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GETS MORE TROOPS

Lord Kitchener's Demand Acceded to by British War Office.

NEW LOT OF 30,000 MEN TO BE SENT

Recruiting for Imperial Yeomanry is Going on Satisfactorily.

AT LEAST 10,000 WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

Volunteers Being Enrolled to Take the Place of One-Year Men.

FIRST CONSIGNMENT GO IN TWO WEEKS

Arrangements Made for the Prompt Equipment and Transportation of the New Soldiers Are Reported as Made.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The following announcement has been issued by the war office:

"In view of the recent Boer activity in various directions, the government has decided, in addition to the recently equipped forces for South Africa to reinforce Lord Kitchener by 30,000 more mounted troops beyond those already landed in Cape Colony. Recruiting for the Imperial Yeomanry has proceeded so rapidly that it is believed 10,000 will soon be available.

"The South African mounted constabulary, including those recruited in the colonies, may be relied upon to extend to 8,000 and the new colonial contingents to replace those withdrawn will probably reach 5,000.

"The remainder of the force will be made up of cavalry and mounted infantry from the home establihment. The enlistment of volunteers to replace those that have already served a year in South Africa is also being proceeded with. Arrangements have been made for the prompt equipment and transportation of the forces. The first consignment will leave on the Aurania February 19."

BOERS ADVISED TO GIVE UP

Bond Leaders Propose Amnesty for All in Field Who Give Up Arms.

CAPETOWN, Feb. 6.—The Bond leaders strongly urge the Boers to surrender, providing the British offer those in the field the following terms, namely: That after giving up arms all shall be allowed to return to their farms and the rebels shall not be punished.

Prominent burghers say that Louis Botha in the Transvaal and Christian Dewet in the Free State should be made members of the governor's council in order to watch the interests of the burghers.

A party of Imperial yeomanry came into contact with the invaders near Prince Albert, Cape Colony, and an officer and some men are missing.

The Gazette announces that General Brabrant has been appointed to the command of the force being raised for the defense of Cape Colony, with Colonel Giouard as his chief of staff.

His headquarters will be at East London, from which point he will advance northward and westward, gradually clearing the colony of invaders and enabling the imperial forces to concentrate ultimately on the territory of the republics.

BULLER SCORES OFFICERS

Criticises Subordinate Commanders' Non-Aggressive and Dependent Methods in Action.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—In a memorandum issued to the troops under his command at Aldershot, General Buller, referring to the British army in South Africa, criticises the lack of initiative and independence of action shown by subordinate commanders and refers to the independent, intelligent action on the part of the rank and file. As regards artillery, he says too much was indulged in on the battlefield, in many cases the action of the batteries being paralyzed by awaiting the orders of a brigade or division commander, many favorable opportunities being thereby missed.

The war office has notified the yeomanry recruiting stations that it is desired to enroll an additional 5,000 yeomanry.

ISSUES APPEAL TO DEWET

Brother of Boer General Joins the Peace Party in the Transvaal.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Tuesday, Feb. 5.—The Post today publishes a passionate appeal from Piet Dewet, chairman of the peace commission, to his brother, Christian, to surrender.

Kitchener Reports Operations.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—General Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria, dated Tuesday, February 5, says:

Smith-Dorrien has occupied Lake Chariesse.

French is driving back the enemy to Amsterdam.

Dewet's force is still north of Thaba N'Chu. His men damaged a train of transport wagons at Pompenos Siding this morning.

Operation on Kruger's Eye.

UTRECHT, Holland, Feb. 6.—An operation on Mr. Kruger's right eye was successfully performed today.

Boers Cut Railroad.

LOURENZO MARQUEZ, Feb. 6.—The railroad has been cut by the Boers fifty-three kilometers from here.

ATTACKS STATUE OF VIRGIN

Relative of President of Brazil Lands in English Insane Asylum.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Hildebrand de Britto Lyra, a relative of the president of Brazil, Dr. Campos Salles, was incarcerated in an asylum for the insane today after committing a sacrilegious outrage in a Roman Catholic church at Matlock Bath, a place a few miles south of Mallock, in the county of Derby. Lyra suddenly appeared in the church this morning during service, jumped over the altar rails and attacked a statue of the Virgin Mary. A priest seized the intruder, who struggled violently. Some time afterward he was certified to be insane.

MUST PAY FOR HER GOWNS

London Court Renders Judgment Against Mrs. Leslie Carter, the Actress.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—In the court of Kings bench today judgment was given in £621 and costs against Mrs. Leslie Carter for dresses supplied by a Parisian modiste in the costuming of "Zaza."

