

MOSNETT TALKS AT BOSTON

Ohio Attorney General Delivers Address Before Twentieth Century Club.

ABDICATION OF SOVEREIGNTY HIS THEME

Right of Eminent Domain Only Safeguard the People Have Against Corporation Greed—Frothers Up Standard Oil Company.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Frank S. Mosnett, attorney general of Ohio, well known for his opposition to trusts, made an interesting address tonight before the Twentieth Century club in the hall of the Massachusetts institute of technology.

The speaker read his speech from manuscript. He was accorded general applause as he concluded.

"I want to begin by saying: 'I want to demonstrate to you tonight that the most potent weapon of oppression is that club that we as sovereign people hand over to certain favored interests, and they in turn having seized the name of governmental authority pervert it to their own use and for their own self-aggrandizement in defiance of the rights of the majority of individuals composing our sovereignty.'"

Right of Eminent Domain. Attorney general Mosnett then gave general illustrations of the power vested in private ownership and the possibilities that that power might be applied disastrously to any interest involving the public welfare, were it not for the fact that by reserving the right of eminent domain the government acquires original authority by virtue of which it can regulate and control even to the extent of appropriating any individual property for the public benefit as the public safety, necessity, convenience or welfare may demand.

The speaker discussed at some length the principle of eminent domain as applied to transportation companies, and the records of the decisions of eminent domain cases in point. Continuing he said:

"I maintain that if, by a great aggregation of capital, a big line company may ramify all the oil fields with its system and connect with the manufacturing centers, which in turn in turn controls and regulates even to the extent of destroying all competitors, then the state and federal government, for the good of the common man and the common welfare, has the power and right, and it is its duty, to interfere."

"So likewise when one giant corporation establishes a system of tank cars and connects tank stations and continues with railroad companies so as to get an unfair rate by virtue of owning its own tank cars and tank stations, then the state has a right under its police regulations to protect the common man and the man of smaller means from such abuse and usurpation of the transportation department."

"I believe I can safely assert that very little injury has ever been done through the accumulation of capital in the manufacturing business or in other producing departments so long as the competitors had an equal chance through the markets at the transportation department."

Disarranging Commercial Conditions. "It is the mission that have been made from the factoring obtained from governmental grants, as recognized in the transportation department as above illustrated, that are disarranging the great commercial and economic conditions of today. The \$500,000,000 owned by a little coterie of Standard Oil magnates, the \$1,000,000,000 owned by the iron, coal, copper and other industries by a limited number of capitalists represent the fruits of this illegal abuse of governmental functions."

The speaker then took up at length evidence presented before the Ohio trust investigation commission, and the methods of business of the Standard Oil company and also referred to testimony given before the industrial commission at Washington to show the arrogance of monopolies, especially of the Standard Oil company. Mr. Mosnett also described the legal actions which he, as attorney general, had brought against the Standard Oil company of Ohio.

"We have," he continued, "in this, the close of the nineteenth century, a spectacle of grants of corporate power, creatures of the state more powerful than the creator, subverting the legislature, delaying judicial proceedings, delaying or in other words, treating the United States and the state of Ohio as they have treated the railroads, compelling servitude on the part of the state."

"Their attack on every public official who dares lift his finger against their encroachments may be bitter but may destroy that individual, but let another step forward and fill the gap. Step forward, march on, shoulder to shoulder and recover our lost powers, assert the sovereignty of the state over its creatures, if necessary even by revoking the charters of those conducting the transportation department by the state itself."

PREPARE TO MAKE DEMANDS

United Mine Workers in Executive Session at Chicago—Pennsylvania Miners Active.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.—An executive session of the United Mine Workers of America began in this city today. Besides President John Mitchell and Secretary Pierce, were John F. Ream, president of district No. 11, Eugene H. Zellner, Westmoreland, Pa.; William Johnson, Westmoreland, Pa.; Eugene H. Zellner, Athens, Ill.; and Andrew Davidson, Pittsburg, Pa.

President Mitchell said the object of the meeting is to arrange for the national convention to be held in Indianapolis January 25 and the joint conference of miners and coal operators which meets here January 22. One of the delegates said: "Our meeting is to accomplish what might be left to the national convention, namely, the fixing of wage scales and formulating other demands that will be made at the convention. We will present our plans to the convention which will mainly adopt them. Nothing at this time can be made public."

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 27.—Representatives of 25,000 miners in the bituminous coal district met today at various points to consider the feasibility of a strike for a general increase of 30 per cent in wages. The sessions were secret. The miners say unless the operators consent to the demand a general strike is certain. The operators today informed the miners that they regard their demands as preposterous.

