

LOOKS TO THE BEAR

China Turns to the Russian Government for Advice.

CZAR'S COUNTRY IS ITS ONLY FRIEND

Russian Fleet Given Permission to Winter at Port Arthur.

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Applies at St. Petersburg When in Need of Money.

INFLUENCE OF GREAT BRITAIN IS NIL

Washington Authorities Sounded as to Attitude of United States Toward Complications in the Far East.

BEKIN, Dec. 22.—The Chinese government has granted permission to winter a squadron at Port Arthur. Great Britain demands a quid pro quo if concessions have been made to other powers. It has been suggested that the Chinese and British occupy Wei-Hai-Wei jointly. At Kiao Chau bay Germany remains unyielding and the consuls are divided as to whether it should be peace or war with Germany. China regards Russia as its only friend, and is asking its advice. British influence is nil, having sufficient to balance the power of the Russian negotiators. China is now negotiating a loan with Russia. The latter demands the dismissal of the British railroad engineers in north China, and it is probable that it will be granted. The German drill instructors will be dismissed at the expiration of the contracts and will be replaced by Russians. Russian officers have already been appointed to drill the armies of north China.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—In a strongly worded note to the Novoto, says: "In consequence of the pretension of England to compensate herself for the Russian occupation of Port Arthur by the acquisition of Port Hamilton or Lazoroff and in view of the possibility of the disturbing action of Japan, Europe stands on the brink of grave diplomatic complications. It is therefore well to recall that the reinforcement of the German squadron in the Pacific permits Russia, France and Germany to effectively prevent a sufficient to balance the power of the Russian negotiators. China is now negotiating a loan with Russia. The latter demands the dismissal of the British railroad engineers in north China, and it is probable that it will be granted. The German drill instructors will be dismissed at the expiration of the contracts and will be replaced by Russians. Russian officers have already been appointed to drill the armies of north China.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It is understood that the authorities here have been officially sounded as to the attitude of the United States toward the complications in the far east, with a view to learning whether American interests in China were regarded as sufficient to warrant any active step by this government. From what source these inquiries come is not disclosed. If from Great Britain it must have come through Colonel Hay, the American ambassador, as the British officials here have received no instructions as to the Chinese situation. It is well understood, however, that Great Britain would look with favor on any active step by the United States which would serve as a check for the advance of Germany and Russia. The British interests in China are ten times greater than those of Germany, Russia and the United States, and yet, with Germany and Russia firmly located on Chinese soil, Great Britain is left in a sort of cul-de-sac. It is known also that the Chinese authorities would welcome a movement by the United States and that this has been communicated to the officials here.

These American interests appear to be much greater than is generally known. There are the following American treaty ports in China: Canton, Chee Foo, Ching Kiang, Ching King, Poo Chow, Hai Pong, Hankow, Ho How, Ichang, Kewling, Lung Choo, Mengstu, Newchang, Ningpo, Chakhoi, Shanghai, Asahi, Schow, Swatow, Tien Tsin, Wenchow, Yui Hui and three other ports on the river west of Canton, recently added. At each of these places there are American settlements and an American reservation in which Americans may own property and try their civil and criminal cases before their own courts, conducted by American consuls.

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—The Deutsche Zeitung says: "The United States, which from its geographical position has a greater interest in the opening up of China than all European powers together, cannot possibly consent to its partition or to a division into spheres of influence without having a voice in the matter. It would be a great mistake to underestimate the strength of the United States, and a partition of China would be impossible without America's participation. The European powers will do well to give timely attention to the just aspirations and interests of the United States."

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times says: "The Chinese are provisioning Port Arthur, and will reconstruct the forts there, Russia supervising and furnishing the money. The Russo-Chinese bank, which is the agent of the Russian government, has offered 120,000 Berdan rifles, with payment five years hence. China has accepted the proposal."

