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MONEY VISITS THE CUBANS

Senator-Elect from Mississippi Spends a Few Days with Insurgents.

REFUSES TO STATE HIS OBJECTS

Weyler's Government Has Been Suspicious of Him from the Time He Landed—Small Battle in Havana Province.

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HAVANA, Jan. 4.—(New York World Special Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—H. D. Money of Mississippi, a member of the United States house of representatives committee on foreign affairs and a senator-elect from his state, returned to Havana tonight after a mysterious absence of three days. His visit has awakened great public interest on account of a report widely circulated in Havana that he comes to Cuba in the interests of the rebellion. The World correspondent conversed with him several times, but obtained no information as to the congressman's object in coming here. Generally he has been with those who are endeavoring to advance the insurgent cause. He disappeared Friday and I surmised that he had gone "into the country," as people say when anybody goes to visit or to join the rebels. The government has been suspicious of him from the first day.

A part of the Le Altada battalion, operating back of Sacramento, Marango San Nicolas and the Santa Barbara hills in Havana province, came on a party of insurgents, composed of several united bands, and pursued them with cavalry. Lieutenant Colonel Aquilera approached the insurgents' rear from the Apaste and dispersed them. Forty-two dead were found and a lot of guns and other implements of war were captured. Fourteen men were wounded. The insurgents were under several petty chiefs, including Montero, Rubino, Garcia and Ranguere.

Francisco Padro will be shot tomorrow morning in the Cabanas fortress for incendiarism, having been sentenced by a court martial. This will be the sixtieth military execution on the island in twelve months.

WILLIAM SHAW BOWEN.

CONFERENCE OF U. S. CONSULS.

Summoned to Havana to Talk with Fitzhugh Lee.

HAVANA, Jan. 4.—It is reported that all the United States consuls in Cuba will successively come to Havana for conference with General Fitzhugh Lee, the consul general.

Walter B. Baker, the United States consul at Sagua la Grande, arrived here yesterday.

The correspondents of the Imparcial, Heraldo and Correspondencia of Madrid have received orders from their respective newspapers to retire from this city to Porto Rico and there await further orders. The newspapers have taken this step in view of the prosecution commenced against them by the government for severely criticising the Cuban administration and the conduct of the campaign against the insurgents.

WELCOME TO WORLD'S FARMERS.

Mark Lane Express Says Cold Wave is Most Timely.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Mark Lane Express, reviewing the crop situation today, says: The usual increase of cold in January will not be unwelcome to agriculture. On the continent the outlook is satisfactory. Rains have fallen in Australia, but too late to be of any use except in Tasmania. The news from Argentine is more gloomy than at Christmas. The Russian wheat crop of 1896 is semi-officially stated to be 3,500,000 quarters below that of 1895 and 9,000,000 quarters below the bumper of 1894.

TRYING TO PATCH UP PEACE.

European Powers May Intervene in Cuban Affairs.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—According to the Tageblatt some of the European powers, Russia and France being mentioned, have come to an understanding to make representations to Washington in order to prevent further trouble between the United States and Spain.

Scott Libel Case Resumed.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The trial of Lady Selina Scott, charged by her son-in-law, Earl Russell, with libel in connection with John Cockerton and Engineer William Aylott, a valet, was resumed this morning. Lady Scott looked but little worse for her recent illness. Dr. Scott, the physician of Holliday jail, formally testified to the death from consumption of Frederick Kast, a Greek, who was one of the defendants. The physician said that the whole time Kast was in his charge the prisoner was not fit to be cross-examined as a witness.

Harding, a cabin boy employed on Lord Russel's yacht in 1888, denied that Lord Russel had ever attempted improper conduct with him.

Renewed Rumors of Weyler's Recall.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—News has been received by the Cuban junta from Washington to the effect that the Spanish government has positively decided to recall Captain General Weyler. Primo de Rivera, it is said, will succeed General Weyler in Cuba. It is learned the Madrid government was displeased at the fact that General Weyler, with about 200,000 troops, has not put down the Cuban revolt. He has expended large sums of money, but so far has made no decided headway in accomplishing his main object, that of quelling the insurrection and restoring peace and good order in Cuba.

Bill to Abolish Dueling.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A Berlin dispatch to the Times says a new cabinet order has been issued with reference to dueling. Various versions of the order are current, says the dispatch, but it appears to be intended to end the jurisdiction of the military courts of honor, with a view to preventing duels. It will also empower the courts to deal with quarrels between officers and civilians and is doubtless the outcome of the commission which Chancellor von Hohenlohe recently prompted the emperor to appoint to consider the subject.