DEMANDS TEACHERS MEET

Shortland and Commercial Instructors at Chicago—Moshier of Omaha Reads a Paper.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The first business sessions of the associations forming the Commercial Teachers' association, now in annual convention here, were held today. The Public School Writing and Drawing School Teachers' association held a joint meeting with the Western Penmen's association and listened to papers by Cyrus W. Field, A. Knapp, O. L. W. Pierce, Chicago; W. J. Kinsley, New York, and others. At the meeting of the Business Teachers' association papers were read by C. B. Butler, J. P. Davis, H. J. W. Marr, Moline, Ill.; M. J. Pearis, Toledo, O., and others.

The session of the National Shortland

Teachers' association was largely attended. Among those who read papers were F. W. Moshier of Omaha and John R. Gregg of Chicago. The meeting of the Commercial Teachers' association was held this afternoon, the other bodies adjourning to attend. James H. Roberts, ex-comptroller of the currency, delivered the principal address of the session. W. H. Shaw of Toledo read a paper on "Value of Professional Organization." The evening session of the Commercial Teachers' association will elect officers, after which officers of the federation will be elected at a joint session.

IOWANS BUYING RICE LANDS

Company with Half a Million Capital Back of the Scheme.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 27.—An Iowa syndicate, headed by D. B. Hurd and A. N. McVey, has secured options on 10,242 acres of rice land in Jefferson county, for which they have agreed to pay \$185,000. The same parties have also secured a ninety-year option on another tract, which makes the total transaction amount to the purchase of 14,284 acres, to cost \$225,000. The gentlemen act as trustees for a syndicate now being organized in Iowa to go into the rice business on a large scale. The syndicate is projected with a paid-up capital of \$500,000 and in addition to raising the rice it is to be cleaned and graded on the farm. The plan has progressed so far that the trustees say the options on the land were necessary to one of the largest in the organization. Farmers from Iowa are to be brought to Texas to do the work and they will be stockholders. Certified checks have been deposited for 5 per cent of the purchase money.

DEALERS IN BONDS SUSPEND

Another Big Boston Financial Firm Compelled to Close Its Doors.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Edward C. Hodges & Co., bankers and brokers of 53 State street, suspended business today. The firm is one of the largest in the city. Its dealings have been principally in municipal bonds. The firm is a member of the Boston and New York Stock exchanges and Chicago Board of Trade.

Mr. Hodges said today that the trouble was caused by the refusal of the Boston banks to give the firm credit on United States mining shares.

"We have 5,000 shares of that stock on hand," said Mr. Hodges, "and when the banks refused to accept it as collateral there was no course for us to pursue but to protect our creditors."

G. C. Dickson of the law firm of Dickson & Knowles has been named as assignee. Those interested say no statement of assets or liabilities can be made today. The firm was composed of E. C. Hodges, E. F. Lowery and Frederick Swift.

WRECKAGE TURNS A CHANNEL

Result of Accident to Eighteen Cars Loaded with Steel—Five Bodies Taken Out.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 27.—Although ten days have passed since the tragic Northern Pacific wreck in Kendrick canyon and the bodies of the first and last dead trainman has been taken out, the mass of railroad cars has not been cleared away. It is piled so high that it has turned the channel of Potlach creek. The inquiry into the cause of the wreck just concluded shows that the heavy load of steel rails for the Clearwater cut-off and two locomotives. They should have divided the train before starting down the tremendous 2 per cent grade in the canyon, as the tracks were slippery with a light snow. The heavy load got beyond control and, although the conductor and one brakeman saved themselves by cutting off the caboose, the train was wrecked, causing a loss of \$100,000 and five lives.

ALDERMAN ENDS HIS LIFE

Worry Over a Street Railway Ordinance Is Said to Be the Cause.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 27.—Alderman George Hill of the First ward committed suicide today by shooting himself through the head. Worry over the street railway ordinance is said to be the cause. Hill was a democrat and supported the ordinance. He was 32 years old and married.

FRENCH CONSPIRACY CASES CLOSE

Prosecutor Asks that a Severe Sentence Be Imposed on Guerin.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The public prosecutor concluded his closing speech this evening before the senate sitting as a high court in the conspiracy cases. He asked that an especially severe sentence be imposed on M. Jules Guerin, the president of the anti-Semite league.