Another Bank for Honolulu. HONOLULU, Dec. 15 (via San Francisco). Dec. 22.—Announcement has been made that another bank will be established in the city shortly after the first of the year. The new concern is to be a branch of the big Pekin Banking company. This company started in Hong Kong, Amoy and other cities in China. One of the officials of the Chinese banking company will arrive in Honolulu soon after the holidays to complete all arrangements for the opening of the bank.

HUNGARY STATES HIS POSITION.

Hungary's Interests Demand Close Relationship with Austria.

BUDA PEST, Dec. 22.—In the lower house today Baron Banffy, the premier, speaking of the bill providing for a provisional prolongation of the Ausgleich, declared at the outset that he could not accept the resolution of a permanent Hungarian economic regime by January 15, 1898, but the premier declared he would accept a motion to publish, so soon as possible, the data for the establishment of a commercial treaty with Austria. He pointed out that Hungary had the right to establish an immediate customs tariff if it was to its interest to do so, but he considered the compromise arrangement with Austria more advantageous than the failure of the Ausgleich. However, he was doubtful. The government nevertheless, the premier continued, desired to give Austria time to recover itself and did not wish to cause a state of confusion and the harmful consequences of which were incalculable. The present bill did not infringe on Austria's rights and he added that the government would act vigorously against attempts, similar to those of the Reichsrath, to prevent them becoming a law. This caused an uproar which the premier concluded by appealing to the house not to create difficulties, as Hungary's interests pointed out, far from requiring it to loosen its relationship with Austria, required that its ties with the latter country be made closer and stronger. This statement was greeted with applause from the rightists, but caused an uproar among the leftists.

HELD FOR ADVISING ASSASSINATION. Russian Revolutionist Remanded to an English Prison.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Vladimir Burto, editor of the Naro do Voltes (one of the people), the Russian who was arrested at the British museum and remanded at Bow street police court on December 16, charged with endeavoring to persuade several persons on various occasions to assassinate the czar, was brought up and remanded today in company with the man named Weisbeck, printer of the paper mentioned, who had subsequently been arrested. An incriminating article in the Naro do Voltes was produced in court. In it the writer declared that the policy of the Russian revolutionists was the same as the terrorists of twenty years ago, and pointed out that Czar Nicholas had already three years ago been assassinated. The article was a revolution would have broken out or a liberal constitution would have been declared. A new autocrat, according to the writer, ought to be given a year, and if he did not grant a constitution within that period he ought to be strangled without pity.

CANADA SECURES THE DECISION. Seal Award All that the Dominion Asked For.

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Argentine Rejects Retaliatory Tariff. BUENOS AYRES, Argentina, Dec. 22.—The Chamber of Deputies has rejected the retaliatory tariff against the United States, which was submitted by the finance committee, but voted to increase the tariff on petroleum three centesimos, gold. The declaration was made in the chamber that the tariff should not be hostile to imports from the United States.

Prince Remanded for Murder. LONDON, Dec. 22.—Richard Arthur Prince, the super who assassinated William Terres, the actor, outside of the Adelphi theater on Thursday last, was brought up on remand at the Bow street station today, charged with the crime, and was again remanded. The court was crowded with theatrical people.

Killed by Fire Damp Explosion. DORTMUND, Prussia, Dec. 22.—An explosion of fire damp took place today at the Eisenerzwerk pit with terrible results. Eight corpses have been brought to the surface and several men injured but living. There are five missing.

TRAIN COLLIDES WITH A STAGE. Three Fatally Wounded and Many Others Injured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Twenty persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, at a grade crossing on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad between Passaic and Delaware N. J. tonight. They were in a stage which was struck by a train. The victims, all of Passaic are: William Crane, driver, arm and shoulder broken, injured internally, probably fatally. William Moran, head and body badly cut, skull believed to be fractured. Charles Swenke, skull fractured, face cut, and injured internally.

Seriously injured: Michael Burns, Lena Bennett, Michael Ernest, John Hay, Paul Jeffrey, Harry Johnson, Margaret Kitchin, Samuel Malpin, John Nixon, George Roberts, Hugh Tobin, William Roberts, Nellie Washkyke.