South African Rebels Routed.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Advices received here from Blantyre, the mission town of British South Africa, announce that the British force sent last month against the Angoni Zulus, under Chief Chikusi, who had invaded southwest Nyassaland and burned a British station besides massacreing the inhabitants of a number of villages, has routed the Angonis with heavy loss after some sharp fighting. Chief Chikusi was captured and hanged. Five men of the British force were wounded.

Returns from French Elections.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—Official returns of results of the elections held yesterday to replace the third of the members of the Senate whose terms are expiring show that sixty-nine republicans, thirteen radicals, three socialist radicals and twelve reactionists have been elected. Most of the newspapers agree in saying that the result will not modify the policy of the Senate.

Senator Money Missing.

HAVANA, Jan. 4.—Senator-elect Money of Mississippi, a member of the house committee on foreign affairs, is missing from the Hotel Inglaterra, where he put up on his arrival here. It is believed, however, that he has gone to Matanzas, where two American newspaper men have also located themselves.

Battle in the Philippines.

MADRID, Jan. 4.—Official dispatches from Manilla chronicle a battle on the Pasig river, where the Philippine rebels were trying to obstruct navigation. The Spanish loss was ten killed and twenty wounded, while the insurgents had thirty-two killed and many wounded. Thirteen conspirators were shot at Manilla today.

Ellen Terry's Eyes Getting Better.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—It is stated that Ellen Terry has had several operations upon her eyes. Her friends thought when she left England that the gifted actress would not return to the stage, but it is now reported that she is rapidly recovering on the Riviera.

Recall Havana Correspondents.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A special dispatch from Madrid says that owing to the government prosecution of the Imparcial, the Heraldo and Correspondencia those papers have agreed to withdraw their correspondents from Havana.

Irving Recovers Slowly.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The St. James Gazette this morning says: Sir Henry Irving is not convalescing very rapidly and several months may elapse before he recovers sufficiently to appear on the stage.

Say Gomez May Surrender.

MADRID, Jan. 4.—Private telegrams received here from Havana say it is possible that Maximo Gomez and other influential Cubans will surrender to the Spanish authorities.

Victoria Will Have a Yacht.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A new ocean-going yacht is to be built for Queen Victoria in place of the Victoria and Albert, the present royal yacht.

DENIES A SENSATIONAL STORY.

Alleged Poisoning Only a Death from Natural Causes.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 4.—The sensational story from New Orleans reporting the death of Sir William Anderson, an alleged English nobleman, by poison in Nicaragua, was a good deal of a surprise to the friends of Major Horace Bell, a well known attorney of this city, to whose daughter Anderson was married. Contrary to the telegraphic report, the dead man's name was Captain A. B. Anderson. While quite well-to-do at one time, he had lost, it is reported, large sums in foreign securities. He was given no title of nobility while residing in this part of the country, nor did he lay claim to any. His wife, Major Bell's daughter, left here about three months ago to rejoin her husband in Central America, and the news of his death has since been received, though no intimation was made that it was of such a tragic nature as stated in the New Orleans dispatch. Major Bell said last evening concerning the reported poisoning: "There is absolutely no truth in such a story. Captain Anderson died on his plantation, surrounded by his friends and faithful servants, who nursed him day and night through an illness lasting several weeks. His death was due to malarial fever. I have a copy of the doctor's certificate to that effect sent me by Dr. O'Hara."

ANOTHER BIG STRIKE BREWING.

Anticipate Trouble Over the Introduction of Non-Union Miners.

DENVER, Jan. 4.—From reports current in Denver and substantiated by private advices from Ouray, it appears that Ouray and San Miguel counties are on the verge of a strike that will equal the Leadville strike. The cause of it will be the importation of non-union men into a tunnel situated about nine miles west of Ouray. Since early in December there has been a strike at the tunnel and mine. Several attempts to settle amicably proved ineffective and non-union miners have been engaged from around Joplin, Mo., to take the places of the strikers. The strikers are members of the Miners' union and trouble may follow the introduction, and even a general strike may be ordered. There are 2,500 miners in Ouray and adjoining counties, who all belong to the union.

Supreme Court Refuses Rehearing.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The supreme court today handed down decisions on the following applications for rehearings: By Corson, the German Bank against Robert W. Folds and George H. Folds, Minnehaha county, application denied; by Haney, H. C. Bright, administrator of estate of Jerry Lowe, against C. Ecker and Susie Lowe, Minnehaha county, application denied; by Calvin, J. B. Harris against State of South Dakota, original action. This is a claim for $7,500 made for a compilation of the territory code, which claim was presented to the state auditor and payment refused. Suit was brought and a demurrer entered by the attorney general on grounds of no cause of action. The demurrer is sustained with leave to file amended complaint within thirty days. Auditor Hippie takes the position that the decision will carry with it the appropriation of about 25 per cent of the state's income without any legislative action.

