

FROM QUEEN TO KING

Victoria Sends Carlos of Portugal a Message of Gratitude.

REJOICES IN COUNTRY'S FRIENDSHIP

Says That She Finds Pleasure in Their Cordial Relations.

SHIP BANQUET PROVES LOVE FEAST

Representatives of the Two Nations Compete in Pleasantries.

BRITISH ARE WELCOMED AS "ALLIES"

Portuguese Minister Hails Them as Such and Salutes Their Flag—Empire's Representative Speaks on Tightening of Old Ties.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—King Carlos has received from Queen Victoria the following telegram in response to the one sent by his majesty yesterday:

I am greatly touched by your kind telegram. I sincerely thank you, my dear queen, for the good wishes you entertain toward me and my people. It is again with the greatest pleasure that I recognize the friendly understanding between Portugal and England.

After cordial farewells to the Portuguese officials and an exchange of salutes the British squadron sailed at noon.

At Saturday's banquet on board the British battleship Majestic, when King Carlos, Queen Marie Anne and Prince Louis Philippe, together with members of the cabinet and other dignitaries, were entertained by Vice Admiral Sir Harry Hottelworth Rawson, the Portuguese premier, Senor J. Luciano de Castro, minister of the marine and the navy, the king saluted the "alliance that has long existed in treaties and has been confirmed in recent acts."

"The significance of the alliance was 'an assurance that our rights will be respected and our dominions maintained.'"

Sir H. C. McDonnell, the British minister in responding thanked the government of King Carlos for the friendly attitude maintained with such cordiality during the war in South Africa, which has been warmly appreciated by the government of Queen Victoria.

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MEET THE FORMER GOVERNOR

Returning Canadian Soldiers Are Presented to Lord Aberdeen and Addressed by Him.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The visiting contingent of the royal Canadian regiment at the service rendered in London today by Lord Aberdeen, returning to Kensington barracks, where Colonel Otter had arranged that they should have an opportunity to meet the earl of Aberdeen, former governor of Canada, and the contents.

Lord Aberdeen, in a felicitous address of farewell, said that he had nobly fulfilled his mission and he was sure they would be glad to get back to their own country and kin. He asked them to convey the greetings of Lady Aberdeen and himself to mutual friends in the Dominion.

Further Honor for Canadians.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Canadian high commissioner in London, and Lady Strathcona, had a reception for the officers and men of the Canadian contingent now in London on their way home from South Africa at the Imperial institute this evening.

The evening Lord Strathcona presented a diamond brooch to the contingent. The queen included Lord Rosebery, marquis of Londonderry, Lord Strathcona and the earl and countess of Aberdeen.

Choose American Locomotives.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Daily Mail has received the following by mail from its Calcutta correspondent: "The port commissioners recently invited tenders for locomotives. The lowest English tender was £1244 for each locomotive and wanted nine months to complete the order. The lowest American tender quoted £1,200 and asked for six months. The latter was accepted subject to the approval of the government."

To Marry Duke of Westminster.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—It is authoritatively asserted that the duke of Westminster is engaged to Miss Leigh Watts, daughter of a Colonel, of this West. By the marriage the duke will become the brother-in-law of Mrs. George Cornwallis West (Lady Randolph Churchill).

Lord Roberts' Reception.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Lord Roberts is expected to arrive in London January 5. He will be met by the prince and princess of Wales and will proceed immediately in triumphal progress to St. Paul's cathedral where he will attend a special service of thanksgiving.

Boer Hymn Sung at The Hague.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 9.—Mr. Kruger attended religious services this morning at the cathedral, and the congregation sang the Boer anthem as he withdrew. After the service he conferred with Dr. Cleghman, president of the second chamber.

Shuts Out the Standard Oil Company.

FRANKFORT ON THE MAIN, Dec. 9.—According to a dispatch from the Yugoslav government has broken off the negotiations with the Standard Oil company for a lease of the petroleum fields.

Consul Coming from Capetown.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Mr. James G. Stowe, United States consul general at Capetown, sailed for New York today on board the Red Star line steamer Vaderland from Southampton.

Vessels Lacked in Ice.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—A dispatch received from Tsing tau says that the vessels there is frozen and that fifty vessels are locked in the ice.