In addition to these several were slightly hurt.

OBJECTION TO THE DINGLEY BILL. Making a Closer Union Between Canada and England.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Sir Charles Tupper, former prime minister of Canada, was a passenger on the White Star line steamer Majestic, which arrived here today. Sir Charles said he found the feeling abroad regarding the Dingley bill as one of great objection and he thought the features of that measure were drawing Canada and the mother country closer together every day.

The Klondike and British Columbia gold fields, he thought, would draw a great deal of British and other capital into Canada, which would receive a like increase of population.

Suicide of an Aged Woman. CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Mrs. James Forrest, 69 years of age, committed suicide today by throwing herself head foremost from a third-story window.

STAMPS FOR EXPOSITION

Postoffice Department Officials Decide to Favor Omaha.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DESIGNS INVITED

Not Intended to Supersede the Regular Issue of the Government, but Will Be Furnished When Requested.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Postmaster General Gary has decided to order a special issue of stamps commemorative of the holding of the Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha next year. This is done at the request of persons prominent in the management of the exposition. They will be of the denominations of 1-cent, 2-cent, 5-cent, 10-cent and \$1. Suggestions for designs for the new issues will be received at the Postoffice department from any person who desires to submit them. There will be no attempt to withdraw from sale the regular issues with a view to the exclusive use of the new stamps, as was the case during the World's fair, who almost all the postal business was transacted with the Columbian stamps, but they will be freely supplied whenever there is a request for them from postoffice. The new series will be different in color from the existing ones, so that they will be readily distinguished.

NEW YORK STATE IS INTERESTED. Empire State Will Be Represented at the Exposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Word has been received from Commissioner Hickford, secretary of the Department of Publicity and Promotion in connection with the Transmississippi Exposition, that he had a satisfactory interview with Governor Frank Black of New York in relation to a commission from that state. Governor Black stated he would constitute boards of trade and other commercial bodies and would appoint a commission at once. Commissioner Hickford writes that the governor inquired carefully into the scope and magnitude of the exposition and expressed the opinion that the several branches of commerce and manufactures ought to be represented on the commission and that the enterprise merited a commission of high standing, which ought to be formed without delay.

Senator Taunston has received a letter from Assistant Secretary Vanderlip of the Treasury department, in which he says it will be impossible to prepare the Omaha postage buildings for occupancy before February 1, the delay being due to the impossibility of getting the furniture ready by early January as the department had fully intended. The contract for the furniture was let upon a basis of being ready by May 1. Vanderlip says, however, that everything will be done to rush the work on the furniture and hopes to have it in place by the last of January.

The commissioner of pensions today appointed Dr. Fred Wilcox a position on the board of examining surgeons at Hot Springs, Neb.; also R. C. Grigg on the board at Osceola, Ia.

Senator Kyle's efforts to effect the removal of Nathan P. Johnson from the position of Indian agent at Sisseton, S. D., have resulted in failure. The senator called on the executive today and urged that Johnson be removed. He called the president's attention to the fact that Johnson had been appointed without consulting the senate and that on that point he was objectionable to them. He further informed the president that reports to the Indian office showed that Agent Johnson was dominating in his disposition and that the administration of affairs at the agency since Johnson took charge have been unsatisfactory. The president was firm, however, and informed the senator that Johnson would be retained. It is understood that Senator Kyle's candidate for the place was Mr. Lindquist of Wilcox, S. D., who is now in the city.

Most of the members of the house committee on public lands will remain in the city during the holidays. Meetings will be held and much time will be given to consideration of the free homestead bill. Mr. Lindquist of Wilcox, S. D., who is in the city, will appear before the committee and urge the necessity of an early report of the bill as order that relief may be extended to needy settlers in Nebraska and South Dakota. Representative Eddy of Minnesota said today that he would endeavor to have the bill reported to the house by the middle of January.

