

KILLS LONDON DOCK BILL

House Decides by Small Majority to Reject Measure.

HOLIDAY RESOLUTION PASSES.

Short Session of Congress is Adjourned Dec. 20 and Reconvenes Jan. 5. Senate Devotes Another Day to the Immigration Bill.

Washington, Dec. 10.—After debating the London dock charges bill for almost four hours the house yesterday chopped its head off by striking out the enacting clause. This killed the bill. The debate was spirited on both sides and all day the members were flooded with telegrams respecting the bill. The withdrawal of the support of the lumber and meat packing interests, which originally had joined with the flour milling interests in pressing the measure, brought about its defeat. The final vote was 138 to 29 in favor of the motion to strike out the enacting clause. Speeches were made in favor of the bill by Tawney (Minn.) and Richardson (Ala.), and against it by Adamson (Ga.), Wanger, Adams and Dalzell (Pa.), Burleson and Burgess (Tex.) and Mann (Ill.). The resolution for a holiday adjournment from Dec. 20 to Jan. 5 was adopted without division.

Immigration Bill in Senate.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The senate devoted most of yesterday to the immigration bill and adopted a number of amendments. There was considerable discussion of an amendment offered by Mr. Burton (Kan.) to admit Chinese laborers to Hawaii. It met with considerable opposition and finally was laid on the table. The provision in the bill prohibiting the sale of liquor in the capitol building caused some criticism of the house for putting it in the bill, but the provision was stricken out. During the day the militia bill was discussed. It will be taken up again Thursday. Mr. Kean (N. J.) gave notice that on Dec. 17 he would ask the senate to consider resolutions upon the life and character of the late Senator William J. Sewell.

BANQUET TO JUSTICE HARLAN.

Recognition of His Twenty-five Years on the Supreme Bench.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The dinner given by the bar of the supreme court of the United States at the new Willard hotel last night to Justice John Marshall Harlan, in recognition of the completion of twenty-five years of service on the bench of the supreme court, was a brilliant function. Interest in the banquet, outside of Justice Harlan, centered in President Roosevelt. His arrival shortly after 9:30 was the signal for a great outburst of applause. The president warmly congratulated Justice Harlan, grasping him by both hands before taking his seat. Those at the banquet included members of the cabinet, several senators and representatives, members of the supreme court of the United States, of the court of claims and of the local courts and quite a number of eminent lawyers from outside of the city.

Lumber Associations Unite.

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—Final steps toward forming a national association of lumber manufacturers were taken by delegates from various lumber associations at the Southern hotel today. N. W. McLeod of St. Louis, president of the Southern Lumber Manufacturers' association, was elected chairman of the convention. The committee on permanent organization recommended that the association be known as "The National Lumber Manufacturers' association." The first annual meeting of the association will be held some time next March, at a time and place to be agreed upon later.

Indorse Single Statehood Bill.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 10.—A mass-meeting of citizens, held last night, adopted resolutions indorsing the Oklahoma statehood bill reported to the senate by Senator Nelson. The resolutions were telegraphed to Senator Beveridge and a delegate was elected who will visit Washington and urge the passage of the bill.

Taft May Succeed Shiras.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The prospective retirement of Justice Shiras from the supreme court, which was announced by his son some time ago as likely to take place at no very distant day, it is believed here may result in the promotion to the supreme bench of William H. Taft, chairman of the Philippines commission.

Fuel Famine Closes Schools.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Owing to the scarcity of anthracite coal, four public schools were closed yesterday by the board of education. The decrease in the supply of hard coal was explained by the Reading company officials as being due to a succession of holidays.

Foul Play is Feared.

Slough City, Dec. 10.—John Sadler, son of a wealthy farmer living near Watertown, S. D., has mysteriously disappeared. Foul play is feared. The father of the missing man says he will spend \$50,000, if necessary, to find his son.

Michigan Mine Still Burning.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 10.—The underground workings of the Oliver iron mine at Ishpeming are still burning.

DROPS A BOX OF DYNAMITE.

Accident Causes the Death of Four Men in Mine.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 10.—Four men were killed and ten injured, three probably fatally, by the explosion of a box of dynamite in No. 5 mine of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company at South Wilkesbarre yesterday.

