

PREPARATIONS FOR DEPARTURE

Colombian Legation at Washington Packing Up to Leave.

AWAITING SEC'Y HAY'S ANSWER

Are So Sure of Its Tenor That They Are Taking Time by the Fore-look and Getting Ready to Vamoose.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Although Secretary Hay has not yet replied to the note of Gen. Reyes, preparations are rapidly going on for the closing of the Colombian legation here and the departure of Colombia's representatives for home. It is clear that they do not entertain much hope of a satisfactory response by this government. Already most of the legation files have been packed and arrangements completed for placing them in storage here.

Gen. Reyes for several days has denied himself to callers. It is said that while the reply of Mr. Hay has not been made, sufficient information has been obtained by the Colombian representatives in the interviews they have had with the secretary to enable them to forecast its conclusions. The preparations going on for closing up the affairs of the legation would seem to indicate that Gen. Reyes and Dr. Herran are awaiting, only as a matter of form and diplomatic courtesy, the official communication of Mr. Hay setting forth the reasons why this government can not accept their view of the Panama situation, before severing diplomatic relations with the United States.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

Movements of Warships on Both Sides of the Isthmus.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The fleets of warships on both sides of the Isthmus of Panama will shortly be re-enforced by several vessels now on their way to that quarter. The gunboat Topeka, of the Atlantic training squadron, left Key West, Sunday, for Colon, by way of Kingston, as convoy of the torpedo boat destroyers Truxton and Stewart, which have been assigned to patrol duty on the Caribbean coast of the Isthmus. The gunboat Castine arrived at Colon, Sunday, from Philadelphia none the worse for her recent grounding on a bar in the Delaware river. The big collier Caesar has left Culebra for Colon with coal for the fleet. The converted cruiser Dixie left League Island today for Colon with the Panama marine brigade, numbering about 600 men. In command of Brig-Gen. Elliott. Naval movements in the direction of the Isthmus have been almost as active on the Pacific coast. The gunboat Petrel, bound for Panama, arrived at Acapulco, Mexico, on the 26th inst., and undoubtedly has left there by this time. The flagship New York, the gunboat Bennington, the torpedo boat destroyer Preble and Paul Jones and the collier Saturn, have been fitted out at San Francisco for service in the vicinity of Panama and it is expected that all of them will start south in a day or two.

COL. JOHN GRIFF PRATHER.

Death of an Old and Prominent Citizen of St. Louis After a Brief Illness.

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—Col. John Griff Prather, for 19 years a dominant factor in St. Louis affairs, died of pneumonia, Sunday afternoon, at his home. At the time of his death and for a year past, Col. Prather was jury commissioner of St. Louis.

The illness that resulted in his death was of but ten days' duration. A heavy cold developed into pneumonia, and for four days death was expected hourly.

For many years Col. Prather was prominently identified with the democratic party, and he served it as national committeeman in Missouri for 16 years. Unable to agree with Bryan in his free silver views, Col. Prather temporarily retired from politics in 1896.

When Sterling Price threatened to invade St. Louis during the civil war Col. Prather was appointed to the command of the home guard, from which service he received his title. Col. Prather was eminently successful in business and made an ample fortune in St. Louis.

W. J. BRYAN AT THE HAGUE.

The Editor of the Commoner Visits the Netherlands Foreign Minister at The Hague.

The Hague, Dec. 29.—Wm. J. Bryan arrived here, Monday, from Berlin and visited the foreign minister. Mr. Bryan is enjoying his tour. He said he found Count Tolstoi looking well, though very aged. Tolstoi's first question was: "Are you a socialist?" When assured to the contrary, the count said: "I am very glad to hear it. I am not a socialist, myself."

CHICAGO BANDITS ON TRIAL

Attorneys Ask to Have Trials Postponed For Two Months.

Declaring That the Public Mind is So Inflamed That a Fair Trial at This Time is Impossible.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—With the state prepared to demand that the death penalty be visited on each desperado, the car barn bandits—Peter Niedermeyer, Harvey Van Dine and Gustave Marx—and their accomplice in other crimes, Emil Roeski, were arraigned for trial in the criminal court Monday morning. The attorneys for all the defendants were prepared to make every effort for delay. There was a large crowd of curious persons in the courtroom, and it required a number of extra bailiffs to preserve order and prevent overcrowding.

The four prisoners, neatly dressed and well groomed, but minus that air of bravado that marked their conduct immediately after their arrest, were placed in a row before the judge's bench.

Van Dine and Niedermeyer wore a serious look, but Marx and Roeski seemed unable to realize their plight. Marx smiled continually, and Roeski looked bored.

After the reading of the indictments charging Van Dine, Marx and Niedermeyer with the murder of John Johnson and Frank Stewart in the raid on the Chicago City Railway barns, and Roeski with the murder of Otto Nauder in a saloon hold-up, Marx's attorney asked for a continuance of two months, stating the present state of the public mind would prevent a fair and impartial trial.

Marx, according to the affidavit, in addition to being a criminal by heredity, is made further irresponsible by an injury to his head, inflicted by his father with a broomstick. A separate trial was asked for the prisoner.

A similar plea for a continuance and of heredity insanity was set up for Van Dine. His attorney proposed to show that Van Dine is an epileptic and that an uncle died in an insane asylum.

Niedermeyer and Roeski asked for continuance for the same reason set forth by their fellow-prisoners, and presented affidavits pleading mental irresponsibility. After hearing brief arguments for and against a continuance, the cases were passed until today.