T. A. Brown, state committeeman of Brown county, South Dakota, who has been to Harrisburg to arrange for accommodations for the South Dakota commanderies of Knights Templar at the triennial convocation, came to Washington today to see Senator Kyle. The senator said today that Brown's nomination as receiver of the land office at Aberdeen would be sent to the senate upon the reconvening of congress in January.

Dr. Alcezo D. Snyder of Onward, Ind., has been appointed physician at Pine Ridge Indian agency, S. D., to succeed Dr. Beatty, resigned.

FUNERAL OF MISS LEILA HERBERT. Impressive Service Attended by Many Distinguished People.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Impressive funeral services were held this afternoon over the remains of Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of ex-Secretary Herbert, whose tragic death yesterday shocked both the capital and the country. The services were held at St. Andrew's Episcopal church, and were conducted by Rev. Dr. Perry. The floral offerings were magnificent and numerous, and completely hid the black cloth covering the remains. The casket bears heavy silver plaques with the name of the lamented young woman, the date of her birth and death.

The honorary pall bearers were: Senators Pettus and Morgan of Alabama, Dr. S. L. McCurry, Secretary of the Navy Long, Paymaster General Stewart of the navy, Chief Naval Constructor Hichborn, Charles J. Bell, Colonel Winthrop, Admiral Ramsey and Captain Charles O'Neill of the navy.

The active pall bearers were: Lieutenant Gilmore of the army, L. A. Shaver, L. H. Finney, T. H. Clark, Representative Plowman of Alabama, John W. Wright and Lieutenant Sutherland of the navy.

The services were conducted according to the rites of the Episcopal church. The choir sang, "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Justice White of the supreme court and many persons prominent in the army and navy, diplomatic and social circles, were present. This evening the remains were taken to Montgomery, Ala., where they will be interred on Friday beside those of her mother, Secretary Herbert and Mr. Micon, his son-in-law, accompanied the remains.

Canadian Parliament in February. OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The Canadian Parliament has been called to meet February 8.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW FOR CHICAGO.

Supreme Court of Illinois Sustains the Measure.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The supreme court of Illinois, sitting at Springfield, handed down a decision today upholding the constitutionality of the civil service law of the state. The decision was rendered in a mandamus proceeding brought by the attorney general of the state to compel Chief Kipley of the Chicago police force to make appointments from the classified list furnished by the civil service commission. The attorney general is seeking in its nature and upholds the attorney general in all the claims he makes in behalf of the law.

The fight between the chief of police and the civil service commission arose over the fact that when the present municipal administration came into power the chief of police made his appointments without consulting the commission and claimed he had a right to do so. The attorney general at once brought an action to compel Chief Kipley to abide by the list of the civil service commission and this he must now do.

The decision also settles the question of what constitutes "heads of departments" by stating that the head of any department is the man in charge of that department. He is declared to be exempt from the operation of the law, but this exemption does not extend to his subordinates. Hereafter the mayor is privileged to appoint the head of each city department and the civil service commission will control the remainder of the offices.

All the appointments which Mayor Harrison and Chief of Police Kipley have made since they entered their present positions are, with the exception of the heads of departments appointed by the mayor, now under the decision rendered illegal, and the chances are that the commission will in a short time inaugurate a grand house cleaning that will take his position from every man not appointed by the commission. In the police department a hurricane will sweep through the upper ranks, and but few of the commanding officers will be allowed to remain unless they pass their examinations.

Among the positions heretofore filled by the mayor and affected by the decision and which will be vacated are: Assistant chief of police, four inspectors of police, sixteen clerks of police, secretary of police, private secretary to the chief of police, assistant commissioner of health, secretary of health department, city electrician, superintendent of water office, chief clerk of water office, water assessor, deputy city clerk, chief clerk in city clerk's office, deputy city collector, twelve street sweeping inspectors, sixteen street foremen, secretary department of public works, superintendent of streets, superintendent of special assessments, superintendent of sewers, chief engineer of street department and numerous other positions of less importance.