SPARE PRINCE TUAN'S LIFE

Foreign Envoys Refuse, However, to Accept Anything Less Than Death in Tung Fu Hsiang.

PEKIN, Feb. 6.—At their meeting this morning the foreign envoys prepared a note [illegible] delivered to the Chinese plenipotentiaries containing the substance of the de[illegible] at last night.

The [illegible] translated and delivered to Prince Ch[illegible] Hung Chang.

The ministers [illegible] to spare the life of Tung Fu Hsiang [illegible] the ground that they did not consider the claim of the plenipotentiaries reasonable. They allowed the lives of Prince Tuan and Duke Lu, not because they considered their crimes less, but because of their relationship to the emperor, and that their death might have a serious effect.

The indictments against the entire twelve are regarded in Pekin as a masterpiece of diplomacy on the part of the ministers, for had the ministers given a list of names without specifications of crimes this might have left many loopholes for argument, which is now believed to be impossible. The only plea can be political necessity. It is believed the court will result in the saving of at least two, Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang were taken by surprise before the meeting, the impression having been given that the Chinese would be allowed to decide who should be beheaded and who banished.

STAYS AT EDWARD'S REQUEST

Lisbon Correspondent Thinks Portuguese King and British Sovereign Are Planning to Beat Boers.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The Daily Mail has the following from its Lisbon correspondent: "The king of Portugal is staying a few days longer in London than he originally intended, at the express wish of King Edward. His visit is likely to have important develoments. The Portuguese section of the Delagoa Bay railroad is now in British hands, but this is merely a temporary arrangement between the two governments."

Commenting on the situation at Delagoa bay and the evidence that the Boers have penetrated twenty-three miles into Portuguese territory the Daily Mail expresses a belief that British troops are now guarding the Delagoa Bay railway down to the sea, and that it will be possible to send British troops by the Delagoa route. It urges, therefore, that Great Britain gains by the Boer movement.

FATHER FISHHOOK IN COURT

Noted Jesuit Accused of Inducing Young Girl to Abandon Home for Convent.

MADRID, Feb. 6.—The anti-Jesuit feeling aroused by the recent presentation of the clerical play, "Electra," heightens the interest in a case to be tried by the high court tomorrow, in which Senora Ubao appeals to the court for the possession of her daughter, who she claims was induced, under pressure from her Jesuit confessor, to abandon her home during the mother's illness and to enter a convent.

The mother asserts that the Jesuit sent the girl letters clandestinely, exhorting her to take the veil. She contends that she has proof that her daughter is under the domination of the priest. In a letter to her betrothed, a young and fervent Catholic, the daughter wrote:

"My confessor assures me that he cannot save my soul with you, notwithstanding our mutual love, and I must go to God, who calls me to Him."

AS SEEN BY GERMAN EYES

"American Soldiers in China Given a Reputation for Trading, but Said to Be Socially Impossible.

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—The Kreutz Zeitung publishes a letter from its special correspondent at the headquarters of Count von Waldersee, who is a former officer, describing the international troops.

"The Americans," he says, "are all tall and slender. Their uniforms are most tasteful. Their chief joy is in trading, and they will sell everything from a saddle to a horse with all his accoutrements.

"The southerners show the more military spirit. The American officers are characterized by their European comrades as 'socially impossible.' The American sanitary arrangements are imperfect."

MARINE DISASTER FEARED

Wreckage Washed Ashore at St. Johns Indicates Destruction of Large Vessel.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Feb. 6.—It is stated that a marine disaster has occurred off St. Johns within the last forty-eight hours. A quantity of wreckage belonging, apparently to a large vessel, drifted ashore near Torbay, seven miles north of St. Johns. It is believed that ship and crew have perished and indications point toward the schooner Challenger from Cadiz as the likely vessel.

WANT M'KINLEY TO STAY AWAY

Georgia Ex-Confederates Enter Strong Objection to the Memphis Invitation.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 6.—The Confederate Veterans' association of Savanah passed resolutions against the invitation to President McKinley to attend the reunion of confederate veterans in Memphis. The association calls upon General Gordon, commander-in-chief, to name some other city than Memphis as the place for the reunion, and says it will not send delegates to Memphis if the invitation to the president is adhered to.

Cuts His Wife's Throat.

NEVADA, Mo., Feb. 6.—Lon Burns killed his wife by cutting her throat in her room at Hill's boarding house in this city today. Burns was drinking heavily. He was captured and is now in jail. The woman, who is about 20 years of age, came here yesterday and wrote for Burns to join her at noon today. Burns is 35 year sold and claims to be a railroad man.