A DAY AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Children in Public Schools of Salina, Kas., Writing Essays on "A Day at the World's Fair."

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—Col. E. C. Culp, secretary of the committee on ceremonies, who is spending the Christmas holidays at his home city, Salina, Kas., says in a letter just received:

"I think that all children in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the public schools of this city are writing essays on 'A Day at the World's Fair,' and I am informed that this is going on in every town in the state. A committee is to pass upon the essays, and a certain number are to be selected, framed and placed upon exhibition in the Kansas state building. I think fifty children have called upon me for pointers, even coming to my house. Some bright young girls, 12 to 15 years old, have suggested that all of the high school scholars in the United States be invited to make maps of the Louisiana Purchase, a certain number in each state to be selected by the state and the exposition to make selections from the state selections for diplomas or 'honorable mention.' The essay work is interesting every scholar in this little city, and it is 'good stuff.'"

SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS

Harry Pelkus Sent to County Jail For Having Falsified Chicago Criminal Court Records.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Harry Pelkus, who was convicted of having falsified the records in the office of the clerk of criminal court, was sentenced Monday to three months in the county jail. The falsification of records was in connection with the trial of members of the Electrical Workers' union, accused of assaulting non-union men. Several union electrical workers indicted with Pelkus were Monday fined \$300 each.

SHOT BY WOMAN'S HUSBAND.

G. W. Grotes, Upon Finding H. G. Edmundson in His Wife's Room, Fatally Shot Him.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 29.—H. G. Edmundson, a real estate dealer, was found in a room with Mrs. G. W. Grotes in a South St. Joseph hotel Monday and was fatally shot by the woman's husband, who is a building contractor. Grotes used a shotgun and fired through the panel of the door. Grotes' wife accompanied the injured man to the hospital. All the parties came here recently from Bedford, Ia.

FEDERAL COURT AT OMAHA

Important Trials to Come Up During the Present Term.

The Conspiracy Case of Senator Dietrich Transferred to the Circuit Court.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 29.—The members of the new federal petit jury called for the present session of the district court reported to Judge Munger Monday morning. The important trials to come up as a result of the recent work of the grand jury, however, will not begin until January 4, at which time Senator Dietrich will be tried on an indictment charging conspiracy against the government.

Judge Munger, on his own motion, has transferred the Dietrich case to the circuit court, which will bring one of the four circuit judges into the case to sit with him. These judges are Sanborn, of St. Paul; Vandeventer, of Cheyenne; Thayer, of St. Louis, and Hook, of Topeka. In the ordinary course of affairs Judge Thayer will be the member selected. His experience in trial practice and trial by jury, has been extensive, especially in this class of case.

CONSOLING FOR KRATZ.

The Mexican Herald Doesn't Think the St. Louis Fugitive is Up Against Anything Serious.

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—With reference to the extradition of Charles Kratz, who is wanted in Missouri on larceny charges, the Mexican Herald says:

"To judge by the experiences of other alleged hoodlums in St. Louis, who, even after conviction, have not been imprisoned, Kratz has no very serious ordeal before him, and when his case has been adjudicated he may return to Mexico free from the anxiety and mental strain under which he has lived since he first came here, and may devote himself with greater energy to his business interests in the state of Jalisco."

RECEIVERSHIP ANNOUNCED.

J. R. Wash, of Pontiac, Named As Receiver For the Manhattan Coal Co., of Cornell, Ill.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 29.—Judge Patton, in the Livingston county court, announces the appointment of J. R. Wash, of Pontiac, as receiver for the Manhattan Coal Co., of Cornell, upon the petition of President D. C. Elyar, and he took charge of the big plant Monday. Mr. Elyar claims that he advanced and became responsible for \$25,000, and now the treasury is empty, and the mine is still incomplete, and will require \$7,500 to \$12,000 to properly finish and equip it. It is said that the losses are \$20 or \$30 a day.

SUPPOSED INCENDIARISM.

Burning of the Grain Elevator At the Cornbelt Distillers at Peoria, Ill.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 29.—Fire, presumably of incendiary origin, totally destroyed the grain elevator at the Cornbelt distillery Monday morning, with a loss of approximately \$40,000, covered by insurance.

Fifty thousand bushels of malt and corn was destroyed. For a time the entire distillery was threatened, and the entire fire department was called out to fight the flames. The distillery was preparing to resume, after a shut-down of several weeks, caused by the explosion of a cooker, which killed seven men and injured several more.

NO MORE DEATHS REPORTED.

Of the Twenty-Nine Dead in the Pere Marquette Wreck One Remains Unidentified.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 29.—There have been no further deaths at the hospitals, among the injured in Saturday night's wreck on the Pere Marquette railroad near East Paris, and it is said that there is no immediate prospect of any of the injured succumbing. Only one of the 29 dead still remained to be identified, a man with the initials A. J. K. on his cuff, but with no other mark to identify him.

ARE GRANTED ANOTHER WEEK

Time for Filing Briefs in the Ziegler Extradition Case Again Extended.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Missouri authorities who demand the extradition of William Ziegler, of New York, on charges of bribery in connection with baking powder legislation, will have still another week in which to file briefs with Gov. O'Dell. Atty-Gen. Crow wrote the governor that they understood that they were to have 11 days instead of one week additional. The governor consented and this extends the time till next week.

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