The president of the court, M. Fallieres, then returned the decision of the high court liberating those prisoners whose prosecution was abandoned yesterday, owing to want of evidence. The prisoners in question then left the court, one of their number, M. Cahy, shouting "Vive l'Republicque" and "Abas Juifs."

RUSSIA AND FRANCE CONVICING

Advices from Orient that They Are Encroaching on Chinese Territory.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 27.—Mail advices received from the orient state that Russia and France are convicing together in encroaching on Chinese territory and against England and that Japan is buying immense quantities of rice. It is believed that war will break out in the spring.

TWENTY MILLION RECEIVE RELIEF

Natives Suffering from Famine in India—No Increase of Rain.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, telegraphs from Calcutta that there has been no increase of rain and that 22,000,000 natives suffering from famine are now receiving relief.

KING GEORGE DAMAGED AT SEA

ANTWERP, Dec. 27.—The British ship King George, Captain Burnett, which arrived at this port December 24 from San Francisco, was considerably damaged at sea in the vicinity of Cape Horn. On October 1 it was forced down to its beam ends by terrific gale and some holes were punched in its decks by the heavy seas.

SITAVELA INFORMS THE CABINET

MAIDIR, Dec. 27.—The premier, Senor Sitavela, formally announced at today's session of the cabinet council that he had had an interview with United States Minister Bellamy Storer, who had informed him that the United States government would undertake the repatriation of the families of the Spanish prisoners in the Philippines.

PLAQUE IN NEW CALEDONIA

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 27.—The British consul at Noumea confirms the report that the plague, in a severe type, is raging and that many deaths from that cause have occurred in New Caledonia. The government of Australia has taken stringent precautions for quarantining arrivals from Noumea.

Americans Underbid British

GLASGOW, Dec. 27.—The corporation of this city has accepted the bid of a New York company for electric feeders for the Glasgow tramway \$151,000 or \$10,000 below the lowest British offer.

King Carlos Receives Irwila

LISBON, Dec. 27.—King Carlos today gave an audience to the new Spanish states minister to Portugal, John N. Irwila.

OPEN DOOR TO THE CHINESE

China-Mexico Treaty Allows Free Entry of Orientals Into Mexico.

MAY PROVE FACTOR IN WORKING MINES

Difficult to Secure Miners Who Can Withstand the Hardships of Climate—Outlet to the Surplus Chinese Population.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Among the diplomatic officials who have recently taken part in negotiating the China-Mexico treaty of trade and immigration it is expected that this instrument will have an important influence in the development of the mines of Mexico. The country is rich in silver and copper, but it has been found difficult to secure miners who could withstand the hardships of forests and mountains with such primitive surroundings. It is expected that the Chinese will take to this kind of work readily and that they will develop the interior mines much as they pushed the Pacific railroads from the Pacific coast across the Rockies.

The new treaty makes the coming of Chinese to Mexico entirely without restriction and, although there have been no restrictions in the past, the free entry is now to be carried on under the fostering care of the two governments.

From the Chinese standpoint the arrangement is very desirable, since it gives a western outlet to the surplus Chinese population which has been much needed since the United States closed its doors against the Chinese.

It is said the immigration of Chinese to Mexico can have no injurious effect on the United States, as the inspection along the Mexican and Canadian borders is so rigid that very few evade the exclusion laws.

CLERICAL PARTY IS FOR DIAZ

Unlikely that They Will Place a Candidate in Nomination—Treaty with China Satisfactory.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 27.—The liberal party general committee invited citizens of the republic to meet on January 1 for candidates for the presidency of the republic in the period beginning December, next year. It is the wish of the national liberal party committee to procure a full and free expression of preferences of all citizens regarding the candidates. The convention of the party will assemble here probably in January to nominate candidates and the plebiscite is wanted as a guide to the convention in its labors.

There is a steady stream of letters received requesting that President Diaz accept the nomination and it is a remarkable fact that thousands of members of the clerical party have given their adhesion to his candidacy on the ground that the country's abounding prosperity requires that there be no change in the executive at this time.

The influence of the higher clergy is on the side of President Diaz, probably in obedience to suggestions of the vatican, which has recognized the republic as it has also done in France. It is wholly unlikely that the clerical party will place any candidate in nomination. The political horizon of Mexico is clearer than for many years, and as business is everywhere active, there is no popular discontent.

The government has nearly completed preparation for the exhibition to be held at Paris exposition. The employees charged with this work have been unremitting in their endeavor to make the exhibit a faithful representation of Mexico's products and manufactures.

