



An Astoria, Ore., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: The oil steamer Rosecrans went ashore on Peacock Spit. There were terrific seas and a 55-mile gale. The tug boats and the life saving crew endeavored to rescue her crew of thirty-six men. Shortly before 11 o'clock the tanker's hull had sunk from sight. Three men of her crew clung to a top mast which projected above the waves. All others, it was believed had perished. It seemed impossible that the three survivors could be saved.

Several million dollars damage was done to fruit in California by reason of the recent cold weather, which was the coldest in forty years.

District Attorney Whitman of New York, made an investigation of the Tombs prison and found that several influential prisoners habitually engaged in poker games for money.

A Columbus, O., dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer says: In one of three messages sent to the general assembly Governor Judson Harmon recognized as an able constitutional lawyer, agrees with Governor Joseph M. Brown, of Georgia, that the constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of United States senators is faulty and was improperly submitted by the national congress. The question of the course it should take is left by the governor to the judgment of the legislature, and, though he favors the amendment, he does not recommend that it be adopted in its present form.

Enos H. Nebeker, who was treasurer of the United States under President Harrison, died at his home in Covington, Ind., aged seventy-six years.

Governor Sulzer lost no time in getting to work. An Albany dispatch to the New York Journal says: Governor Sulzer announced the appointment of H. Gordon Lynn, of New York, as the third member of his graft-hunting commission, and for the first time disclosed the great scope of the investigation. The formal order declares that John N. Carlisle, John H. Delaney and Mr. Lynn are "to examine and investigate the management and affairs of any and all departments, boards, bureaus or commissions of the state." For the benefit of those who were looking forward to a perfunctory investigation involving only a few officials and handicapped by lack of authority and funds, the governor made it clear that under the law the commission possesses all the powers of a court to search any branch of the government and punish recalcitrant witnesses; that, in addition to the \$25,000 fund now available, the legislature will appropriate \$50,000.

A New York dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: "If you are compelled to go back under unsatisfactory conditions go back with a determination to stick together until you get what you want. Go back with your minds made up that it is the unsafe thing in the world for the capitalists to eat food prepared by members of your union." This was the advice that Joseph Ettor, the labor leader recently acquitted on charges growing out of the textile strike at Lawrence, Mass., uttered to striking hotel employes who met in an all night session after a series of disturbances in front of

hotels and restaurants. After he concluded his speech Ettor was asked to comment on his words. "I meant just what I said," was his reply. Earlier in his speech Ettor urged the strikers not to consider mediation. "Hotels could not exist without you," said he. "Do not accept any arbitration board to decide your grievances. Close the doors of every hotel in the city and keep them closed. Not the pantry doors, but the front doors."

A Shanghai cablegram, carried by the Associated Press, says: Thirty-nine lepers recently were put to death by order of the provincial authorities of Nanking, province of Kwang-Si. The sufferers from the dread disease were first shot and then burned in a huge trench. These advices were received here in letters from the Catholic mission at Nanking. The letters were dated December 14. They stated that the lepers lived in the woods a few miles outside of the city of Nanking. The mission sought permission to build at its own expense a lazarette for them, and the authorities, pretending to consent, dug a pit in which was placed wood soaked with kerosene. At the point of the bayonet the lepers then were driven into the pit and shot, and the pyre was lighted and their bodies burned in the presence of a large crowd. The authorities offered rewards for the discovery of other lepers and this resulted in the shooting of one more man affected with the disease. The governor, after the massacre, issued a proclamation in which he accused the lepers of having committed outrages. The letters from the mission say there is no foundation for this charge.

Congressman John W. Weeks of Newton, Mass., has been chosen as the republican candidate for United States senator from Massachusetts to succeed Senator Crane.

A WINTER IN FLORIDA

Miami (Fla.) Herald: More and more each year is Florida coming into her own as the premier spot in all the northern hemisphere as a winter resort, and in no newspaper or magazine is greater prominence given to any section than to Miami. In the winter resort section of a recent New York Sunday Herald an entire page was devoted to Florida. The writer has a number of nice things to say of Miami, rhapsodizing to the limit in an apostrophe to the moon rising on Biscayne bay. It says:

A winter in Florida has become an accepted part of the social life of a large colony in the eastern part of the United States, as much so as a summer along the New Jersey coast, in the mountains of New York or on the New England seaboard, or an autumn in the White mountains.

Florida enterprise and energy have risen to meet this situation, and now at its hundred and one resorts on its shores and inland or on the islands that dot its waters whatever of comfort money can produce has been prepared for the annual influx of visitors from the towns and cities of the north. Palatial hotels, great, comfortable inns; fishing facilities, yachting and motor boating accommodations, golf links and tennis courts, baseball grounds and aerodromes, garages and automobile driveways and small but completely equipped playhouses are to be found everywhere.

Down the eastern coast of Florida is to be found Miami. Miami has

two supreme boasts. It asserts that it has the finest winter climate in the whole south and that it has the finest fishing in the world. In addition to these pre-eminent features Miami is a regular city. It has all the modern conveniences of civilization. No visitor there has to put up with any "roughing it" experience. There are electric lights, water works, gas plant, sewerage system, telephone, free mail delivery, two daily newspapers, banks, paved streets and mercantile establishments in every line of trade. Rock surfaced roads lead out from the city to hundreds of homes occupied by families of wealth and leisure.

Miami is situated at the head of Biscayne bay, which gives it unequalled facilities for yachting and fishing. Its yachting has become of national importance. Its yacht club is one of the recognized organizations of the country. Every winter finds yachts from all along the Atlantic coast and from the St. Lawrence anchored in its waters. These visitors are always royally entertained at the handsome new club house on the bay.

Miami is the home of the game kingfish, the Spanish mackerel, the amberjack and a dozen of other sporty denizens of the deep. The great tarpon is found there in his best condition. Soldier Key, a pleasant boat ride from the pier of the Royal Palm hotel is the favorite rendezvous of the fishermen, being in the center of numerous fishing banks. A comfortable club house has been established on this beautiful little coral isle.

Surf bathing is also a feature of this resort and promises to be in high favor this season owing to added facilities for reaching the beach. A bridge spanning Biscayne bay is nearing completion and bathers will be able to walk or drive over it to the beach in a short space of time.

It is at Miami that one enjoys Florida's spectacular moon at her best. Rising slowly above the keys that separate Biscayne bay from the ocean, the great silver orb glides majestically upward in the heavens, shedding her wonderful light over the purple waters of the bay and outlining with a streak of silver the tall palms that rise to greet her. Her rays gild the rude tents of the Seminole Indians hidden in the heart of the Everglades as well as the homes of the wealthy, whose tropical gardens are laden with the perfume of oleander, orange and jasmine. Under Luna's spell the nights are warm and soft and still. One instinctively seeks to stroll by the water's edge where quiet reigns. There is no sound to be heard save the muffled dipping of an oar as a boat glides along in the shadow of the mangrove or a pelican splashes after its prey.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: Washington, Jan. 13.—Electors in forty-eight states met today and formally elected Woodrow Wilson to the presidency and Thomas R. Marshall to the vice presidency of the United States. Returns prepared by the electors chosen at the polls last November are now on their way by mail to Washington for the president pro tempore of the senate. Another set of these returns will be brought in person by an elector chosen from each state, to be canvassed February 12 in joint session of the senate and house when Governor Wilson will be formally proclaimed president. In two of the states, Utah and Vermont, four votes each were cast for President Taft for president and Nicholas Murray Butler for vice president, the latter having been named by the republican national committee to succeed the late J. S. Sherman on the republican ticket.

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