The names of the killed are: Robert Humblebee, Arthur Jones, Matthew Phillips, James McGlynn.

The fatally injured: George Knorr, Charles Stafford, Thomas Evans.

The men had lowered into the shaft, which is 110 feet deep, a box of dynamite weighing fifty pounds. When the bottom of the shaft was reached Phillips took the box off the carriage. It slipped from his hands and fell to the ground.

The concussion exploded the dynamite and the twenty men who were in the immediate vicinity getting their tools in readiness to go to their respective chambers were hurled in all directions. The woodwork at the bottom of the shaft was also torn and scattered about. As soon as possible word was sent to the surface and a rescuing party was sent down.

FIRE IN HEART OF ATLANTA.

Half Million Dollars Wiped Out in a Few Minutes.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 10.—A fire destroyed nearly a block of buildings in the heart of the city. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

The fire broke out in the furniture store of the Snook & Austin company on Whitehall street. A strong north-west wind sent showers of sparks in every direction.

The fire soon spread to the Norcross building at Marietta and Peachtree streets, and then into the drug house of the Jacobs company on Marietta street, the liquor store of the P. M. Rose company and the Williams hotel. There was no loss of life. There was considerable excitement among the guests of the Kimball house, half a block away, as the sparks and flames were blowing in that direction, but the iron windows were closed and the guests suffered little inconvenience beyond the smoke.

FUEL FIGHT IS SETTLED.

Colorado Factions Agree on Compromise Directorate.

Denver, Dec. 10.—Representatives of the different factions in the Colorado Fuel and Iron company have agreed on a compromise directorate, to be chosen at today's election. The directors agreed upon are James H. Hyde, H. E. Huntington, E. H. Harriman, J. A. Kebler, J. M. Herbert, A. C. Cass, George J. Gould, J. L. Jerome, E. Hawley, John H. McClement, Frank Trumbull, Charles Henry Butler and J. C. Osgood. The suit now pending in the United States court, district of Colorado, is to be dismissed.

Fatal Fire at Toledo.

Toledo, Dec. 10.—Fireman Thomas Smith was killed and four other firemen were injured last night by being buried beneath falling walls during the progress of a fire which caused a damage of \$35,000 to the furniture factory of Kelper Bros. The injured firemen are Ora Himes, internally injured; Richard Manley, leg and ribs broken; Roy Kinney, bruised about the body, and David Manley, back injured.

Ninth Bribery Case on Trial.

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—The ninth municipal bribery case went to trial yesterday when John H. Schnettler, former member of the house of delegates, was placed on trial to answer to charges of bribery in connection with the passage of the Suburban bill. The jury was secured and an outline of the state's case was presented. The taking of testimony began today.

Four Killed at a Crossing.

Findlay, O., Dec. 10.—Mrs. J. C. Nealy, her two daughters, aged eleven and nine, and a son, aged seven, were run down and killed by a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train one mile west of North Baltimore yesterday. The body of one of the girls was not found until the train pulled into North Baltimore, when it was discovered on top of the first coach.

Wisconsin Town Fire Swept.

Ladysmith, Wis., Dec. 10.—The business portion of the village of Ingram, fifteen miles from here, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The general store of the Ostrader Lumber company, another store, two saloons, a restaurant, a hotel and the postoffice were destroyed. The total loss is placed at about \$50,000.

Vanderbilt's Condition.

New York, Dec. 10.—Dr. Austin Flint, Jr., when he left the residence of Cornelius Vanderbilt this morning, said: "Mr. Vanderbilt is doing as well as can be expected. The patient is resting comfortably after passing a fairly good night. Complications are not looked for."

Searching for Mayor Ames.

Louisville, Dec. 10.—The Minneapolis officials who are in Louisville searching for former Mayor Ames, under indictment on a charge of accepting a bribe in Minneapolis, said yesterday that their discoveries led to the belief that Mr. Ames left for Boston Monday.

O'Neill Gives Himself Up.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Deputy Sheriff Samuel O'Neill, the assailant of Charles Slater, who was shot and probably fatally injured Monday night, gave himself up to the police. He will be held pending the outcome of the affray.

ENEMY'S SQUADRON WINS

Admiral Sumner Achieves Notable Victory in War Game.

CAPTURES PORT OF MAYAGUEZ.