NEXT SIX DAYS IN SENATE

Hay-Pauncefote Treaty and Ship Subsidy Bill to Occupy Week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The senate will continue to give its attention to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and the ship subsidy bill during the present week, taking up first one and then the other as may suit the convenience of those who may wish to speak in the two measures. During the last session of congress the Nicaragua canal bill was made the special order of business for Monday next; but the establishment of the ship bill as the regular order will have the effect of displacing the canal bill, preference being given under the senate rules to a regular order over a special order. It is understood that Senator Morgan, who has charge of the canal bill, will not press that measure until the treaty for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is disposed of. On this account the friends of the ship bill do not apprehend that he will make any opposition to the continuance of the consideration of that measure. He has indeed said that he would be content to allow his bill to follow close in the wake of the ship bill.

Three or four set speeches are promised in opposition to the subsidy bill, and it is expected that most, if not all, of those already in sight will be made during the week. Among those who probably will speak are Senators Cleveland, Vest and Berry, all of whom oppose the bill. Senator Vest is an especial advocate of free ships.

There are differences of opinion as to what effect the taking of a vote on the fortification amendment will have upon the issue of disposing of that instrument, but a majority of the senators express the opinion that the vote upon the treaty itself will follow very soon after the vote upon the amendment. The indications are that the amendment will be adopted and thus amended, and the treaty will be ratified. Opponents of the treaty will offer other amendments, but they do not count upon having them favorably acted upon.

The senate will not sit Wednesday on account of the centennial celebration of the establishment of the seat of government at Washington, and there is possibility of adjourning from Thursday until Monday of next week.

WHAT THE HOUSE PLANS TO DO

Intends This Week to Pass Appropriation Measure and Bill for Revenue Tax Reduction.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The program in the house for the coming week includes the consideration and passage of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill and the bill for the reduction of the war revenue taxes. Wednesday will be a busy day, so far as legislation is concerned, as on that day the execution in connection with the centennial celebration of the removal of the seat of government to Washington will be held in the house. The legislative appropriation bill is not expected to consume more than two days and the bill for the reduction of the war revenue taxes will be passed by the end of the week.

It is probable that special interests, which do not receive the consideration in the bill which they think they are entitled to, will be heard from by the committee on that bill, and it is especially true of the brewing interests, which hope to secure a further reduction of the tax on beer from \$1.50 a barrel, as fixed by the committee, to \$1.25 a barrel. A plan has been organized by which these interests believe they can accomplish their purpose. In order to secure this reduction, which will amount to about \$7,000,000, that amount of revenue must be retained, and those members who are working for a further reduction of the tax will advocate the retention of the tax on such checks, discounts and amounts, which amount to about the same sum. It is understood that many of the larger banks are not opposed to the retention of this tax, on the ground that it reduces the number of small checks presented for payment, and thus reduces the cost of the clerical force in the banks. Most of the republican members of the ways and means committee, however, do not believe a successful fight can be waged against any feature of the committee's bill.

MOTHER OF NOTED CHILDREN

Mrs. McLean's Death Attended by Her Son, John McLean, and Daughters, Mesdames Dewey and Ludlow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Mary L. McLean, the mother of John R. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, died here at her residence at 1200 Fifteenth street this morning at acute heart affection. She had been ill since Friday.

At the bedside of Mrs. McLean when she died were her daughters, Mrs. Dewey and Mrs. Ludlow, wife of Rear Admiral Dewey, and Mr. John R. McLean, and Admiral Dewey.

Mrs. McLean was a native of Kentucky, but previous to coming to Washington several years ago she spent most of her life in Cincinnati. She was the widow of the late John McLean, publisher of the Cincinnati Enquirer. Mrs. McLean was in her seventy-second year.

Still Fighting Polygamy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A mass meeting was held here today under the auspices of the Women's International union in the interests of the proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy in the United States. All the members of the union were present, and the meeting was held in the hall of the Social League of New York City, president. In an address he recalled the mass meeting held a year ago in the same church to oppose the sending of Mr. Roberts of Utah in the house of representatives and the sending of a petition to congress protesting against seating him and also asking for legislative prohibition in all states. No action had been taken on the request for an anti-polygamy law, said Dr. Strong, and the meeting was intended to press the issue.

Uncle Sam's Boat Building.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The vessels built in the United States and officially announced by the United States Navy department for the year 1900, 1901 to 1904, numbered 20, 1900, were 405, of 139,793 gross tons. The principal items of the list are seven steel steamships on the Great Lakes (\$4,500,000 gross tonnage) and four steel-hulled steamships (\$1,800,000 gross tonnage) which could pass through the new Welland canal and one steel schooner (\$799,000).

Persian Minister Arrives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—General Isaac Kahn, the new Persian minister to the United States, arrived here today from New York. He probably will be presented to the president during the coming week.