INNER SIDE OF BLANCO'S METHODS. Tactics Adopted to Bring Peace to Cuba.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—The Press tomorrow will publish a sensational letter written to a resident of this city "by a distinguished resident" of Havana, whose name is withheld for obvious reasons. The letter says in part: "Dr. Congosto, who is the Machiavelli of General Blanco, has several schemes in store, but the most important are the following: "He has sent an emissary to New York to join one of the filibustering expeditions and reach the army under Gomez. He is to find out the depot of arms and the hospitals. When an occasion offers itself he is to murder General Gomez. His recompense for this will be some thousands of dollars."

"Another scheme is with reference to overtures to be made to those fighting in the field for Cuban liberty. Jose Roban in the former uprisings showed himself to be a Spaniard of the Spaniards. Now his son Luis is the leader commanding the insurgent brigades in Cuba. For this crime the father was expropriated and sent from Sagua to Havana, where he now resides. Dr. Congosto knows that General Gomez has issued a proclamation ordering every leader to see that all emissaries who may present themselves with propositions of peace that are not based on absolute independence shall be sentenced to death. He adds that all infractions of this order shall be considered as treason. The idea of sending the father to the gallows with provisions looking to autonomy, placing the son in the position of either shooting his father or being himself declared a traitor. The poor old man refused, but I know not how long he may withstand the pressure that is being brought to bear upon him."

"The last scheme is as follows: Dr. Congosto is endeavoring to secure the services of the freight traffic of Nebraska and Iowa railroads. While it has been enormous the quantity of wheat moved out of Nebraska through Omaha during the past twenty-two days of December has exceeded the quantity of wheat ever shipped through here during the entire month of December of any previous year. Just how much it exceeds previous December movements cannot be stated, but for the very good reason that no one knows but the elevator men representing Armour and the men giving their figures for publication today. Competent freight officials in Omaha uniformly agree that the wheat that has passed through here during the part of the month so far passed exceeds all previous December movements. They differ as to the reason for this. Some maintain that the immense purchases by Armour have had nothing at all to do with the large amount of wheat shipped out of Nebraska, but say that the large shipments are merely the natural result of the production of the largest wheat crop ever grown on Nebraska soil."

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WATCHING THE WHEAT FIGHT

Battle on the Board of Trade Has Many Local Spectators.

MUCH INTEREST IN THE GREAT STRUGGLE

Letter and Armour Bidding Dollars and Many Lesser Lights Caught Between the Two Giants of the Pit.

Much local interest is felt in the big wheat deal now in progress in Chicago in the process of which the millions of Levi Zeigler, Letter of Washington and those of Philip D. Armour of Chicago are pitted in what seems to be a death struggle for mastery in the wheat pit. Young Joseph Letter of Chicago represents the Letter millions, but his indulgent father assures the anxious public that he endorses all his son has done; that he is proud of the boy, and that he expects to see him a great man one of these days and winds up his endorsement by saying the young man has plenty of money to buy all the wheat he has contracted for, and all that will be delivered to him by the last day of the year. While it is probably accurate, each day sees Phil Armour deliver more bushels of wheat to young Mr. Letter, and each day sees Mr. Letter's broker hand a check to Mr. Armour's broker calling for anywhere from \$350,000 to \$500,000.

When the tap of the bell one week from Friday announces the close of the year of 1897 on the Chicago Board of Trade, the broken speculators, there are shorts, but how many and who they are, is not known. But the shorts must cover and where they are to get the wheat is the question. Mr. Letter has it in plenty, but what he will sell it for depends altogether on his mood, and that mood is as yet Mr. Letter's secret. It is the biggest deal ever attempted, and will mean millions of profit to the operators.

One thing the general public does not understand, and which should be made clear, is the term "contract grade." Last July the Chicago Board of Trade changed its contract grade and now only the grain that will grade No. 1 northern spring or No. 2 red is eligible for delivery on contract on the Board of Trade. For instance, if one sells a thousand bushels of wheat for December, no matter how much wheat he owns, he must deliver it of this specified grade, or settle. Nebraska's big wheat crop is not eligible. It is good enough to make excellent flour, and is good for all purposes to which the great cereal is put, except for contract delivery on the Chicago Board of Trade. Nebraska's crop grades No. 2 hard and No. 3 red.

