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Rev. George F. Seymour, bishop of the Episcopal church, died at Springfield, Ill.

The wages of about 45,000 operators in the cotton mills in southern New England were advanced December 10 by about seven and one-half per cent.

The New York World of December 11 printed this interesting item: "There walked out from St. John's hospital in Long Island City yesterday a man who was at the point of death on October 5 from tetanus. His case was apparently hopeless. His jaws were locked. Convulsions were racking his frame. Every known method of treatment had failed. Anti-toxin had no effect. Now he is cured. In desperation and as a last resort—to give some relief to the tension on heart, brain and the internal organs—Dr. J. B. Garvin, chief of the house staff, had the patient laid on the operating table and bled him. A pint and a half of blood was let from his left arm. Relief came, and to that simple operation the patient owes his recovery, in the opinion of the physicians. The case may revolutionize the practice of treatment in tetanus."

Charles C. McCabe, bishop of the Methodist church, was stricken with apoplexy in New York City.

The official count for New York shows that Hughes, the republican candidate for governor, had a plurality of 57,973. The pluralities of democratic candidates on the state ticket, aside from governor, varied from 5,000 to 14,000.

The relations between the church and civil authorities in France are greatly strained. The authorities have decreed that the separation go into effect. The Denver News describes the effects in this way: "Under the statute all church salaries heretofore paid by the state will stop. Annual appropriations of \$8,500,000 for religious purposes will be cut off. Churches, chapels, convents, etc., belonging to religious congregations will be confiscated. Some of these edifices will be held by syndicates of laymen and private individuals. Where public worship associations are formed during the year churches and other buildings will be turned over to them, and at the end of the year the state may assume charge. Officials must be notified of the intention to hold services, and, as the custodians of the churches, they are to rent them. The vatican has ordered noncompliance with the law, because it is impossible for the pope to place religious services on a plane with public meetings."

S. E. Howe, president of the Omaha Coal Exchange, was found guilty under the anti-trust law.

A Berlin cablegram under date of December 12, said: "Emperor William has authorized Chancellor von Buelow to dissolve the reichstag and order new elections if the supplementary appropriations asked for by the government are not granted by the house. The question of the reichstag appropriating enough money to keep the present army in German Southwest Africa in the field is according to the conviction of the government, equivalent to the question whether the colony shall be given up or retained. An appeal to the country, if necessary, will be made on that issue,

the government's position being that if the present garrison of German Southwest Africa is reduced from 12,000 to 2,500 men, as the center party and the extreme left contend should be done, the insurgent natives will obtain possession of the colony."

The emperor brought the German reichstag to a sudden termination December 13, by an order commanding its dissolution. This order followed the defeat of the government's bill for a supplementary appropriation to support the troops in German Southwest Africa.

The National Civic Federation held its fifth annual meeting in New York. August Belmont presided. Andrew Carnegie addressed the gathering and objected to the income tax. He said he leaned, however, toward the inheritance tax. Believing that inasmuch as the wealth properly belonged to the community, the community, on the death of the possessor, ought to have the greater proportion of the wealth. "Our country falls in its duty," said Mr. Carnegie, "if it does not exact a share, a tremendous share, of the estate of the enormously wealthy man upon his death. The money belongs to the community. Do not mistake me. I do not advocate the making of a man a pauper or the pauperizing of his children. But it is not the millionaire who made the wealth. He did not make the ore, or the coal or the gold that he dug out of the ground. The Montana copper mine-owner did not make his wealth. It belongs in the abstract to the people who use it and who produce the use which makes it valuable. I am with the president, then, to tax heavily by graduated taxation every man who dies leaving behind him his millions, for I think that excessive wealth left to a child is an injury to the child."

King Oscar of Sweden is seriously ill.

George F. Wright, age 73 years, a prominent lawyer of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is dead.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Minneapolis, December 14, follows: "With the cold wave signal flying, the coal shortage in the northwest becomes not only a cause of severe suffering, but an absolute menace to human life. This is the second chapter in the history of the railroads' failure to handle the 1906 traffic in the territory tributary to Minneapolis. Glenburn, N. D., is seriously considering an appeal to the governors of North Dakota and Minnesota to employ state military force in moving coal trains. Farmers are burning their outbuildings for fuel. Glenburn has invited people from its territory who will be without fuel to come and camp in the village school. Eveleth, Minn., faces darkness and suffering through deprivation of coal, and apprehensive reports have come from numerous other places. That the shortage is already acute in some places is evidenced by these unsolicited telegrams received by the Journal today. 'Cando, N. D., Dec. 14.—The fuel situation here is desperate. Dealers are entirely out and the mill and electric light works have been shut down. Several families are entirely without fuel. But one freight train has entered Cando this week and no fuel was on that. It is necessary to take immediate action to relieve this section

of the state. (Signed.) H. M. Hagarhanson, acting mayor.' The Glenburn, N. D., situation is desperate. Following a telegram appealing for a special train bearing coal, the Glenburn commercial club sends this statement of conditions suggesting a startling move for relief: 'Glenburn, N. D., Dec. 14.—The dealers wire us that the situation is entirely up to the railroads as shippers are unable to obtain cars to load with coal. Our local dealers have coal ordered over two months, which is not even shipped yet. Today we will wire Governor Charles requesting him to take up the matter with Governor Johnson, and if necessary call out the militia of the two states to run coal trains.'

Paris cablegrams say efforts are being made to settle the difficulties between the authorities and the vatican in a harmonious way. Cardinal Richard has suggested a form of compromise.

Hon. Oscar B. Colquitt, a member of the Texas railroad commission, addressed Oklahoma's constitutional convention.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP LEAGUE

The undersigned, provisional president and secretary of the Nebraska Government Ownership League, hereby call a mass convention of the friends and advocates of government ownership of public utilities, and particularly of railroads. Said convention will be held in the Paxton hotel in Omaha, on the 27th day of December, 1906, at 8 o'clock p. m. Every elector in Nebraska, regardless of political affiliations, will be entitled to a voice and vote in the convention, which is called for the purpose of making permanent organization of the Nebraska Government Ownership League. We are aware that the date selected comes at a time when most men are busy with the work of closing up the year's accounts, but we are also aware of the fact that if the nation is ever to be rescued from the grasp of corporate hands the task must be accomplished by men who are ready and willing to make some measure of sacrifice for the public weal. It is to such men that this call is addressed. Do not wait for a personal invitation. Accept this call as personal to every man in Nebraska who favors government ownership of railroads, rather than railroad ownership of government.

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