

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

CUT OF 25 PER CENT

NEW ENGLAND COTTON MILLS TO REDUCE OUTPUT.

More than 80 Per cent. of Mills of New England Represented in Agreement and Will Operate Four Days a Week During January and February.

The Arkwright club, which represents the cotton mill interests of New England, at a meeting in Boston on Thursday, formally voted to curtail production 25 per cent between now and March 1, in order to relieve conditions in the cloth markets of New York, Chicago, Boston and other large cities.

The curtailment agreement became operative Thursday, although numerous mills have been shut down since Tuesday night.

More than 80 per cent of the spindles in New England are represented in the agreement. The majority of the mills will run four days a week during January and February, closing Thursday nights, thus including Saturday a working day in the shut-down.

BANKS IN FINE CONDITION.

Excellent Reports Received from New York Institutions. Reports from twenty-nine state banks in New York, pursuant to the call of the state bank superintendent for a statement of their condition Dec. 19, have been received thus far.

GOTHAM'S CRIME WAVE.

All Records Broken During the Past Year.

Notwithstanding that there are six criminal courts in operation in New York City, they cannot keep pace with the crime wave which has swept over the city during the last year.

FOR MURDER OF WIFE.

Dr. Amesbury Pleads Not Guilty When Arraigned in Court.

"Not guilty" was the plea entered by Dr. Walter Raleigh Amesbury, at Hyde Park, when formally charged in court with the murder of his wife, Anna Rees Amesbury, a teacher of music in Roanoke college, Salem, Va.

Victim of Strange Injury.

James Conklin, a prominent business man of Middletown, Conn., is in a serious condition as a result of a peculiar and unexplained injury. Conklin, who has been in ill health, was found unconscious with one ear filled with lead, which apparently had been poured into the organ while in a nautical state.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top heaves \$5.00; top hogs \$4.30.

Dewey 70 Years Old.

Admiral George Dewey was 70 years old Thursday. He is in splendid health and robust in physique.

Syracuse Banker Dies.

William H. H. Warner, a banker and prominent business man of Syracuse, N. Y., died Thursday, aged 67 years.

ROW IN NAVY OFFICE.

Brownson's Leaving Due to Breach with Hixey.

That a serious breach exists between the bureau of navigation and the bureau of medicine in the navy, involving the question of the responsibility of the latter bureau, was made apparent Wednesday night in a statement issued by Surgeon General Presley M. Rixey, of the navy, in which he touches upon the circumstances leading up to the probable selection by the president of a medical officer to command the hospital ship Relief over the protest of Rear Admiral W. H. Brownson, chief of the bureau of navigation, who Tuesday sent his resignation to the president.

Surgeon General Rixey maintains that hospital ships, as a rule, always have been commanded by medical officers with a sailing master and civilian crew for purposes of navigation. This particular vessel, he says, formerly belonged to the army and always was commanded by a medical officer when used as a hospital ship. In attempting to unify the medical service of the army and the navy he says that a joint army and navy board of medical officers, which was convened by executive order more than a year ago, recommended that hospital ships should be commanded by medical officers approved by both the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy in general orders.

MAKES HISTORICAL FIND.

Papers Captured from Lieut. Pike in 1806 Unearthed in Mexico.

What is considered a very important historical discovery has resulted from the efforts of Dr. Herbert E. Bolton, the American historian, who is in Mexico engaged in research work under the auspices of the Carnegie institute, of Washington. The discovery consists in the unearthing in Mexico City of eighteen out of twenty-one documents taken from the person of Lieut. Zebulon N. Pike, of the United States army, by Spanish soldiers in 1806, when he was captured while making his famous trip up the Arkansas and Missouri rivers, visiting the Osage and Comanche Indians, at the instance of Gen. James Wilkinson, then governor of Louisiana.

MARINES IN RIOT.

Norfolk Police Have Lively Struggle with Navy Yard Men.

Boisterous celebration of Christmas by marines in the navy yard and training stations at Norfolk, Va., necessitated the calling out of the entire police force Wednesday night. The marines who were celebrating the holiday in squads from fifteen to thirty had frequent collisions with negroes, who stood their ground at times, and rough and tumble fights occurred. The wide area the marines covered handicapped the reserves.

Fatal Fight at Dance.

It was learned in New Franklin, Mo., that during a fight at a Christmas eve dance in the western part of the county George Beard was killed and four persons were seriously wounded. No arrests have been reported.

Kills Wife and Himself.

William Vanbush slashed his wife's throat with a razor and then cut his own throat at his home in Sharon, Pa., Wednesday. The dead bodies were found by a son-in-law. It is said that Vanbush was jealous of a young man roomer.