SUPPLY OF CONTRACT WHEAT. Only about 15,000,000 bushels of the contract grade was harvested this year. Of this Phil Armour controls the original supply. Fully 3,500,000 bushels have been used by the millers, as much more is now held in store in Chicago by Letter on delivery from Armour, and nearly as much has been shipped abroad. According to accepted estimates there are barely 4,000,000 bushels of the contract grade left in the country, and this is controlled by Armour. So the difficulty of the outsiders setting at any better terms than Armour and Letter care to announce will be readily apparent.

Letter makes no secret of his intention to send abroad the wheat he now owns. This is a legitimate business enterprise. Armour insists that his business deal is to sell warrants him in delivering all the wheat he can sell to Mr. Letter at any price he can secure. It is the belief among the well placed market men that the price would be dropped by Letter but for the fear that the minute he puts the price down Armour will begin to buy back the wheat. This is the only consolation there is for the fellows who have been caught between the two giants.

There is another feature to which very little attention has been paid. When settlement time comes in May there will be much to be said for the fact that Letter and Armour are both going into this option, and the probability is strong that when settlement time comes in May there will be no contract wheat in the world not held by these two magnificent operators. If they are not, on Tuesday, May 31, 1898, there should happen to be two bushels of wheat sold for delivery on the Chicago Board of Trade, and there is only one bushel in the country, and Mr. Letter or Mr. Armour owns that bushel, it is practically assured that the man who is one bushel short will pay a handsome price for it.

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THE BEE BULLETIN.

Weather Forecast for Nebraska.—Fair; Warmer; Westerly Winds.

- 1. China Calls on Russia for Help. Exposition Stamps Will Be Issued. Comment on the Armour Wheat Deal. Barrett Scott Bond Case Decided. 2. Arguments in the Bartley Case. Nebraska Butter Makers Meet. News of the Hawley State. 3. Another Fast Run on Union Pacific. Western Union Asks for More Time. 4. Editorial and Comment. Wolcott Threatens to Resign. 5. Negro Life at the Exposition. Electricians Have a Grievance. 6. Council Bluffs Local Matters. News of the Hawley State. 7. General News of the Farther West. 8. Merchants Pleased with Holiday Trade. 9. Pushing Work at the Exposition. Plans for Bridges Over the Lagoon. Christmas Books at the Library. 10. Bank Swindler Hearing Is Held. 11. Commercial and Financial News. 12. Work of New York Life Savers. "Man With the Plug Hat."

Temperature at Omaha. Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. 5 a. m. .... 2 1 p. m. .... 12 6 a. m. .... 3 2 p. m. .... 14 7 a. m. .... 4 3 p. m. .... 12 8 a. m. .... 4 4 p. m. .... 10 9 a. m. .... 6 5 p. m. .... 13 10 a. m. .... 6 6 p. m. .... 13 11 a. m. .... 7 7 p. m. .... 14 12 m. .... 10 8 p. m. .... 17 9 p. m. .... 19

SEQUEL TO MARYVILLE MURDER.

Dead Man and Mrs. Joyce Were in Omaha Wednesday.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The sensational killing yesterday of R. C. Montgomery by John J. Joyce in Maryville is now almost the only topic of conversation in that town. The criminal relation which for a number of years existed between Montgomery and Mrs. Joyce have now become public property. It has been learned that Montgomery and the woman went together to Omaha Wednesday last week. She is now in Coia, Ia., as a telegram received today from her asking about the tragedy indicates.

The trial of the case will undoubtedly be one of the most sensational in the state's history. The defense will enter a plea of insanity. Joyce signed papers this morning that place a mortgage of \$3,500 in favor of James B. Robinson on his farm. He has retained W. C. Ellison to defend him. A few hours after this mortgage was filed for record suit for \$5,000 damages against Joyce was instituted in the circuit court by Judge S. R. Beech on behalf of Montgomery's three minor children. This suit attaches to him the property of the Montgomery bank, of which he is president. Joyce's attorneys cannot be paid until this suit is finally settled.