Six Jurors in Hamilton Case.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 6.—Three days have been consumed in the trial of Frank H. Hamilton, accused of the murder of Leonard Day, and just half the required number of jurors have been sworn in. It is possible the jury may be selected this week, but it is probable the actual trial may not begin Monday, as was expected.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Feb. 6.

At New York—Arrived—Staatendam, from Rotterdam; Astoria, from Glasgow. Sailed—New York, for Southampton; Teutonic, for Liverpool.

At Portland, Me.—Arrived—Norwegian, from Glasgow; Corinthian, from Liverpool.

At Halifax, N. S.—Arrived—Ontarian, from Liverpool, via St. John, N. F., for Philadelphia.

At Perim—Passed, Feb. 5—Glenlochy, from Tacoma, via Singapore, for Liverpool.

At Sydney, N. S.—Arrived—Miowera, from Vancouver, via Honolulu, etc.

At Queenstown—Arrived—Oceanic, from New York, for Liverpool, and proceeded. Sailed—Saxonia, for Boston; Lake Superior, from Halifax and St. John, N. B., for Liverpool.

At Rotterdam—Arrived—Rotterdam, from New York, via Boulogne.

At Southampton—Arrived—Lahn, from New York, for Bremen.

JOINTS KEEP OPEN HOUSE

Keepers Forget Their Promise to Chief Stahl and Do Rushing Business.

MRS. NATION'S HAPPINESS IS SHORT-LIVED

Home Defenders Hold Secret Meeting, the Outcome of Which is Expected to Be Another Demonstration by the Hatchet Brigade.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 6.—Chief of Police Stahl and Sheriff Cook went around to the keepers of the joints last night and insisted that they close until the Nation excitement blew over. The jointists promised, but tonight they are open as wide as ever. Mrs. Nation announces that she has some plans for future action which will make the jointists remember that she is still in the city, but she does not divulge them.

Mrs. Nation spent most of the day today in visiting the different jails of the city and praying and talking with the inmates. The "drunk" prisoners were the objects of her special solicitude, and she talked to them in a motherly fashion. Some of them sobbed while she exhorted them to live a better life, and many of them promised that in the future they would not drink liquor.

The Home Defenders, which is the organization formed by Mrs. Nation, held another secret meeting today, to which no one but members with the password was admitted.

Closed During the Day.

TOPEKA, Kan. Feb. 6.—Topeka joints were closed today, aside from a few side doors, and the keepers have promised the city and county officials that they will get rid of their stocks of liquor. Chief of Police Stahl and Sheriff Cook had gone from place to place last night warning the jointists that they must close their places and keep them closed, and all gave their word that they would sell no more liquor.

When Mrs. Nation heard the news today she showed but little sign of emotion and said simply, "Thank God!"

"But do you think this will do any permanent good? Do you think these saloons will stay closed?" was asked of her.

"I think they will," she replied. "I think they are shut up for good. They will never open again if the women continue to be vigilent."

"How long will you remain in Topeka?"

"Until I am sure that I have kept the promise I made last week, that I would stay until every joint is closed. Then I will go elsewhere."

While the officials were making the rounds of the joints last night Mrs. Nation and her followers were holding a secret meeting in the Congregational church. The fact was known to the jointists and the belief that another raid was being planned apparently had weight in their determining to close.

Mrs. Nation today received a request from a Webb City (Mo.) theater manager to give a series of lectures in his place, and made a characteristic reply: "Thank you for your interest," she wrote, "but I must stay in Kansas now. I could not conscientiously speak at a theater open Sunday night. Anyway, I must be about my Master's business."

PREPARE FOR MRS. NATION

Flaming Posters Announce the Saloon Smasher's Coming to Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 6.—Flaming posters announcing that "Mrs. Carrie Nation, the bravest woman in America, now leading the most wonderful crusade ever waged against the rum traffic, is on her way to Chicago, accompanied by a band of her saloon-smashing warriors, and will speak at the Academy of Music in Kansas City on Friday evening, February 8," have been posted around town.

Just what tactics Mrs. Nation will pursue in Kansas City and Chicago, aside from her lecturing, is not made clear, but as she has previously promised to attack a saloon wherever she finds it, a trail of wreckage may follow her trip north. Chief of Police Hayes says he will promptly arrest Mrs. Nation if she attempts to put her Kansas methods into practice in Kansas City.

Preparations for the crusaders' coming have been made by the Prohibition club of Kansas City, which has endorsed Mrs. Nation's methods and promises her active support in her crusade outside of Kansas.

A. C. Rankin of Chicago, formerly a labor leader of Pittsburg, Pa., is acting as Mrs. Nation's advance agent, and says the proceeds of the lectures will be used in the cause.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—"I don't believe Mrs. Nation is headed for Chicago to wreck saloons," said Mayor Harrison today when told that Mrs. Nation had announced her intention of visiting this city with her followers.