Episcopalian Celebrate.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Julian services were held in the churches of the Episcopal diocese of Chicago today in celebration of the centennial anniversary of the birth of W. E. McTear's consecration as a bishop. The rectors, as suggested in a circular, were urged to observe the day mainly upon the growth of the church in this city and the history of the diocese during a review of the bishop's life.

ENVOYS ARE INSTRUCTED

Except Former Minister Hear Favorably from Home Governments.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB IS DULY ORGANIZED

Officers and Diplomats of Different Nations Establishing Social Clubs—New Legislation Buildings Are Planned for Protection.

PEKIN, Dec. 9.—All the foreign envoys except Sir Ernest Mason Sauton, the British minister, have received instructions from their governments agreeing to the joint note proposed at the last meeting. Another meeting will probably be called for Tuesday next. Should the British minister have received his instructions to sign the joint note by that time communication will be immediately opened with Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, who are in daily touch with the court by the Chinese telegraph. Prince Ching says the British minister is ready to return as soon as assured that the negotiations will allow him to come under conditions consonant with his dignity and safety.

The removal of General Tung Fu Hsiang from the command of the Chinese surroundings of the club is considered by the foreign envoys to be a very important step, as showing the real desire of the government to come to terms.

His banishment indicates that the court recognizes the expediency of obeying the demands of the powers.

The international club was opened today, its object being to bring together in a spirit of social harmony the officers and diplomats of the various nations. There was a large company present, and music was discoursed by military bands. It is expected that the club will continue a great success. The building was formerly an imperial temple.

The envoys are considering the question of location of buildings in the future. At present none of the government's buildings, all of the houses being rented. The only ones not damaged considerably are the American, British and Russian. It is proposed that all the legation buildings should be concentrated within a square mile west of the Tientsin station. The building should be owned by the government using it and that the whole should be surrounded by a moat and drawbridges having an international guard sufficient to protect the legations against any repetition of the recent attack on the legation buildings which it is proposed to allow within the enclosure, with the legation houses and the necessary offices, would be the foreign clubs.

Chinese Official's Theory.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Dr. Morrison, in a dispatch to the Times, dated Peking, December 8, says:

A prominent Chinese official tells me he believes the chief degrading General Tung Fu Hsiang is the outcome of the emperor dowager's alarm at the report received from the southern viceroys of the intention to cut off the court's supplies. He further says the court is prepared to make a scapegoat of General Tung.

The Peking correspondent of the Morning Post says:

General Chafee wrote a letter to Count von Moltke complaining of the removal of French and German troops of the metropolitan instruments from the wall of Peking, but the latter was not moved on account of its tone. He has notified the foreign envoys that all persons are prohibited passing the wall, and those entering the south gate of the palace, owing to the frequent reports of the Chinese ministers attacking the individual assumption of authority.

Yung Lie, who is now acting as a delegate of the Chinese court, enjoys the favor of the emperor dowager, and is a frequent visitor to the execution of Yu Hsien, a certain whenever the envoys demand it.

Next Step in Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The next important step in the Chinese situation will be the formal presentation of the plenipotentiaries of the agreement arrived at between the representatives of the powers at Peking for reparation for the Boxer outrages. In just what manner this will be done Mr. Conger has not informed the State department, although the probability is that the document will be handed to the Chinese by the dean of the diplomatic corps. As has been stated already, the agreement is simply a statement of the terms upon which the powers will negotiate with China for a settlement of the plenipotentiaries of the agreement arrived at between the representatives of the powers at Peking for reparation for the Boxer outrages. In just what manner this will be done Mr. Conger has not informed the State department, although the probability is that the document will be handed to the Chinese by the dean of the diplomatic corps. As has been stated already, the agreement is simply a statement of the terms upon which the powers will negotiate with China for a settlement of the plenipotentiaries of the agreement arrived at between the representatives of the powers at Peking for reparation for the Boxer outrages.

ACCUSES ENGLAND OF SPITE

Russian Paper Says That British Begraze President Mektiazay the Credit Due Him.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 9.—The Novoye Vremya, in an article evidently inspired, referring to the recent visit of the British minister to Peking to the London Times, says that all the credit for securing softened terms by the Russians, remarks: "The credit for the existing entente really belongs to America. England begrazes President Mektiazay his just prestige because he has emphasized America's friendship for Russia."

As Told in London.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A story told me advised in Manila says that the position of the Americans is becoming increasingly hopeless," says the Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Mail. "Money is freely subscribed to purchase arms and ammunition which are imported for the insurgents. The Americans will never capture the contraband running vessels. To frustrate the official view, trade is flourishing, goods are permitted to be freely imported into Manila, they are distributed from that point to the insurgents, who are murdering and pillaging all native sympathizers with Americans."