Judge Not Eligible for the Senate.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The point has been raised on Judge A. J. Plowman of Deadwood, candidate for the United States senate, that he is not eligible to any elective office during his judicial term, which began January 1, 1894, and which does not end until January 1, 1898. Article 5, section 5, of the constitution of the state, prohibits any judge from being a candidate for such an office during the term for which he was elected and the point is made that Plowman cannot qualify without violating his oath of office and the plain spirit of the constitution. The article was put into the constitution to take the judiciary out of politics as much as possible. In the last campaign Judge Plowman was the only judge in the state who went upon the stump and his action created then a great deal of adverse comment.

Saved from the Sea.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—A special to the Commercial-Tribune from Jacksonville, Fla., says: Four men landed from the wrecked Commodore this morning at Port Orange, thus accounting for twenty out of the twenty-eight men on board. The men were observed in the surf and boats put out to aid them in landing. They were nearly famished. The last food in the boat was eaten and the last drop of water was given out last night. During the night one of the men grew light-headed and attempted to jump overboard, but was prevented by the others. They say they have not seen the other eight men reported missing. The men without a doubt lost are: E. B. Ritter, James Reddigan, Frank Grain, Julio Rodbar, Joseph Dehaney, L. R. Marbury, M. Leon and W. A. G. Smith.

Miners' Wages Reduced.

MASSILLON, O., Jan. 4.—Notices have been posted at all the mines in the Massillon district announcing a reduction in the price of pick mining from 61 to 51 cents a ton. The posting of the notice had the effect of causing a cessation of work in all parts of the district and at this time nearly 2,500 men are believed to be idle. A convention has been called to meet on the 7th to consider the reduction.

BELLAIRE, O., Jan. 4.—The 250 miners in the Maple Hill and Boggs mines at Barton, near this city, struck this morning for an advance of 6 cents.

Altgeld Carries His Point.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 4.—At the meeting of the democratic state central committee tonight Governor Altgeld was victorious in the first test of strength in the fight between the democratic factions headed by himself and Secretary of State Hinrichsen respectively. The governor's candidate for state chairman, Dwight W. Andrews of Chicago, was elected without opposition, Hinrichsen and others refusing to vote.

Coal Miners on a Strike.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 4.—A big strike of coal miners occurred today on the Wheeling division of the Baltimore & Ohio road. The strike was the result of the refusal of the operators to pay the 60-cent rate as promised in the late joint convention of miners and operators. About 1,200 men are out and nearly every mine closed down.

WIND LESS SEVERE IN OMAHA

Storm Was General Over Central and Western States.

MANY TRAINS ABANDONED ON RAILWAYS

Terrific Winds Prevailed in Many Sections, but They Were Not So Severe in This Vicinity.

"Continued cold weather, with the mercury around the zero mark, is the present outlook for Tuesday," said Forecaster Welch after the observation taken at 9 o'clock last night.

During the day yesterday the thermometer fluctuated from 10 degrees to 6 degrees above zero between the hours of 7 o'clock a. m. and 9 o'clock p. m., growing rapidly colder toward midnight. The wind in the middle of the day blew at the rate of twenty-eight miles an hour, dropping in the evening to sixteen miles. The amount of snow falling was slight, only .07 of an inch being reported between the hours of 7 in the morning and 9 at night.

In connection with the wind velocity, while it has been far from pleasant to face the snow-laden breezes which whirled through the downtown streets, Omaha was favored in comparison with the blizzards which visited other cities. Some of the reports received at the local weather bureau show that at noon, yesterday, Chicago was experiencing a wind from the west that blew at the rate of forty-eight miles an hour; St. Louis, from the southwest, at the rate of forty-eight miles an hour; Concordia, Kan., thirty-six miles an hour; Bismarck, N. D., thirty-six miles an hour; Huron, S. D., from the northwest, at the rate of fifty-two miles; Cheyenne, thirty-eight miles an hour; North Platte, forty miles an hour, and Rapid City, thirty miles an hour. The lowest temperature reported in the west thus far for yesterday was at Bismark, where it touched the zero mark.

The snow in Omaha impeded business but little. Drifts persisted in collecting along the sidewalks, which, toward night, froze hard, making a good crust to walk upon in the many instances where the owner of a sidewalk refused to get out his shovel.

The street railway company put its snow plows back in the barns at noon, but kept the salt car going over the lines most of the day. This, in connection with the constantly passing car wheels, kept the rails free from snow.