"If she is she had better remain away and avoid trouble. Here a saloon is recognized as a legal institution, entitled to the full protection of the law. As a consequence it is only proper to say that no assaults on them will be tolerated. If Mrs. Nation, understanding these things, persists in disorderly conduct, inciting riot and malicious mischief, I am afraid she will have to settle fines if she indulges."

Arrangements were completed today by the Press club of Chicago and Mrs. Nation's representative whereby she will lecture at the Auditorium next Tuesday, under the auspices of the Press club.

Mrs. Nation's visit, according to her friends, will be a peaceful one, as she will not undertake to destroy any saloons in Chicago. Her coming to Chicago, it is asserted, is merely to place the situation in Kansas before the people and to ask aid in the suppression of the illegal liquor traffic in Kansas.

Raid Expected at Wichita.

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 6.—Several women bought hatchets here this afternoon and a raid on the saloons is expected to take place in the early morning. Thirty guards, with deputy sheriff commissions, have been appointed and are watching the saloons tonight.

Concordia Suffers from Drouth.

CONCORDIA, Kan., Feb. 6.—This city is dry again. The six jointists, who have been paying monthly fines of $100 each to the city, refused to pay today, and all closed their saloons as a result.

MINERS MAKE CONCESSIONS

Delegates Permitted to Make Best Possible Terms Subject to Approval.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 6.—The first sign of a break by either side in the stand taken by the coal operators and miners came today, when it was decided by the miners that they would recede from the position they took in the Indianapolis convention. At least they receded to the extent of leaving the miner members of the scale committee free to make the best possible terms, subject to approval before final settlement. This is expected to simplify matters to a considerable extent.

MAY BE BRIGADIER GENERAL

Movement to Secure Recognition for Colonel E. H. Crowder for Work in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—A concerted movement is being made in behalf of Colonel E. H. Crowder, now in the Philippines, to make him a brigadier general of volunteers. Colonel Crowder, who was for years judge advocate of the Department of the Platte, with headquarters in Omaha, and who, when the department was changed, remained in the same position until he went to the far east, has won a most exalted position with his superiors. Colonel Crowder has been prominent in the reconstruction of the islands since he became a part of the military establishment in Manila, and his work is spoken of in enthusiastic terms by those who have been his associates. He has lost health by the arduous duties devolving upon him, and those who are active in urging his promotion say that Colonel Crowder has done more towards bringing order out of chaos than any other man connected with the army. It is certain that his superiors have not hesitated to give him due credit for his far-sightedness, and it now remains with the president to say whether his work shall be recognized.

All Want Free Delivery.

Rural free delivery routes are being asked for from nearly every county in Nebraska. Their usefulness is being realized, consequently Senator Thurston's mail is unusually heavy on account of maps and petitions for the establishment of routes being sent him for favorable endorsement. Today he recommended routes for Bradshaw, Hanson, Hastings and Wahoo. Two of these proposed routes will serve 600 people and have petitions accompanying them signed by hundreds of families.

Des Moines Land Grant Claims.

Secretary Gage today transmitted to congress a request for an appropriation of $1,174.05 due J. L. Stevens, the special commissioner appointed to adjust the Des Moines river land grant claims. The amount is for per diem, traveling, salary and miscellaneous expenses.

Reward Volunteer Officers.

Senator Kyle and Congressmen Gamble and Burke conferred with the secretary of war today concerning the army appointments for South Dakota. It has been decided by the authorities to reward the volunteer officers in the Philippines with reappointments wherever possible, and under the circumstances the officers furnished by South Dakota will in all likelihood be reappointed.

Dr. F. W. Cox of Vermillion was today recommended for appointment as army surgeon. This is the only appointment the South Dakotans have decided upon.

George P. Bennett of Rapid City, S. D., will be nominated for register of the land office at that place tomorrow or Friday.

Ordered to Omaha.

First Lieutenant G. Soulard Turner, Tenth United States infantry, now at Wilmington, Del., is relieved from duty as aide-de-camp to Brigadier General James Wilson, U. S. V., and ordered to Omaha to await the arrival in the United States of Company H, Tenth United States infantry, when he will join that company.

Captain H. E. Palmer of Omaha has returned from New York, where he went to visit his daughter, Mrs. Herman Kountze.

Mrs. Moritz W. Meyer of Omaha, who is visiting in Baltimore, was in this city today.

Postoffice at Greenville.

A postoffice has been ordered established at Greenville, Day county, S. D., with Frank A. Dolney postmaster.