White Squadron Takes Town and Mines Channel—Demonstrates the Need of Exercise in Scouting and a Greater Navy.

Mayaguez, P. R., Dec. 10.—A notable victory was achieved yesterday by Admiral Sumner, in command of the white squadron, with the Iowa, Illinois, Albany and Chicago. He captured Mayaguez without resistance at 6:24 a. m. and immediately mined the harbor. The Nashville and Eagle subsequently entered the channel and reported that the Atlanta and San Francisco had been last seen off Ponce and that perhaps they had been overtaken.

The San Francisco and Atlanta arrived later, thus completing Admiral Sumner's squadron and making his victory greater. Captain Walker, commanding the San Francisco, who is senior officer of the division which took the Caribbean course to Porto Rico, explained to Admiral Sumner the route he pursued and showed that he successfully deceived the scouts of Admiral Higginson's fleet.

Admiral Sumner's victory was due to the careful execution of his plans. The white squadron was reported to Admiral Higginson, commanding the blue, opposing squadron, at 6 o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 5. Admiral Sumner's objective was Mayaguez, Guaynillo, Ponce, Ensenada or Culebra.

Under the rules the white squadron would win if it entered the port selected and worked for one hour laying mines before the arrival of a blue squadron, 50 per cent superior, or if it entered its harbor and completed the work of mining before the arrival of a blue squadron double its strength. The white squadron would lose if it was intercepted by a superior force at sea, or within one hour after having anchored in the port selected.

When entering the Mona passage at 2 a. m. the squadron stopped for a short time. No blue scouts were sighted until dawn glowed in the east, then the Olympia, Cincinnati, Detroit and Montgomery were seen. These vessels had been scouting on the north shore of Porto Rico. It is remarkable that they failed to sight the white squadron, especially as the night was clear and there was half a moon until 1 o'clock. All preparations were made for mining the harbor when the vessels of the white squadron dropped anchor in Mayaguez harbor at 6:24 a. m. The last vessel to anchor was the Chicago. Boats were lowered at once and the mining of the channel was finished in thirty-four minutes.

Upon the appearance of the white squadron the Hist discharged green and red signals and attempted to escape. No effort was made to prevent her. The other scouts of the blue squadron, fearing capture, hastened away to search for Admiral Higginson. The commander of the blue squadron was last reported at Viequez island, where he will be advised of Admiral Sumner's victory. After the four vessels of the white squadron were in the harbor, Admiral Crowninshield signaled the following message to Admiral Sumner: "Congratulations upon your great success, to which bold navigation contributed."

To this Admiral Sumner replied: "Thank you, accept my congratulations upon the beautiful way in which you mined the harbor."

The officers of the blue squadron cannot understand the failure of their scouts to discover the slow moving division of the white squadron, which passed through a line of scouts reaching from Porto Rico to Trinidad and along the coast of Porto Rico. The problem is held to be a further demonstration of the need of exercise in scouting and of a greater navy, in view of the proven inability of a fleet equal to that commanded by Admiral Sampson in the Spanish-American war to prevent the seizure of one of five ports within an area of 170 miles.

Insane Man Smoked Out.

Mexico, Mo., Dec. 10.—Charles Stewart, who had fortified himself in his house near here and held the sheriff, a posse of citizens and his family at bay with a shotgun Friday last, was smoked out and surrendered. A portion of the house was first torn down by the officers, who then burned sulphur in the lower rooms. Stewart became suddenly insane last week and drove his family from the house. When he surrendered he was without food and nearly frozen.

Freeland D. Pugh Dead.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 10.—Freeland D. Pugh, aged eighty-nine, one of the original settlers of the territory known as the Platte purchase, died here yesterday after a short illness with pneumonia. He was prominently identified with the overland mail contracts and was prominent in the early history of this city and county.

Death of Father Rottler.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 10.—Rev. I. G. Rottler of St. Donatín, Ia., died suddenly last evening at the home of the Franciscan fathers of heart disease, aged fifty-two years. The deceased was in charge of a Catholic parish at St. Donatín. Owing to failing health, he came to Los Angeles about a week ago.

COLD WAVE IN THE EAST.

Thirty-Two Degrees Below Zero at Ballston, New York.