At Union Pacific headquarters all trains were reported slow during the entire day. The eastbound overland, due here at 4:45, came in in two sections, the second section being an hour and a half late. But little snow was reported falling over the main line, but that which had already fallen was reported as drifting badly. A mixed train, which was sent out over the Grand Island & Loup City branch at noon yesterday, made heavy weather of it for about two hours and at length came to a standstill near Dannebrog. A snowplow will be sent out from Grand Island this morning to extricate it. Snow in the yards of the company at Grand Island badly impeded the shifting of cars and all business for a time yesterday was at a standstill. The snow as fast as shoveled from the tracks was thrown back by the wind, and it was not until late last night that any progress in clearing the yards was made. The snow in places reached a depth of six feet. The westbound passenger train leaving Omaha at 3:30 was on time at last reports. It was decided, however, not to send out all the westbound freights last night, and but one left early in the evening. It made slow work of it, due to the slippery condition of the tracks. The Columbus & Norfolk branch was reported as still tied up late last night, but will probably be opened today.

The Burlington reported all trains on time and but little snow along its main line or those leading south.

The Minneapolis & Omaha line reported little snow falling in the northwestern portion of the state. The wind, which blew half a gale near Sioux City, Norfolk and Wayne, was reported as much lowered in velocity last night. The passenger train due here from the north at 6 o'clock last night was three hours late, due to the drifting snow. Snowplows will be sent out by the company this morning from Omaha, Sioux City, Norfolk and Emerson and the trains, barring additional snow, will be running on time today.

STORM OF THE BLIZZARD VARIETY.

Severe Weather of Five Years Ago Almost Equaled in Nebraska.

O'NEILL, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy snow storm started here yesterday morning and is still raging unabated. It is the hardest storm that has visited this section since the memorable blizzard of 1888. Traffic is entirely suspended and business in the city is at a standstill. The Sioux City, O'Neill & Western train did not leave for Sioux City today, the road being blocked. The mercury has stood at about 10 above zero all day.

BENNET, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A cold wave struck here on Saturday and for the last forty-eight hours there has been an increasing snow storm from the northwest. This morning the storm has reached the intensity of a blizzard. It is very cold and is getting worse all the time.

WINSIDE, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Snow has fallen continuously since Saturday night and for the past twenty-four hours it has been accompanied by very high winds. It is the worst blizzard since 1888 and no signs of abating. No trains are running. No casualties are reported as yet.

ST. EDWARDS, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A very severe blizzard set in here early yesterday morning and has continued unabated up to 6 o'clock tonight and is still raging. The drifts are near twelve feet high in the front doors of the business houses. No trains have arrived today.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.) — The worst storm since the memorable blizzard of January 12, 1888, has been raging in this locality for twenty-four hours and shows no signs of abating tonight. All roads, both wagon and rail, are blocked with snow. Considerable live stock is poorly sheltered and it is feared that much may perish.

NEBRASKA CITY, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A heavy wind has been blowing for the last twenty-four hours, drifting the snow, about four inches of which has fallen since the storm commenced. All trains are late. The temperature has fallen to about 10 degrees below freezing point. The cold is increasing every moment. Stock is suffering severely on account of previous mildness of the weather.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A howling wind, at times approximating a gale, and accompanied by more or less snow, has been raging here ever since some time Saturday night and continues without abatement this morning. The mercury stood yesterday at eight degrees above zero and went lower during the night. What snow has fallen is all accumulated into drifts and may be of sufficient amount to interfere with traffic in the deeper cuts.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The worst blizzard and snow storm in over five years has been raging here for the past thirty-six hours and there is no immediate prospect of its abating. Trains are tied up here and the railways are struggling hard to get mail trains through from one to seven hours' late. The system of branches out of this city are completely blockaded and have not turned a wheel since Sunday noon. The mercury is about twelve above zero and there is much suffering among stock. The snow on the country roads is badly drifted and probably will be impassable for some time.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A lively snow storm, with a strong northwest wind, approaching the nature of a blizzard, has prevailed here for the last thirty-six hours. It is not extremely cold.

DUNCAN, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The worst blizzard since 1888 is in full blast here. Perhaps a foot of light snow has fallen and with a terrific wind blowing it is piling up badly and the air is full of flying snow, making it almost impossible to get around.

ORD, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The cold wave struck this section early this morning, accompanied by a high wind and a slight fall of snow. While not a severe storm, its contrast to the fine weather that has prevailed here for some days is keenly felt.