Doctor Kills His Wife.

Dr. Walter R. Amesbury, of Milford, Mass., shot and killed his wife Anna, a teacher of music in Roanoke college, Danville, Va., as the family were about to dine at their Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Jennie Reese.

Raid on Moonshiners.

In a raid on moonshiners in Elliott county, Ky., Saturday three big illicit distilleries, fifteen fermenters and 1,000 gallons of beer were destroyed. The operators escaped.

A Triple Tragedy.

Albert Filley, a farmer, seven miles southeast of Cameron, Mo., killed his wife and daughter and brother by shooting them Saturday morning. Filley is supposed to be insane.

PERSIST IN APPEALS.

Goldfield Mine Owners Hope to Keep Troops.

Despite the positive statement which came from Washington Monday to the effect that the federal troops would be removed from Goldfield on Dec. 29 the mine owners will not give up and will appeal again to the president. They will present, they say, some matters that have not been laid before him, one of which being what they regard as positive evidence of at least one deportation by the Western Federation of Miners in which attempt four rifles were used. While the mine owners were preparing to send further evidence to the president Sheriff Ingalls and Capt. Cox, the personal representative of Gov. Sparks in Goldfield, were conferring on plans for the preservation of law and order after the troops depart. Sheriff Ingalls said that he is seeking at least fifty new men to constitute a force of deputies who will patrol the camp night and day, armed with guns.

The rumor has been current here that a company of rangers is contemplated, and as this could not be done without action by the legislature the statement of Capt. Cox is taken to mean that if the plan is decided upon the legislature will be convened. It has been definitely decided that Dec. 30 each individual mine owner or each company operating a lease or mine shall take care of his own property, independent of the association. This will necessitate the putting on of many more guards.

PAPER TARIFF TO STAY.

Cannon Sees No Relief at the Present Session.

The American publishers are not to get any tariff legislation at this session of congress. Speaker Cannon has let it be known that he cannot think of letting the question come up in the house of removing the duty on white paper without securing unanimous consent on the part of the senate that none of the other schedules are to be touched. Without such consent, the speaker argues that the senate would take the house bill, confined strictly to the paper question, and bring about general revision, and that right on the eve of a presidential campaign. Such revision, the speaker holds, would be politically unwise, as the Republican party once learned in connection with the McKinley law.

Revision always upsets business and completely paralyzes for the time being the import trade. With money already scarce, revision might do a great deal of injury. And so the speaker says the paper tariff must stand until after the presidential election, when it is probable general revision will be undertaken, provided the Republican party remains in control of the government.

Inasmuch as the speaker is the boss of this situation, what he says would seem to settle the matter definitely, at least for this session is concerned.

DIES AT THE AGE OF 117.

Idaho Man Able to Walk About Until a Few Days Ago.

Thomas Tierney 117 years of age, native of Belfast Ireland, died recently at the home of William Caldwell, near Culesac, Idaho, where he has lived since 1862. He was able to walk about until a few days ago. Caldwell, who took care of the old man more than forty-five years, established the first stage line in the Panhandle of Idaho half a century ago, and owned Craif mountain, containing 1,600 acres of timber lands, recently taken over by a Philadelphia timber concern. Little is known of Tierney's early history, but it is declared that he was one of the first to cross the continent in the rush to the California gold fields in the latter 40s.

"BLACK HAND" ROUNDUP.

Seventeen Italian Conspirators in Pittsburg Sent to Workhouse.

The seventeen Italians arrested at Pittsburg, Pa., and alleged to be members of the Black Hand society were given hearings Thursday before Magistrate Brady and sentenced to the work house for thirty to ninety days or fined amounts ranging from \$10 to \$100 each.

Scientists to Aid Poor.

A Christian Science institution to cost at least \$1,000,000 and to be devoted especially to helping the poor is the latest project of the Christian Science movement. The first news of the subject came through the columns of the Christian Science Sentinel.

Paper Mill Burned.

The paper mill of the Falls Manufacturing company at Oconto Falls, Wis., burned with a loss of \$100,000, Henry Hertwig, an engineer, was burned to death.

To Recognize House of Peers.

Premier Franco is planning to reorganize the Portuguese house of peers and transfer the judicial powers now exercised by the house to the courts.

News of Nebraska

PUMPHREY GETS SENTENCE.

One of Ham Pak Murderers Is Sent Up for Life.

Charles Pumphrey, who was convicted of murder in the first degree on the killing of Ham Pak, a Chinaman, last July in Omaha, was sentenced to life term in the penitentiary by Judge Troup. Sentence was passed immediately after Judge Troup had overruled a motion for a new trial and a motion for arrest of judgment presented by Pumphrey's attorney, John O. Yeiser.