A contract for carrying mail from Hartington, Neb., to Yankton, S. D., was awarded H. C. Hazelwood of Hartington.

The comptroller of the currency has authorized the Burt National bank of Burt, Ia., to commence business, with a capital of $40,000.

A civil service examination will be held March 6 at Huron, S. D., for the positions of clerk and carrier in the postoffice at that place.

The First National bank of Lincoln, Neb., has been approved as reserve agent for the First National bank of Sterling, Colo., and the Hanover National bank of New York for the First National bank of Burt, Ia.

Baxter's Salary Raised.

Charles Baxter, chief engineer in the Omaha postoffice, has been promoted from $1,000 to $1,200.

These postmasters have been appointed: Nebraska—G. W. Eaton, Mapleville, Dodge county, vice L. A. Goff, resigned. Wyoming—R. W. Storey, Black Buttes, Sweetwater county.

HAVE THE NATION FEVER

Dowiette Women Go on Rampage, Attacking Drug Stores in Place of Saloons.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Crying out that drugs were the agents of the devil a half-dozen followers of Dowie of the faith cure league, adopted the tactics of Mrs. Nation tonight and wrecked a number of drug stores on the West side. In some instances there were hand to hand fights with the druggists. Armed as they were with pitchforks, umbrellas and canes the women came out the victors in nearly every encounter, and succeeded in destroying property wherever they went. The women, who went in a well organized band, were of middle age and well dressed. Most of them wore automobile coats, under which they concealed their implements of destruction. On leaving a drug store they sang "Praise ye, the Lord," or "Zion Forever." A policeman saw them, but attached no importance to their tactics.

The first place they visited was Fouche's drug store, Eighteenth and Center avenue. Calling the proprietor out to the front of the store the crusaders upbraided him for dealing in traffics of the devil. Then one woman, who seemed to be a leader, said: "Don't you know that all the ills of the human kind can be cured by prayer?"

"I am not aware of the fact, if such is the case," said the druggist.

"Hurrah for Dowie!" shouted a woman. At that her companions drew canes and umbrellas and began to strike at the druggist's head. He dodged the blows and took refuge behind the prescription case. Then the women turned their attention to the shelves and showcases and began to strike right and left. The besiegers were finally dispersed by the clerks of the store, who armed themselves with buckets of water, which they dispensed freely among the women. Four other drug stores in the same neighborhood, belonging to B. Lowenthal, L. Mzrak, H. Limerman and H. O. Shapiro, were also wrecked by the crusaders and the same tactics used. The women finally separated after being driven from one store at the point of a revolver.

Crazy Snake Wants Speedy Trial.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Feb. 6.—Crazy Snake and seventeen light horse men today secured counsel to defend them in the coming trial. They have asked that the trial be given at once and say that they can furnish any amount of bail. It developed here today that several wealthy citizens have offered to go bail and furnish money for trial. They will be prosecuted on a charge of conspiracy, and it is expected that the trials will be called soon, as the United States court is now in session.

SURPRISE IN COYNE CASE

Mrs. Helsley Swears He Confessed Murder of Edward Fee.

MORE TO BLAME THAN HARRY FLOTH

Wife of Former Prosecutor Recites Details of Conversations Said to Have Occurred in Douglas County Jail.

Did Leo Coyne confess that he murdered Edward G. Fee?

That is the paramount issue at the Coyne trial since Margaret M. Helsley yesterday afternoon went on the stand and swore that the prisoner at the bar had confessed the crime to her.

Mrs. Helsley is the wife of Lee Helsley, who was a deputy county attorney and assisted in the prosecution of Harry Floth, the young man who has been convicted of complicity in the Fee murder and is now serving a three years' sentence in the penitentiary. She says she visited Floth frequently while he was confined in the county jail before and during his trial.

Mrs. Helsley's Story.

"The first time I went to the jail to see Harry was in October," said Mrs. Helsley on the witness stand, "and he was in the same cell with Leo Coyne. At that time Leo said to me that he knew he was guilty of the crime and was willing to take his medicine. After that first visit to the jail I called frequently to see Harry Floth, and on nearly every occasion Coyne would repeat to me that he was more to blame for the murder of Fee than Floth was. He told me that he was drunk at the time of the assault, but he was responsible for it and willing to pay the penalty.

"After Harry had been convicted and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary I went to the jail to see him again. This time young Coyne said to me that if Harry got three years he couldn't hope to get less than five years. He asked me to tell Judge Baker that he would plead guilty if he could get as light a sentence as was given Floth.

Her Husband a Prosecutor.

"I told him that I couldn't interfere in the case, because my husband was one of the prosecuting attorneys at the trial of Floth. I asked Leo what he had done and he told me that he dealt the blow that knocked Fee's head back against the blacksmith shop and probably resulted in his death."