SHELBY, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A strong blizzard has been raging since Saturday night. Drifts near some fences are higher than a man's head. In some instances storm doors on the south side of dwelling could not be pushed open from the inside. The eastgoing passenger is snowbound. Farmers cannot come to town to relate how stock is faring.

DES MOINES, Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A blizzard has been in progress all day and night; the mercury is below zero and falling fast. A high wind has prevailed and the snowfall is about six inches. Telegraph wires are down in several directions and railroads have suffered considerable delay. It is the first snow of the season.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—This evening finds snow still falling after forty-eight hours of steady storm. It is fine snow and drifting badly with a strong wind. Railroads, as yet, have not been seriously interfered with.

HASTINGS, Ia., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—It has been a howling blizzard here for forty-eight hours, all kinds of stock is suffering and business is at a standstill.

JEFFERSON, Ia., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A blizzard, straight from the west, has had undisputed possession of central Iowa today. The storm has abated tonight. The temperature has been about zero.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Jan. 4.—The city was in darkness last night. The telephone and telegraph systems were completely demoralized on account of the storm. The damage was heavy to electric light and street car companies. The thermometer was 10 above this morning.

SIOUX FALLS, Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—No trains left here today owing to the blizzard which began yesterday morning and is still raging. The cuts are full of snow to a depth of ten or fifteen feet and drifts six to ten feet deep are in the streets here. A high wind is blowing, but the temperature is moderate.

HURON, S. D., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—There are no indications tonight of a cessation of the great storm that set in here yesterday morning. The wind continues blowing from the north at sixty miles an hour, the temperature being below zero. Railroad cuts are filled and the snow is piled in drifts ten and twelve feet high. The Chicago & Northwestern tied up all its trains and not a wheel turned on this division of the road today. All trains on the Great Northern are abandoned and the telegraph is interrupted. Fears are entertained for settlers, as fuel is known to be limited. The storm is the worst since the great blizzard of 1888.

YANKTON, S. D., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The great storm is raging tonight with no signs of abatement. Only one train, that operating between Yankton and Sioux City, was moved in this state today. Orders were given to abandon this train by Superintendent Beardsley, but the general superintendent wired from Chicago to start the train at all hazards. Occasional snow drifts were encountered, but little delay was experienced till the cuts were reached near Sioux City, where the train was abandoned. There are no rotary snow plows in this stat and the work of clearing the tracks is by the old methods of bucking and shoveling and it will require a week to get trains running. At no time since the storm began has the temperature fallen below 2 degrees above zero. Some losses of stock are reported, but the aggregate loss will not be serious.

MITCHELL, S. D., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A terrible blizzard has been raging here since early yesterday, a period of thirty-six hours. No trains have left this city and none have come in. Snow is drifted all over town in high banks and the streets are deserted. It is the worst storm in years.

VERMILLION, S. D., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A terrible blizzard has been raging since yesterday morning. Cold is intense and the snowdrifts are ten feet deep. All business in the city is suspended and trains are abandoned. The morning passenger train going east ran into a herd of cattle near Meckling and the engine was derailed. Several cattle were killed. The train was abandoned.

BLIZZARD IN THE NORTHWEST.

Minnesota and the Dakotas Buried Under Huge Snowdrifts.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 4.—A blizzard has been raging throughout the northwest yesterday and today and as a result train service is considerably crippled. In a number of towns business was about suspended.

Devil's Lake, in North Dakota, reported no trains for thirty-six hours and Grand Forks makes a similar report, adding that the schools are closed and wires down to the west of there.

In South Dakota there was more snow, but the storm was little more severe than in the northern state. Huron reports drifts fifteen feet high and the storm still raging. Vermillion states that all business has been suspended. Mitchell reports no trains since the storm began on Sunday morning, and streets deserted. Brookings classes it as the worst blizzard known for years and all business suspended. Yankton reports many trains abandoned on account of the storm. Watertown fears that the stock will suffer.

Throughout western and northern Minnesota the storm has been severe. Glyndon reports trains snowed up in drifts ten feet deep. Detroit says the railroads cannot do much toward opening their tracks before tomorrow. Moorhead discovers some sign of abatement in the storm, which is the worst that has visited that place, cold winds blowing at the rate of fifty miles an hour and the snow drifting ten or more feet. Barnesville, in the same part of the state, reports all business suspended.