New York, Dec. 10.—New York and New England have experienced during the past twenty-four hours the coldest weather for many years. In this city it was the coldest Dec. 9 in twenty-six years, the thermometer registering as it did in that year eight above zero. The severity of the cold was intensified by the fact that the people were not prepared for it, the cold wave having descended on the country suddenly and without warning. Then, too, the scarcity of coal caused much suffering among the poorer class. Every effort is being put forth to alleviate the suffering, charitable organizations having taken steps to supply the poor, and the board of aldermen having voted \$100,000 to help along the good cause.

The cold in the city was mild compared with that prevailing in the northern sections of the state and in New England. At Albany the mercury fell to ten below zero and in some nearby districts it went down to twenty. The river is frozen over at Albany, putting an end to navigation. Ballston reported thirty-two below, the lowest registration since 1861. Throughout Maine and Connecticut the thermometer ranged from eight to twenty below, a fall in some places of forty degrees in twelve hours.

BODY OF REED IN THE TOMB.

Simple but Impressive Funeral Services at Old Maine Home.

Portland, Me., Dec. 10.—Simple but impressive services, consisting of music, scripture reading, prayer and a brief eulogy, were held over the remains of ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed at the First Unitarian church yesterday afternoon.

The casket was borne to the hearse and while the bells of the city tolled sixty-three strokes, one for each year of Mr. Reed's life, the funeral party entered carriages. The little procession passed to Evergreen cemetery, where the body was placed in a tomb, to await burial in the spring.

Evangelists in Conference.

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—Rev. Drs. Wilton Merle Smith and J. Wilbur Chapman of New York were the speakers at the opening session of the conference on evangelistic work, conducted by the general assembly's committee, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ministers' association of St. Louis. The conference will continue for three days in the Compton Avenue Presbyterian church. The object of the conference is to devise plans to get the best results from the tide of evangelism that is said to have set in throughout the country.

Forty Sticks of Dynamite Explode.

Kansas City, Dec. 10.—Forty sticks of dynamite, which sewer workmen were thawing by a fire, blew up yesterday on Wyandotte street, near Thirty-first street. The concussion broke hundreds of windows in the four adjoining blocks and knocked a woman down a flight of stairs. No one else was injured, but the people living in that part of the city were badly frightened by the sound of the explosion and the crash of the breaking glass. Thirty workmen escaped injury miraculously.

Sheriff's Wife Escorts Convicts.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 10.—Handcuffed to two burly convicts and with a revolver handy in her coat pocket, Mrs. Ernest F. Burmeister, wife of the sheriff of Dane county, took Burt Holmes and George Fredericks to the state prison at Waupun yesterday. Part of the trip was made by stage and was without incident. It is the first time in the history of the state that a woman has performed such a duty.

Canadian Reciprocity to the Fore.

Detroit, Dec. 10.—One of the most important results of the national reciprocity convention that met in this city today will, it is expected, be the adoption of a resolution asking for the reconvening of the British-American joint high commission for the discussion of a reciprocity treaty with the Dominion of Canada.

Anarchists Taken by Surprise.

Rome, Dec. 10.—Thirteen anarchists were arrested near Spezia last night after a desperate struggle. The police surprised them at a meeting while they were in the act of taking an oath with poniards to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel. One of the anarchists and one of the police were severely wounded.

Vote to Continue Strike.

Marseilles, Dec. 10.—At an exciting meeting, which was attended by 5,000 strikers, it was resolved to enter upon no further negotiations with either the companies or the government, but to continue the strike to the end.

Horticulturists Meet.

Des Moines, Dec. 10.—At the annual meeting of the State Horticultural society yesterday President Wragg urged that steps be taken to insure a good horticultural exhibit from this state at St. Louis.

Declares in Favor of Revision.

Pittsburg, Dec. 10.—The Allegheny presbytery of the Presbyterian church, like the Pittsburg presbytery, yesterday declared in favor of the revision of the confession of faith. The vote was 33 to 28.

Indicted for Selling Their Votes.

Shoals, Ind., Dec. 10.—After a session lasting a week, the grand jury has returned 104 indictments. All the men named are charged with selling their votes at the last election.

SEIZE VENEZUELAN FLEET

British and German Warships Get Busy at LaGuayra.

UNITED STATES IS INVOLVED.