On cross-examination Mrs. Helsley said that she had no interest in the Coyne case, but was interested in Harry Floth, because she had known him and his family for many years. On some of her visits to Floth she was accompanied by the prisoner's mother.

Coyne's lawyer was evidently taken by surprise by the sensational testimony of Mrs. Helsley and he asked her to appear again this morning so that he might continue the cross-examination.

While Mrs. Helsley was giving her testimony Coyne repeatedly shook his head negatively, indicating his denial of her story.

WINNER BRIDGE FOR SALE

Court Issues Decree of Foreclosure on One of the Sad Reminders of Kansas City Boom Days.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 6.—Judge Phillips in the United States circuit court today issued a decree of foreclosure and order of sale on the property of the Kansas City & Atlantic Railroad company. The decree was granted on the petition of the Massachusetts Loan and Trust company, which held a mortgage and deed of trust given by the Kansas City & Atlantic Railroad company to secure bonds to the amount of $2,500,000. The property was formerly owned by the Kansas City Bridge and Terminal company, but after a former foreclosure and sale, the name of the corporation was changed.

This was formerly one of the W. E. Winner enterprises projected during the boom days thirteen years ago. It contemplated the erection of a union depot in the North End. The line originally ran to Smithville, Mo., but part of it was absorbed by the Kansas City & Northern connecting line. Practically all that is now left consists of the immense stone piers of the old Winner bridge in the Missouri river here.

SILENT ABOUT THE BIG SALE

Morgan and His Partner Both Decline to Talk of Carnegie Deal.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—J. P. Morgan and his partner, Robert Bacon, declined today to discuss or make any statement whatever concerning the reports that J. P. Morgan & Co. have purchased Andrew Carnegie's steel properties.

A conference was held in the Morgan offices today between Mr. Morgan, Mr. Bacon, President Gary of the Federal Steel company, President Reed of the American Tin Plate company and a director in each of the National Steel, American Sheet Steel and American Steel Hoop companies, in all of which Mr. Morgan has interests.

UNION PACIFIC'S HIGH FIGURE

Banking Interests Buy Heavily and Traders Take Much Stock on Strength of Southern Pacific.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—A new high figure was scored by Union Pacific common today, when 129,400 shares sold up to 95, a rise of three and one-eighth. In addition to the buying by banking interests considerable stock was taken by traders on the notion that in some way the stockholders would receive valuable rights in connection with the Southern Pacific purchase. Halle & Stieglitz bought heavily all day. Par for Union Pacific is generally quoted.

Wabash and Lackawanna.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Commercial Advertiser today has the following:

The prospect of a combination between the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad and the Wabash railroad is being widely discussed in railroad and financial circles. The present activity in Wabash shares and the advance in the debenture B bonds has revived the rumor that the Rockefellers are buying control of the Wabash road in the interest of the Lackawanna.

Try to Raze Church.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 6.—The members of the negro Baptist church in Osage City, Kan., are engaged in a war to see which is the stronger and as a result a partly finished church is in ruins. Some time ago some of the members left the church and immediately started to build another worshiping place. This did not suit the other members and this morning they went there in full force with their axes and hatchets and demolished the building. The carpenters arrived by this time and many of the negroes were seriously hurt for their pains.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Snow Today; Clearing and Colder Tomorrow.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	14	1 p. m.	24
6 a. m.	14	2 p. m.	25
7 a. m.	75	3 p. m.	25
8 a. m.	15	4 p. m.	26
9 a. m.	16	5 p. m.	25
10 a. m.	17	6 p. m.	25
11 a. m.	19	7 p. m.	24
12 m.	20	8 p. m.	22
		9 p. m.	22

CLAIMS IMMENSE ESTATE

Michael Leinfelder, Alias John Hall, Thinks That the Nun, Sister Antonia, Was His Mother.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Feb. 6.—A case which promises to provide material for one of the most remarkable stories of mysterious parentage on record and which involves the title to St. Francis' hospital and St. Rose de Vitrebes convent in this city and property in Dubuque, Ia., Ashland and Sparta, Wis., valued at $500,000, has developed here.

Michael Leinfelder, a distributing clerk in the postoffice, nearly 40 years of age, was informed recently that the late Joseph Anthony Leinfelder was not his father, as he had supposed, but his uncle, and that his true name was John Hall. He was also informed that Mrs. Hall, whom he had always regarded as his aunt, and who had become Sister Antonia in the local convent, was in reality his mother, and that she had built the convent and local hospital and also owned valuable property in Ashland and Sparta and Dubuque, Ia., which other people claim, but which rightfully belongs to Leinfelder (or Hall).