Passengers Snowbound.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 4.—Passengers on the Colorado express, westbound, on the Santa Fe road, had a trying experience in Sunday's blizzard. At 1:30 o'clock in the morning at a point ten miles east of Dodge City, Kan., the train stuck fast in a deep cut that had filled with snow, and until the noon following not a wheel was turned. The passengers were warm and comfortable in the cars and when, after nearly ten hours' imprisonment, they began clamoring for something to eat, the trainmen proved equal to the emergency. In the express car the conductor found several crates of eggs and several pails of fresh oysters. The expressman had some cornmeal and salt and pepper, which he had been carrying for an emergency. The trainmen then turned in and from these articles prepared a Sunday dinner that was served to the hungry passengers on pieces of pasteboard shortly before noon. Six tramps, who had been riding on the brakebeams, were called in and partook of the express messenger's bounty. Railroad traffic throughout Kansas was considerably delayed on Sunday, but today trains are running with more regularity. Reports received tonight from throughout the state indicate that the storm is subsiding.

Found Dead in a Snow Drift.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—A special to the Journal from Atchison, Kan., says: E. I. Irwin, colored, living on Mound street, found a 10-year-old child dead in a snow drift near Seventh and Parallel streets this morning. It proved to be one of the neighbor's children, who had wandered on the way to school, and falling into the snowdrift could not get out and froze to death.

Cordage Company Resumes.

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The Standard Cordage company started up today after a shutdown of nearly three years. This will give employment to 400 hands.

POPULISTS MEET IN CAUCUS

Controlling Members of the South Dakota Legislature Confer.

SIMMONS FOR SECRETARY OF SENATE

Other Positions Are Filled by the Votes of Colleagues—Republicans Will Arrange Their Plans Today.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—At the populist senate caucus this afternoon the nominations for positions were: Secretary, T. M. Simmons of Beadle; first assistant, Hugh J. Smith of Miner; second assistant, L. W. Meredith of Fall River; sergeant-at-arms, J. W. Spears of Jerauld; assistant, Frank Richardson of Minnehaha; postmaster, W. D. M. Birdseye of Edmunds; bill clerk, J. W. Jones of Lawrence; enrolling and engrossing clerk, H. S. Volkmar of Grant; watchman, James Olsen of Union; chaplain, W. A. Lyman of Hughes. The assistant sergeant-at-arms is a silver republican, the rest are populists. The president of the senate will be selected tomorrow and will undoubtedly be Senator Crill of Union.

The house populists held an informal caucus this evening and nominations were made for the different positions. The indications yet point to Colvin for speaker and Lien for chief clerk. The republican caucus nominee for speaker will be Glass of Codington, and if the democrats decide to nominate a candidate he will be Weeks of Brule. The democrats at a caucus this evening appointed a steering committee to meet in conference with the populists and will not go into any general caucus with them. The committee is J. A. Bowler, J. S. Kirk, D. F. Burkholder, J. D. Barlow and W. H. Wilkinson. On account of the republican lieutenant governor the populists of the senate this evening appointed a committee to arrange for a senate committee, consisting of Senators Palmer, Bouck, Crill, Jackson, Majors, Kindchick, Keller and Bradley.

The republican caucuses of both houses will be held tomorrow.

EXPENDITURES MUST BE REDUCED.

Montana's New Governor Makes Some Recommendations.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 4.—The inaugural address of Governor Smith was devoted almost wholly to state affairs. He said that the incoming administration in the state does not mean anarchy, nor the enactment of vicious and hostile legislation, and that hasty, ill-advised or radical laws, hostile to any interest or persons, are not contemplated. He calls attention to the depressed condition of business, and says the expenses of the state, county and city governments must be reduced.

The following are some of the recommendations made by the governor: Taxation of gross receipts of insurance companies, less losses; a tax on corporations so worded that they cannot evade the incorporation fee by subsequently increasing the capitalization; a graduated inheritance tax; abolishing the bureau of agriculture, labor and industry, leaving the collection of statistics to county assessors; reducing salaries in the land department of the state; abolishing the office of city treasurer; repealing mileage laws; reducing the cost of the national guard of state in the matter of camp and armory; taking off the bounty on coyotes; that the land grants be bonded not to exceed $500,000 at present for building the state capitol; that convicts be set to work on irrigation plants and canals to reclaim the million acres of arid lands under the Carey act; the initiative and referendum and proportional representation are recommended as subjects for a constitutional amendment.

The legislative assembly of Montana, which met at noon today, is divided politically as follows: Senate: Republicans, 11; democrats, 9; populists, 3. House: Democrats 44; populists, 16; republicans, 8. Three senatorial seats are contested, but the prospect is that no party change will occur.