"This is the most regrettable incident during my term as judge," said Judge Troup as he pronounced the sentence. "It is almost incomprehensible that three youths, none of them out of his teens, should have deliberately planned and plotted the murder of a human being for the purpose of the few paltry dollars they might secure. Yet I am satisfied from the evidence that all three of you young men did just this."

The life sentence was fixed by the jury when it returned the verdict of guilty and the imposing of the sentence by the court was only formal.

After the overruling of the motion for a new trial Mr. Yeiser presented the motion in arrest of judgment. He contended that the unique one that a person could not in a legal sense have the intention of murdering a man and robbing him at the same time, because after a man is dead it is impossible to rob him, as his property descends immediately upon his death to his heirs. He contended the information was faulty because it alleged both intents. He also attacked the section of the statute under which Pumphrey was convicted, asserting the act establishing the criminal code in 1873 carried a little too narrow to permit of amendments made to the section. County Attorney English pronounced both points "ridiculous" and did not reply to them.

Bernard Reid, one of the proprietors of an electric theater in South Omaha, pleaded guilty to a charge preferred against him on the statements of some little girls employed at the theater and was sentenced to ninety days in the county jail. His brother, John Reid, who was charged with the same offense, pleaded not guilty.

SUICIDE AT OMAHA.

J. F. Carpenter, Prominent Business Man, Ends Life by Shooting.

J. Frank Carpenter, secretary of the largest Paper Company, one of the largest paper houses in the west, committed suicide at his home by shooting. Mr. Carpenter was 47 years old. While the members of his family were at dinner he went to his room unarmed. A pistol shot took his wife to the room, where she found Mr. Carpenter lying on the bed with a bullet wound in his head. He died as she reached the room. Nervous prostration, which resulted in a complete breakdown, is given as the cause of the suicide.

SHOOTS TOWN MARSHAL.

Official at Uehling Seriously Wounded by Albert Feltman.

Albert Feltman, proprietor of a feed store at Uehling, Wednesday evening shot and seriously wounded Town Marshal James Manituck while resisting a arrest. It was at first thought the two men had been engaged in the shooting by the marshal of a dog belonging to Feltman. Meeting in front of Feltman's store Wednesday evening three times at the marshal when the latter attempted to force him to leave his dog to his home and barricaded himself against a crowd of citizens who attempted to arrest him. Later he telephoned Sheriff Bauman at Fremont, expressing willingness to surrender to that officer. Accordingly the sheriff came over and placed Feltman under arrest. It was at first thought that the marshal was fatally wounded, but after an examination of the wounds it was said he would recover.

BROKEN RAIL DITCHES CARS.

Missouri Pacific Freight Train is Wrecked Near Auburn.

A bad wreck occurred on the Missouri Pacific railway near Howe, the first station south of Auburn. A special freight which left Auburn shortly before the time the northbound passenger train was due to arrive, was running at a high rate of speed in order to get to the sidetrack at Howe and thereby not to delay the passenger. When nearing Howe a defective rail broke after the engine had passed over it. Twelve cars, eleven of which were loaded with company coal, piled up in the ditch. Fortunately the engine had passed over and the waycar remained on the track, consequently no one was hurt. The passenger pulled into Howe and was unable to get through and was forced to back down to Falls City and use the Burlington track to Nebraska City.

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Darr Workings, Owned by Pittsburg Coal Company, the Scene of Latest Slaughter of Miners.

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Within a few minutes after the explosion the mouth of the pit was surrounded by the relatives and friends of the entombed men. Smoke and flames issuing from the slope made it impossible to enter and the wives and children were frantic.

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The officials of the Pittsburg Coal Company stated that the mine was one of the largest and was equipped with the most modern appliances for mining. The Pittsburg Coal Company mines are on both sides of the Youghiogheny River. The fuel mined in this field is used for coking purposes. The territory is a part of the original Connellsville coke field and the mines are said to contain considerable gas.

TOWN NEARLY DESTROYED REBUILT WITH BETTER BUILDINGS.

In the middle of August of this year two fires swept fully three-fourths of the business part of Axtell. There were left about six business buildings. Today, four months later, eleven fine-store buildings of brick and modern fire-proof material have been constructed in the place of the ruins of the old. One forty-foot front building is in process of construction. One elevator of sheet iron has been rebuilt. The lumber yard has been rebuilt of fire-proof material and the town presents a beautiful appearance. Axtell has always prided itself on the progressiveness of her people. Located forty miles from any county seat, Holdrege and Minden, only ten and twelve miles away, it has strong competition, but has profited thereby. It never has had a saloon within its jurisdiction and none can even get signers enough to apply even if board favored. The town could not be induced to grant the license. Within three miles stands a country church which no doubt is the largest country church in the state of Nebraska, the church property having cost about \$25,000.