The coroner's inquest was held this afternoon and the jury returned a verdict which names Joyce as Montgomery's slayer. During the inquest a post mortem examination was held and the ball with which Montgomery was killed was found lodged in his torso.

CRACKER MEN ADVANCE PRICES.

First Result of the Recent Combination of Manufacturers. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Times tomorrow will say: "The largest corporations engaged in the cracker business, the American Biscuit and Manufacturing company, the New York Biscuit company and the United States Biscuit company, who have been negotiating for a combination for some time, have announced a general and marked advance in prices of their products. The new price list of the American company, the New York company and of Harris & Holmes of this city, also large manufacturers, shows an advance over the lowest prices reached during the rate war of the past several months. The advance is 30 per cent in certain brands. The highest increase is in staple goods. The advance is much less pronounced in the finer grades of goods, which are of most common table use. The immediate increases to them being slight. It was stated at Park & Tilford's today that the rise in the wholesale price of the high grade biscuits was not enough to affect materially the retail prices. In most cases it was said that the retail prices would not be raised at all. The New York company did not think that the average consumer would ever realize that there had been an advance.

RIOT TAKES PLACE IN COURT ROOM.

Two Men Seriously Injured and Three Held for Murder.

MARTHOUS, O., Dec. 22.—A sensational trial has just been concluded here before Justice Horton. A riot occurred in the court house during the trial today. Within the temple of justice six men were arrested for participating in a row. Two men were seriously and probably fatally wounded. Elijah Brown received six cuts, one eight inches long and two inches deep. He was cut on the backbone. Pily Toeters was struck with an earthen spittoon and his skull fractured. David Donahue, Nelson Ervin and Henry Toeters were put under a bond of \$1,000 for murder and the others were discharged. The alleged intimacy of Elijah Brown with a married woman was the cause of the riot.

WYOMING PEOPLE ARE WAKING UP.

Laramie County Proposes to Be at the Exposition.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—A mass meeting of the citizens of Cheyenne will be held here next Wednesday night at a plan by which Laramie county will be represented by an exhibit at the Transmississippi Exposition. The last state legislature failed to make an appropriation for a Wyoming exhibit, and the several counties of the state are arranging to make displays by individual contributions.

Actor Battled Gully.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Actor E. J. Battcliffe, accused of beating his wife, was convicted of assault in the third degree. The jury came in at 1 o'clock this morning.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, Dec. 22.

- At New York—Arrived—Augusta, Victoria, from New York. Sailed—Massalia, for New York. At Liverpool—Arrived—Pavonia, from Philadelphia, for Liverpool. Sailed—New York, for Southampton; Ethiopia, for Glasgow; Frieland, for Antwerp; Edam, for Amsterdam; Aleria, for Marselles. At Queenstown—Arrived—Rhynland, from Philadelphia, for Liverpool. Sailed—New York, for Southampton; Ethiopia, for Glasgow; Frieland, for Antwerp; Edam, for Amsterdam; Aleria, for Marselles. At Liverpool—Arrived—Pavonia, from Philadelphia, for Liverpool. Sailed—New York, for Southampton; Ethiopia, for Glasgow; Frieland, for Antwerp; Edam, for Amsterdam; Aleria, for Marselles. At Southampton—Arrived—St. Louis, from New York; Trave, from New York, for Bremen. At Philadelphia—Arrived—Belgenland, from Liverpool.

BOND HOLDS GOOD

Supreme Court Gives Opinion in the Barrett Scott Case.

REVERSES DECISION OF LOWER COURT

Additional Signatures to Bond Do Not Invalidate It.

BONDSMEN CANNOT ESCAPE LIABILITY

Responsible for Breaches of Conditions by Their Principal.

SAME POINT INVOLVED IN BARTLEY CASE

Opinion is Rendered by Judge Harrison