The story is accredited to Rev. Father White, rector of St. Mary's Catholic church in this city, who is said to have told it to a sister-in-law of Leinfelder. Mrs. Hall was sister to Joseph Anthony Leinfelder and, as the story goes, turned over her own children, a girl and a boy, to her brother at the time she entered the convent as a nun. Leinfelder brought them up as his own children and they always thought that Sister Antonia was their aunt.

The children's mother was very wealthy when she took the vows and, it is alleged, turned over all her property to her brother to attend to. It is asserted that Mrs. Hall built the St. Francis hospital and the convent which she afterward entered and that she did not deed the same to the church. According to her son's story a quit claim deed was taken by his foster father, who had no right to it in precedence to the children of Mrs. Hall.

Sister Antonia died very suddenly, leaving no will. The real estate which she owned in several cities throughout the northwest is now claimed by Michael Leinfelder, or John Hall, which he claims, he being the sole surviving heir, and legal proceedings for the recovery of the property will be begun at once.

GREAT FLOOD IN CALIFORNIA

City of Merced is Under Water and Melting Mountain Snow Makes Black Outlook.

MERCED, Cal., Feb. 6.—As a result of the heavy rain of the last two days this city is under water. From three inches to three feet of water is standing in every yard in town. Every cellar is filled and business is at a standstill.

The Santa Fe and Southern Pacific tracks are both washed out south of town for a distance of nearly a mile and trains are tied up here. Both roads are still open from here north. Two northbound Santa Fe trains are tied up two miles south of town and a local liveryman has made a contract to transport the passengers, about 100 in number, from there to town, where they can transfer to another train going north.

A telephone message from Hornitos, a mountain town twenty-five miles east, states that rain poured down there all night and the storm is not yet over. It is the rain and snow in that direction that overflows Bear creek, so another rise is expected here tonight. At a society wedding last night the bride's house was surrounded by water and the groom, minister and guests were carried from carriages on the back of the backmen.

WAY TO BEAT TWINE COMBINE

Iowa Farmer Discovers That Velvet Weed Fiber is Fully as Strong as Hemp.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—A special to the Times-Herald from Creston, Ia., says: State Senator Clark of Page county has made public a way to beat the twine combine. At a farmers' institute he displayed a piece of twine and a piece of rope, resembling a good quality of hemp. These, he explained, were made from velvet weed, or abutilon, which grows rankly on almost every farm and has been considered useless.

The discovery that the weed could be thus utilized was made by D. D. Weir, a farmer, living near Clarinda. Mr. Weir discovered the strength of the fibre of the weed about two months ago. He picked up a few strands from the ground after they had lain there rotting since last summer and found them very strong. They were separated into threads as fine as the best hemp. He endeavored to secure a patent, but found that a discovery of that nature could not be patented. A machine for making it could be patented, but the use of the weed for making twine and rope must be left free to everybody.

JOHNSON WANTS TO BE MAYOR

Millionaire Disciple of Late Henry George Seeks Honor Through Democratic Party.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 6.—Hon. Tom L. Johnson, formerly a congressman from the Cleveland district, tonight formally announced his candidacy for the democratic mayoralty nomination for the city of Cleveland. In his letter to the officers of the local democracy Mr. Johnson promises the best administration possible under existing affairs. He advocates home rule to a greater extent than now prevails in the matter of raising and expending moneys by the municipality. He discourages the extension of any street railway franchises and suggests that they be sold to the highest bidder and that a condition of the grant shall be that not more than 3-cent fares shall be charged. Personally, Mr. Johnson says he favors municipal ownership of street railways and other public utilities and believes in the application of the philosophy of Henry George as the best rule for conducting governmental affairs, whether local, state or national.

FOOTPADS FRACTURE SKULL

Another Victim of Highwaymen Adds to Kansas City's Lengthening List of Holdups.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 6.—Harry Arron, while delivering bakers' supplies in this city tonight, was brutally assaulted and robbed by a footpad. His skull was fractured and he may die. The robber secured $15. The police have arrested three negro suspects.

BEALL BREAKS OVER

Fusion Member Causes Surprise by Giving His Vote to Hinshaw.

HINSHAW REPUDIATES THE SUPPORT

Promptly Takes Steps to Exonerate Himself from Republican Suspicion.

COMMITTEE ON CAUCUS RULES MEETS

Single Nomination Men Still Hold Out, Putting North Platte First.

BOODLERS IN LOBBY TO BE DRIVEN AWAY

House Orders a Special Committee to Investigate Holdup Bills for the Purpose of Killing Them Off.