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VICTIM OF ASSAULT DEAD.

Coroner's Jury Will Seek to Find Out Who Is Responsible for Crime.

Mrs. Frank Smith, of Milford, who was recently assaulted, died at 11 o'clock Saturday night. She was unable to make further disclosures. Coroner Wetmore, with Drs. Loughridge, Muir and a physician possibly from Sawdara, made a post-mortem examination which will be followed by the assembling of a coroner's jury. Sufficient evidence has not been obtained to warrant an arrest up to this date.

Oil Is Condemned.

The Marshall Oil company, which some time ago opened up for business in Lincoln, came under the ban of the oil inspector and one car was condemned because it tested only 99 percent. Oil Inspector Allen ordered the company not to unload the oil in the state or to use it or to dispose of it.

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

An improving tone appears in business circles, although actual recovery in activity is not looked for before a return to normal banking conditions is effected. Reasonable weather brought a heavier movement in the leading retail lines, and the absorption of necessities and Christmas goods advanced to gratifying proportions, dealings generally reflecting a better disposition among buyers.

Wholesale branches mainly enter upon the usual quiet attending the close of the year, but there was a fair aggregate of demands for immediate delivery and satisfactory mail orders were received for spring merchandise. Mercantile collections show more promptness at western points, although extensions are not infrequently asked, particularly where the shortage of currency yet remains severe.

Defaults in this district again include none of special significance, and the number this month thus far is less than a year ago. Requests for accommodation in January increases and current settlements at the banks involve some cancellations, but the financial exhibit required of borrowers discloses little disturbing weakness among manufacturers and distributors, and this creates a more confident feeling as a basis for future financing.

Money remains quoted at 7 per cent minimum on local loans required for forwarding of foodstuffs, but higher rates are made for commercial paper bought by outside banks. Augmentation of gold reserves and note circulation strengthens the situation and permits an expanding shipment of currency to the interior.

There is no decline in outputs of rails, wire and pig iron, and there is better inquiry for footwear, although some consumers hold for lower cost.

Failures reported in the Chicago district number 23, against 18 last week and 25 a year ago. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 5, against 7 last week and 3 in 1906.—Hunt's Review of Trade.

NEW YORK.

Holiday buying has had the center of the stage, and retail business has felt very perceptibly the influence of the spirit of the season. While much more marked than some time ago, however, the volume of retail buying as a whole is not up to expectations, and is certainly well below a year ago this date. Sentiment as to the outlook for trade next year is very mixed.

Conditions in financial circles are still slowly but quite surely approaching normal. From the country at large there is reported a continued easing up of the situation as regards cash payments, and several cities are practically on a cash basis.

A very favorable feature in the present period of repression is the tendency toward enlargement of our export trade. This is most notable in the grain trade. Business failures for the week ending Dec. 19 number 208, against 284 last week, 227 in the like week of 1906, 235 in 1905, 249 in 1904 and 243 in 1903. Canadian failures for the week number 40, against 50 last week and 28 in this week a year ago.—Bradstreet's Commercial Report.

THE MARKETS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$6.10; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.00 to \$4.55; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 98c to \$1.00; corn, No. 2, 58c to 59c; oats, standard, 48c to 50c; rye, No. 2, 70c to 82c; hay, timothy, \$11.00 to \$18.00; prairie, \$9.00 to \$12.50; butter, choice creamery, 24c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 22c to 27c; potatoes, per bushel, 48c to 55c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$5.00 to \$6.25; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$4.00 to \$4.50; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 95c to 97c; corn, No. 2 white, 53c to 55c; oats, No. 2 white, 48c to 52c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.50 to \$6.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.01 to \$1.02; corn, No. 2, 53c to 55c; oats, No. 2, 48c to 50c; rye, No. 2, 75c to 78c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.10; hogs, \$4.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 98c to \$1.01; corn, No. 2 mixed, 55c to 57c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 47c to 48c; rye, No. 2, 70c to 81c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$4.00 to \$4.40; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.00 to \$1.02; corn, No. 3 white, 53c to 54c; rye, No. 2, 80c to 82c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, \$1.08 to \$1.10; corn, No. 3, 56c to 60c; oats, standard, 51c to 52c; rye, No. 1, 80c to 81c; barley, No. 2, 96c to 97c; pork, mess, \$12.52.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$5