There is much satisfaction here over the signing of the Sino-Mexican treaty with China, as it will place the status of the Chinese laborers here on a firm basis and planters and miners will undoubtedly take measures to supply the lack of laborers by importing Chinese in large numbers.

CARRIERS QUIT THE KNIGHTS

Chicago Letter Carriers Repudiate Action of National Knights of Labor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—By the unanimous action of local assembly No. 1469, Knights of Labor, the ranks of the organization were reduced nearly 200 last night. They had repudiated the action of the national assembly, which is composed of letter carriers, decided to withdraw from the national organization, in accordance with a ruling made by District Master Workman E. J. Lindholm on December 16, when he suspended the local body because it attempted to repudiate the action of the national assembly in Boston in adopting resolutions against the administration of President McKinley. Last night the members voted unanimously to withdraw from the national body.

Not only did they agree to withdraw, but they also decided to surrender their charter, thus dissolving the local organization. The decision was reached by a ballot and not one voted against the dissolution of the local assembly.

Charles D. Duffy, who presided at the meeting, is president of the Chicago Association of Letter Carriers, and vice president of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

FAMILY PARTY IN ALABAMA

Two Are Dead and Another Will Probably Die—Knives and Buckshot Used.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Dec. 27.—A fight occurred at Despot, a small town near here, in which two men were killed and a third probably fatally injured. They had a quarrel about a woman. They had a quarrel about a woman. They had a quarrel about a woman.

"Very sorry, sir," added the second poorman, "but we have received our instructions and however the matter may be, we are compelled to carry them out."

"This is monstrous!" said the host. "Do you know this is a private house?"

"We do," answered the policeman who had spoken first, "and you must let us enter. Our orders are to take the names of all present."

"My good man," said the host, adopting a tone of calm persuasion, "you're making a great mistake. You can enter and take what names you like and I will see your chief about the matter in the morning."

The policeman, who followed the host inward into the ballroom and the dance that was in progress was stopped. The host briefly explained the situation to his startled guests, who resented the indignity of the interruption with much warmth. Still, they gave the policeman the names and anxiously waited for further developments.

Having carefully entered the names in his book, one of the men walked up to the refreshment table and poured out a glass of champagne for himself and another for his companion.

"This was a liberty that enraged the host and he went to the men and said: 'What right have you two fellows to drink my wine?'"

"I don't know about the right," was the answer made by one of the policemen, "but surely you will not suppose that we are refreshments were included," and amid a roar of laughter the two men produced their cards of invitation. They were well-known friends and so effusional had been their disclosure that until the moment of self-disclosure no one had suspected that they were of being other than real policemen.

HOOSIER REPUBLICANS MEET

Love Feast Held at Indianapolis Preparatory to Reorganizing Early Next Month.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.—The love feast of the republicans of Indiana brought to the city today representatives from nearly every county. By noon several hundred men had reported to the Denison hotel, the headquarters of the party. Senators Fairbanks and Beveridge are expected early next month the party will be reorganized for the campaign, and this fact led additional interest to the gathering today.

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN DEAD

Boiler of a Locomotive on the Denver & Rio Grande Road Explodes.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 27.—The boiler of a locomotive on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad blew up at Minturn today, killing Engineer S. H. Quackenbush and injuring Fireman Salden so badly that he died a few hours later. Alexander H. Wilson, round house foreman, and T. E. Richardson, caller, were also injured, but not seriously.

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Department Store Failure

SOLICITORS, Dec. 27.—S. Lohbeck & Corin, proprietors of the Leader department store, made an assignment today for the benefit of their creditors. The main store and a branch in Carbondale have been liquidated. It is asserted that the value of the stock on hand will cover all claims against the firm.

Gaynor Reserves Decision

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Justice Gaynor of the supreme court in Brooklyn reserved his decision on an application of Bert Heston for an order to compel the American Surgical Manufacturing company to permit Mr. Heston, a stockholder and as chairman of a minority stockholders' association, to inspect its books.

Transfer of Diplomats

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—G. de Weckherlin, many years ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the Netherlands in this country, will in the same capacity be transferred to Turkey, and Baron Gevers, until now holding this position in Bucharest, has been assigned to fill the vacancy in the Netherlands.

Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 27.—Delegates from all cities in the Missouri valley met here today and organized the Inter-Scholastic Athletic association, the object of which is to promote athletics in public schools. Final day contests will be held here in May.

Match Peddler Seriously Ill

John Jay, the aged match peddler who has trudged through the streets of Omaha for the last ten or twelve years, is being seriously sick at the police station. The old man has been addicted to strong drink for many years and has been in the habit of

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