	Ballots					
	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
Allen	57	38	47	44	38	51
Berge	..	22	3	2	5	7
Crounse	7	8	7	5	7	7
Currie	20	20	20	20	15	19
Hainer	4	4	4	4	5	4
Harlan	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hitchcock	49	47	23	18	18	28
Hinshaw	13	12	13	13	9	13
Johnson, W.	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kinkaid	4	4	4	4	5	4
McCarthy	..	..	..	..	1	1
Miller	..	..	..	..	..	1
Melklejohn	28	29	28	23	26	29
Morlan	1	1	1	1	..	1
Martin	6	6	9	9	9	9
Ransom	..	..	..	..	2	7
Rosewater	18	18	16	17	16	17
Thompson, D. E.	36	35	34	31	31	34
Thompson, W. H.	6	4	18	7	9	20
Van Dusen	1	1	1	1	1	1
Westover	..	..	..	..	..	1

LINCOLN, Feb. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The only incident of today's balloting for senator in joint session was the voting of Beal, fusionist, from Clay county, for Hinshaw, a republican candidate. When Beal's name was called he spoke up without noticeable hesitation, "Hinshaw—Allen." A sort of incredulous murmur ran around the hall and the secretary who had the roll call in charge went over it again to make sure there was no mistake. Beal responded a second time just as emphatically and it was so recorded. No other demonstration or interruption was precipitated.

When asked what the meaning of his vote for Hinshaw was, Beal replied:

"I voted for Hinshaw because I wanted to. Of course I have a reason, but I do not want to explain it yet. The explanation may be made tomorrow if the developments are produced."

Mr. Hinshaw insists that he was more surprised than anyone at receiving a fusion vote.

"I had no knowledge whatever of Beal's intention to vote for me," he declared. "I think I was introduced to him early in the session, but I have not spoken to him since. I would not know him if I saw him and never solicited his vote nor was I even given notice that his vote would be cast for me. I was on the point of addressing the lieutenant governor to make a statement of my position, but did not for fear of starting a commotion and perhaps making a scene."

The matter serves only as a reminder to the republicans of the danger every republican runs every day of joint session that the fusionists may throw in a handful of votes to create discomfiture and discredit the person who happens to be the beneficiary. The idea doubtless is that with someone to start the ball a-rolling the fusion votes may be drawn away from their own candidates and eventually used for some deal that will give them one fusion senator or some other advantage they are specially desirous of. That some of the fusion members are literally aching to get into the republican end of the senatorial race track has been known for some time and considerable speculation is indulged as to precisely what the next move will be.

Committee on Rules Meets.

The committee on rules for a caucus, appointed by the republican conference, had a meeting this afternoon, at which several propositions were presented, but no agreement could be reached. The nearest to an agreement was that assented to by six for a caucus call, effective on sixty-seven signatures with fifty to nominate, choosing the North Platte senator first. The members of the committee were called into the governor's office later, and the settlement of the senatorial contest urged upon them by the governor and Secretary Lindsay as desirable to clear a way for legislation. The conference met at 5 o'clock in the senate chamber and received two reports from the committee, one for the North Platte nomination first and the minority for a simultaneous nomination for both senators. On motion the rules committee was continued to endeavor to agree on a unanimous report. The conference adjourned subject to call by the speaker when such a report is forthcoming. Members of the committee and the candidates whom they represent express confidence that the desired caucus agreement will be reached within a short time.

Sensation in the House.

What ordinarily would have created a sensation was sprung on the house this morning in the shape of the introduction of three bills by Thomssen with an explanation that they were manifestly framed for hold-up purposes and introduced by request of members of the lobby referred to by name in order to prevent other legislators from being imposed on. The explanation reads:

Mr. Speaker, I offer the following explanation for the introduction of the accompanying bills:

A bill for an act to amend section 25, chapter 1, Compiled Statutes of 1897, entitled "Liquors, etc.," and a bill for an act to provide a remedy for persons injured by reason of negligent management of street railways and manufactories, were both handed to me by Mr. Robert C. Druesdow, with the request that I introduce them and urge their passage.

The other bill, "For an act conferring upon cities and villages the power to fix by ordinance telephone rentals and charges within their incorporate limits and to provide penalties for violation thereof," was in a like manner handed to me by Mr. F. W. Barber.

I offer these bills, not because I advocate their passage, but merely because so requested by the gentlemen named. In this connection I deem it proper to state that I am not advised that either of these gentlemen has any interest in fact in such proposed legislation. At request of one of these gentlemen I accompanied him to his office in the city of Lincoln and observed that in his trunk were a great many prepared bills, presumably of like character, and I have been informed that other members of this body have been sol