Minister at Caracas Authorized to Act for Withdrawing Diplomats—President Castro Arrests All British and Germans in Caracas.

London, Dec. 10.—A dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, dated Dec. 9, says: The combined British and German fleet today seized the Venezuelan fleet, composed of four warships, in the harbor of LaGuayra.

It is reported also that an ultimatum will be delivered today asking for an answer and a compliance with the demand of the British and German ministers.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 10.—All German and British subjects in Caracas were arrested yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The arrests of the German and British subjects of Caracas are believed here to be in the nature of a retaliation on the part of President Castro for the ultimatum sent to Venezuela for a settlement of the long standing claims of Germany and England against her. Incidentally, such action by Venezuela will, it is believed, involve this government, as the German and British representatives in Venezuela, before leaving Caracas, requested United States Minister Bowen to take charge of the interests of their countries in Venezuela. It was said at the state department yesterday that this request would be granted, and the probability is that Mr. Bowen already has taken steps toward that end. Considerable surprise is expressed here over the arrests, as the result will be to add to the serious complications already existing.

There are comparatively few white British subjects in Caracas, probably less than fifty. The Caracas-LaGuayra railroad is a British concern and its general manager and other high officials are Englishmen.

The Germans in Caracas are much more numerous. They are found at the head of important commercial houses and banking institutions. The German custom of bringing out clerks from the fatherland accounts for the presence of many young Germans in the Venezuelan capital. The railroad from Caracas to Valencia is a German concern.

MAYOR OF HAVANA SUSPENDED.

Charged With Usurpation of Power During Recent Strike.

Havana, Dec. 10.—Emilio Nunez, civil governor of Havana, has suspended the mayor of Havana, Senor O'Farrill, pending investigation by the court of a charge of usurpation of power, which has been brought against him. This charge is an outgrowth of the recent strike, in which the mayor figured prominently. The specific charge against Senor O'Farrill is that he ordered persons arrested during the strike to be kept at the police stations, instead of placing them at the disposal of the judges, his object in so doing being to shield the prisoner. Councilman Guevara has been arrested on a charge of sedition in inciting a crowd during the strike. He has been placed in jail without bail. A member of the central labor committee was also arrested and it is rumored that others will be apprehended. The working classes of the city are protesting strongly against these arrests, on the ground that the Cuban veterans promised that if the strike were called off there would be no further apprehensions.

PIRATES IN PHILIPPINES.

Rob Vessel in Cavite Bay and Secure Much Treasure.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 10.—The steamer Shawmut, from Manila, brought news of piracy in the Philippines, the desperadoes being led by an American. The brig Marica, bound from Catuanan for Manila had beaten up the coast and was becalmed off Cavite bay. She had as passengers five Chinese merchants, who were on their way to Manila to purchase goods. During the night a sloop came alongside and six men climbed over the rail and immediately overpowered the Chinese crew, binding all hands with ropes. After the crew had been overpowered, the Chinese were brought forth and at the point of drawn revolvers were made to give over their money, about \$17,000. The pirates embarked in their boat again and, heading towards Cavite, threatened to kill all hands on the brig if they did not keep quiet.

President Castro is Defiant.

Kingstown, Dec. 10.—The British cruiser Indefatigable, which has arrived here from La Guayra, Venezuela, brings reports that President Castro of that country is defiant and indifferent to the threatened blockade. It is asserted that President Castro is prepared even to expel the German and British residents of La Guayra and to close that port. The Indefatigable left the British cruiser Retribution and the German cruisers Vineta and Gazelle at La Guayra. There are at present five British men-of-war at Port of Spain, Trinidad, ready to leave there on short notice.

Erie Raises Wages.

Cleveland, Dec. 10.—The Erie Railroad company has raised the wages of 400 switchmen on its Mahoning division 11 and 15 per cent.

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In addition, the New Orleans special, fast day train, with through sleeping and buffet-library cars, and serving all meals in a dining car, will leave Chicago daily at 10:00 a. m. and arrive at New Orleans at 10:55 next morning, connecting with the Sunset Limited of the Southern Pacific for Houston, San Antonio and San Francisco, the Sunset Limited leaving New Orleans daily at 11:55 a. m. Tickets and further information of railroad ticket agents.

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