Senatorial Fight Getting Interesting.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 4.—There has not been so much political activity in Springfield since the famous session of the legislature which elected General John M. Palmer to the United States senate as there is today. The political fights are both numerous and interesting, the most important being the selection of a United States senator to succeed John M. Palmer. The fight for the position of United States senator is quite uncertain. The leading candidates are Martin B. Madden, the Chicago alderman; Samuel W. Allerton, the millionaire packer; Hon. David T. Littler of Springfield; Colonel Clark E. Carr of Galesburg, late United States minister to Denmark; Congressman R. R. Hitt of Mount Morris and ex-Congressman William E. Mason of Chicago. Both Mason and Madden express the greatest confidence of success as candidates.

California Legislators Assemble.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 4.—The legislature of California met today and after organizing adjourned until tomorrow, when the first biennial message of Governor Budd will be read. The first work of the legislature will be the election of a United States senator to succeed George C. Perkins (republican.) In joint session the republicans will have a total vote of 74, necessary to a choice, 61. The re-election of Senator Perkins was generally conceded until recently. Now S. M. Shortridge, W. H. L. Barnes, C. F. Crocker and ex-Senator Charles N. Felton are all in the fight against Perkins. The friends of the latter claim he has sixty-seven votes pledged, six more than are necessary to elect.

Wisconsin's Governor Inaugurated.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 4.—Major Edward Scofield of Oconto was inaugurated governor of Wisconsin today. The ceremony took place at noon. It was simple in character and was witnessed by a large crowd. Immediately after the inauguration Governor Scofield signed the commissions of his appointees. The only change from the present list are Major C. R. Boardman of Oshkosh, to succeed General King as adjutant general; William J. Scott of La Crosse to be superintendent of public property, succeeding C. A. L. Morley; and Paul Scofield, son of the new governor, to be executive clerk.

Delaware Democrats Win.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 4.—The decision today of the court of errors and appeals in the Kent county mandamus proceedings reversed the action of the superior court, which latter body had rendered an opinion that the Kent county board of canvassers should reconvene and recount the votes in Kent county, several hundred of which, the republicans claimed, were unlawfully thrown out by the board. This is a victory for the democrats and gives them a majority in the legislature.

Idaho Populists Ignored.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 4.—Governor Frank Steunenberg and other state officers were sworn in shortly before noon without ceremony of any kind. Both branches of the legislature met at noon and were organized by the democrats and silver republicans. The latter voted solidly for the democratic nominees. The populists, who fused with the democrats in the election, did not get a place. A. H. Alford of Lewiston is speaker.

Cummings Calls on McKinley.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 4.—Major and Mrs. McKinley remained at Windermere, M. A. Hanna's suburban home, this morning. Major McKinley had a large number of callers, among whom were National Committeeman A. B. Cummings of Iowa. Mr. Cummings said his visit had no political significance.

TRAIN ROBBER GATHERED IN.

Man Who Held Up a Train is Arrested and Confesses.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—Early this morning the detectives working on the Blue Cut train robbery case brought in another suspect, arrested near Glendale, and who, they say, was with John Kennedy, the leader of the gang now under arrest, on the night of the robbery. The officers refuse to disclose the identity of the suspect, saying it would interfere with their plans in locating and arresting other men under surveillance.

Later in the day, after securing a complete confession from the man, the officers gave out the suspect's name as Jim Flynn. Flynn is 37 years old and a farmer. He has lived in the vicinity of Blue Cut for the last fifteen years. Flynn implicated Kennedy and another man, also a resident of the Blue Cut locality, and the last of the robbers will doubtless soon be behind the bars.

Flynn's confession tells in minute detail how the two holdups of the Chicago & Alton railroad at Blue Cut were planned, with Kennedy as the arch plotter. It gives the names of all the men in such affairs, tells how the money was divided and where the jewelry was buried near the scene of the robbery. Besides Kennedy and Flynn, the gangs are said to have included two others, for whom the officers are now searching. A quantity of jewelry, as indicated by Flynn, was found buried near Crackerneck, together with $25 in gold, two shotguns, three revolvers and a mask.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.—A special to the Republic from Birmingham, Ala., says: Four of the train wreckers in jail here today confessed to the formation of a fiendish plot to wreck and rob the Southern railway's fast express from Washington, D. C., at McComb's trestle, twelve miles east of the city, on the night of December 19, and this confession leads to the belief that the same gang removed the rail which wrecked the Birmingham mineral train at Cahaba river bridge, causing the death of twenty-six people and injuring eleven others on December 27, although those under arrest are as yet silent as to this wreck.

WEDDING IN THEATRICAL CIRCLES.

