria, Ill., and couple are married there.

M., K. & T. train catches fire at Muskogee and tons of Christmas bundles are destroyed.

Commonwealth Trust Co. of St. Louis takes steps to foreclose mortgage on terminals of Toledo, O.

Bishop Charles H. Fowler, one of the foremost Methodists in America, is lying at death's door in New York.

Panama canal commission reports that there is not a case of yellow fever on the isthmus and Americans stand climate well.

France is preparing to use airships, government being confident aerial locomotion will be practical shortly.

Merger of the Mexican lines may change attitude of the government on concessions for extension of the Yoakum system beyond the Rio Grande.

Jett, on trial at Lexington, Ky., confesses to assassination of Cockrill.

Pennsylvania railroad orders in two years 60,000 box cars and is yet short of freight equipment.

Kansas merchant goes hungry and bedless in St. Louis because he can not get $100 check cashed.

Senator Foraker in senate speech censures President Roosevelt for discharge of negro troops.

Interstate Commerce Commission informs Congress that no amendments will be recommended this session.

Secretary Hitchcock admits overstepping law, and order withdrawing 4,000,000 acres of Choctaw-Cherokee lands will be canceled.

Semi-panic is caused in Wall street by break in stocks.

Rioting attends evacuation of episcopal palace and seminary at Nantes, France, Catholics resisting the police.

Missouri state university board of curators vote to establish journalistic chair for four years' course.

Former Congressman Charles F. Cochran, author of corrupt practices act and veteran editor, dies at St. Joseph, Mo.

Jerome's Crusade.

New York, N. Y.—Detectives connected with the district attorney's office raided an alleged poolroom and arrested 12 men. A gambling resort was also raided and four men arrested. At the poolroom the detectives found a paper which Mr. Jerome said contained the names of well-known persons in the city whom he declared he would subpoenae.

Judge Overpowers Insane Assailant.

Chicago, Ill.—A desperate effort was made to shoot Judge Charles S. Cutting of the probate court by Frank F. Ellerbrock of this city, who is believed insane. Judge Cutting escaped injury as if by a miracle. He overpowered his assailant after a fierce fight. The incident occurred at the entrance to the court room.

Police Believe He Is Lying.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The confession of Frank Berger, alias George N. Harris, at Goshen, Ind., that he killed Sarah Schaefer, and the statement of a Bedford (Ind.) boarding-house keeper involve a former St. Louis medical student. Not much credence is put in the man's story by the police.

Universal Suffrage in Austria.

Vienna, Austria.—The universal suffrage bill passed the upper house by a large majority.

Another Flood in Washington.

Tacoma, Wash.—Heavy rains and chinook winds of the past two days have caused another flood in the mountain streams. The Green river is raging, and has carried out the Northern Pacific bridge at Maywood. All trains are delayed.

A Sweethear-Killer's Trial.

Springfield, Mo.—The trial of Garland Moore, the mail carrier, for the murder of Clara West, his sweetheart, at Bois D'Arc, Mo., has been set for the March term of court.

IN CONGRESS

The Senate.

Senator Foraker occupied the attention of the Senate in its last session before the holiday recess in an extended criticism of the basis of President Roosevelt's action in discharging the negro troops of the Twenty-fifth infantry on account of the Brownsville raid.

He was replied to briefly by Senator Lodge, while Senator Scott sustained the demand of the Ohio senator for a full investigation of the matter by the Senate military committee. A resolution directing such an investigation is before the Senate for action at its next meeting.

Determined efforts are being made to secure early passage of the pending bill providing that the government may appeal criminal cases on law points. It develops, according to report at the capitol and in executive departments, that Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, is at present holding the measure back.

Pressure is being organized to induce the Wisconsin man to relax his grip and permit the measure to go to a vote before the ruling can be made by Judge Landis in the great Standard Oil rebate cases in Chicago. The president has been appealed to, it is reported, to employ his influence with Senator Spooner.

A bill designed to extend relief to the money market along the lines of recommendations made by the secretary of the treasury was introduced by Senator Elkins. It authorizes the deposit in national banks of receipts from customs, as well as from internal revenue, requiring the banks to pay a tax on such deposits and making all national banks equally eligible for designation as depositories.

The bill also expressly authorizes the secretary of the treasury to make transfers of public moneys from the treasury to the banks, which has been heretofore done by the secretary on his own responsibility without authority of law.

Belief prevails that when Senate gets legislative appropriation bill it will vote to increase Congressmen's salaries.

The Senate adjourned until January 3.

The House.

A bill appropriating $1,200,000 for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition to be held in Seattle in 1909 was introduced in the House by Representative Humphrey.

The expenditures are divided in the estimates as follows:

Department of Interior, $550,000; Department of War, $150,000; Alaska, $350,000; Hawaii, $50,000; Philippine Islands, $100,000.

While the bill was under consideration Mr. Mann, of Illinois, objected to the practice of opening Indian reservations under the lottery system.

It seemed to him that the men who drew the prizes should be compelled to live up to the letter of the law. He seriously doubted whether the entrymen on these lands contemplated their retention, but believed that they hoped rather to make money out of their holdings, while the real settlers were placed at a disadvantage.

The House unexpectedly ran against a snag in an efffort to increase the clerical force in the office of the enrolling clerk. The democrats, led by Mr. Clark, of Missouri, opposed the passage of the resolution.

Representative Sterling, of Illinois, introduced a bill providing for the incorporation in the District of Columbia of the American Medical Union, the object of which is "to promote medical progress through freedom of experiment and the spirit of fraternity."

Representative Gregg, of Texas, introduced a bill providing an appropriation of $5,000,000 for the construction of fifteen submarine torpedo boats to be used for the defense of the ports of the Gulf of Mexico. The bill would make $1,000,000 immediately available.

Representative Shepard, of Texas, introduced a bill appropriating $50,000 for the continued improvement of the waterway connecting Jefferson, Tex., and Shreveport, La. Mr. Shepard also introduced a bill appropriating $50,000 for the improvement of Sulphur river, Arkansas.

After being in session three-quarters of an hour Friday, the House adjourned until January 3, 1907. Empty desks greeted the speaker when the House convened, and the desire to get away for the holidays was superior to the inclination for business.

Jeffries Will Referee.

Tonopah, Nev.—It has been decided that James J. Jeffries shall referee the Gans-Herman fight. Jeffries was offered $1,000 and expenses to referee, and accepted.

Fairchild's Antecedents.

Madison, Wis.—Neil Fairchild, who shot himself at Mukden, was a nephew of former Gov. Lucius Fairchild, of Wisconsin, and a son of Charles Fairchild, of New York.

Wrangel, Alaska, Has Telegraph.

Seattle, Wash.—Wrangel, on the southeastern coast of Alaska, has been placed in telegraphic communication with the outside world for the first time. Short connections have been made by the United States cableship Burnside, and the office is now open for business.

Baron Hengelmueller.

New York, N. Y.—Baron Hengelmueller, Austrian ambassador to America, arrived here on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II. from Europe.

Will Stand by Their Guns.

San Francisco, Cal.—The board of education of San Francisco has agreed to stand by the contents of the emphatic letter which its secretary, E. C. Leffingwell, sent in reply to a severe criticism from a leading American missionary in Japan.

Hicks a Hard Man to Get.

Bakersfield, Cal.—Further obstacles have been encountered in the rescue of Hicks, and his deliverance will not be effected for several hours. Hicks keeps up his courage.