Woman Who Once Challenged Corbett Finally Makes a Match.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Miss Lansing Rowan, who achieved notoriety by challenging James J. Corbett to a boxing bout, will soon become the wife of Maurice De Vries, the operatic baritone, who is now in New York. The couple have been engaged for some weeks, but have managed to keep the matter secret. Miss Rowan leaves this morning with the Frawley company, enroute to Colorado over the Oregon and Washington circuit, and it was only last night that she opened her heart to one of her dearest friends. The affair is not of long standing. De Vries and Miss Rowan met for the first time about five months ago, when the grand opera season at the Tivoli opened. Miss Rowan was then a member of the Frawley company, playing emotional roles at the Columbia. The wedding, it is said, is set for some time in March. Miss Rowan will sever her connection with the Frawley company on February 20, at Colorado Springs. From that city she will go to her home in New York and break the news to her relatives.

GRACE VAUGHAN WANTS A DIVORCE.

Actress Asks to Be Separated from Her Millionaire Husband.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Grace Vaughan, the actress, at present with "A Bunch of Keys" company, today filed a suit for divorce against Andrew Rawson Jennings, son of the Cleveland Standard Oil magnate.

The charges contained in the complaint are sensational. According to the bill the couple were quietly married four years ago in Cleveland, while Grace Vaughan was a member of the Spencer Opera company. Their marriage created a storm and Miss Vaughan continued with the opera company, hoping that her father-in-law would some day relent. Early in 1894, however, she reappeared in Cleveland and announced that she was there to be supported by her husband. A few days after she suddenly disappeared. In the bill filed today she charges that she was drugged by young Jennings and taken to the Newburg insane asylum near Cleveland, where she was confined for seven months before she managed to escape. She has since lived with her mother in Chicago. In addition to a decree of divorce she asks for alimony.

FLAMES DESTROY A HOSPITAL.

Twenty Patients Are Carried from the Burning Building.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The Wyoming general hospital at Rock Springs caught fire from the furnace this morning and was completely destroyed, the four walls of the building alone remaining. The patients, about twenty in number, were removed in safety to the city hall, which was improvised as a hospital. All of the furniture was removed. The hospital was a handsome stone building erected three years ago at a cost of $27,000. Governor Richards is unable to state whether or not it is insured, but it is believed that insurance to the full amount of the loss is carried.

Deaths of a Day.

DENVER, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Dodge, wife of Colonel D. C. Dodge, vice president and general manager of the Rio Grande Western railroad, died of cancer, after a long illness. She was born in New York City, and came to Colorado with her husband soon after the civil war. She was known as one of the most charitable women in the city, and her marked executive ability made her a leader in every work in which she became interested.

WELLINGTON, Kan., Jan. 4.—Hon. Henry F. Frantz, a real estate man of this city, died this morning. He was formerly from Illinois, where he represented Woodford and Marshall counties in the state senate.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Dr. Jameson, brother of the Transvaal raider, died on January 1, in this city.

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 4.—Sir Joseph Hickson, late general manager of the Grand Trunk railway, is dead.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—Horace Meriam, aged 75 years, is dead here of pneumonia. At death he was a well known insurance man. In his earlier days he was a lawyer as well as a civil engineer, and from 1876 to 1880 he was attorney for the Santa Fe at Trinidad, Colo. He was born at Bethel, Me.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Sir Henry Halfort, bart, is dead, aged 69.

MITCHELL, S. D., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The people of this town were thrown into consternation yesterday when they learned of the sudden death of Rev. William Maher, priest of the Holy Family Catholic church, which occurred yesterday morning between 2 and 5 o'clock. His housekeeper heard him leave his room about 2 o'clock and at 5 she went to see if he was there and found him lying on the bed dead. He had been down town to get medicine for his heart trouble and on returning home evidently dropped dead, as his clothes were not removed. Physicians pronounced death due to heart disease. He had been sick with grip for a week. Father Maher has been here over four years and was universally beloved.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Michael K. McGrath, manager of the Wall Street bureau of the Associated press, died today at his home in Brooklyn of Bright's disease, aged 48. For twenty-five years he has been in the service of the Associated press, and was one of the oldest newspaper workers in Wall street.

Flood at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.—As a result of the late heavy rains north and west of here the tributaries of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers have swollen to such a degree that an unprecedented rise of about fifteen feet has taken place in this harbor since yesterday morning. The water is still rising. The hard freeze of last night and today, however, will check the rise so that but little damage is likely to occur in this vicinity.

LEGISLATURE MEETS TODAY

Biennial Gathering of Lawmakers is in Readiness to Start.

GAFFIN CERTAIN TO BE THE SPEAKER

Opposition to the Saunders County Man Melts Like Snow—Schwind Still Triumphs Over All Combinations.

LINCOLN, Jan. 4.—(Special Teleg