Saving in Norwegian Budget.

CHRISTIANA, Dec. 9.—The Norwegian government has saved nearly 3,600,000 kroner from the budget. The treasury now holds over 22,000,000 kroner surplus. A landslide occurred at Krogen, Heio, yesterday, causing an overflow of the river and resulting in a considerable destruction of property. A large force of men is at work clearing away the debris.

DISAVOWS RESPONSIBILITY

Government of The Netherlands Disclaims Inspiring Fommes' Inspiring Message to Kruger.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 9.—The government of The Netherlands has instructed the Dutch minister in London, Baron von Goltstein van Odenen, to disavow in the name of the government all responsibility for the letter addressed to Mr. Kruger by the president of the Volksraad, Emperor Kwah Su, general Dr. A. van Naamen van Fommes, approving "his noble purpose" and expressing a hope that the "independence of the two Dutch republics would be secured."

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Queen Wilhelmina will give a dinner in honor of Mr. Kruger, but he has abandoned all hope of any effective result of his visit to Europe, although he does not despair of meeting Emperor Nicholas, possibly on the Riveria.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—"Mr. Kruger received a message from the earl Friday night," says the correspondent of the Times at The Hague. "It was couched in very friendly terms, but the fact that its existence has been kept a close secret and that it has been kept so long a secret from the public is evidence of the government's intention to abstain from any active steps friendly to intervention. The earl naturally pleads his illness as a sufficient excuse for not interfering."

"Mr. Kruger, when cheered by the crowd on his return from the cathedral today, turned and roundly rebuked those near him for such a denunciation of the Sabbath."

A dispatch from Johannesburg says the town has been fended around with barbed wire to prevent the inhabitants getting food. The town has been fended around with barbed wire to prevent the inhabitants getting food. The town has been fended around with barbed wire to prevent the inhabitants getting food.

"We believe," says the Daily News, "that the government will propose in the House of Commons to go into committee of ways and means for raising money for war purposes. This may lead to considerable discussion."

CAPTURED WITHOUT CONTEST

Soldiers Meet with Little Resistance from Insurgents While Advancing and Capturing Supplies.

MANILA, Dec. 9.—While the captures of supplies and the occupation of new points are quite numerous, those involving actual fighting are comparatively few. Apparently the insurgents are falling back at all contested points, sacrificing their possessions in most cases and satisfied to save themselves.

A detachment of the Forty-seventh United States volunteer infantry from the island of Catanduanes, off the southeast coast of Luzon relinquished an attempt to land near Pandan. On anchoring at Pandan, they were met by a detachment of Philippine riflemen and after a short engagement they cut the anchor chain and sailed for Catanduanes with two killed and two wounded. The names have not yet been received here. Captain Richard T. Ellis, of the Twenty-third Infantry, captured a detachment of the Philippine riflemen near Barabara, a large quantity of Krug, Mauser and Remington cartridges, together with a signal outfit, a printing press and other equipment. All of this was destroyed. Thirty rifles and several hundred cartridges were secured at this point.

A detachment of the Fourth infantry captured Major Garion and three officers of lower rank in the town of Pasay. Another detachment destroyed General Aguinaldo's camp. The enemy had fled, but the United States troops rounded up twenty-two insurgents.

General MacArthur has approved the death sentences passed upon several additional persons convicted of murder, arson and pillage. In a few other instances he has commuted death sentences to imprisonment.

JUDGES' JUDGING IS JUDGED

Older Authorities Pass on the Accuracy of Students' Awards in Late Civic Competition.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 9.—Students from the University of Illinois won a majority of the high honors in the judging competition held Friday at the live stock exposition. Results were made known and prizes awarded today.

There were forty-seven students competing, representing seven schools in the United States and one in Ontario. The Spoor trophy cup, awarded to the agricultural school, with the highest aggregate standing of best three men, captured by Illinois, the teams of Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and Iowa ranked the winners in that order.

The breeders' sweetestake banner was won for Wisconsin by E. P. Welborn of Cynthiana, Ind., who obtained the 225 money prize for his best performance. The teams of the sweetstakes, and E. T. Robbins of Illinois, fourth. Second honors went to W. J. Black of the Geoloh (Ont.) school.

In addition to these two original prizes others were awarded for the judging of Hereford, Shropshire, Camp of Illinois and Purduke, Wads of Illinois and Melborn of Wisconsin tied for 1-3 points each in the Dorset breed examination.

THINKS BOERS WILL YET WIN

Major McBride of the Irish Brigade Returns from Transvaal Full of Hope.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—On board the steamer La Bretagne, which arrived at quarantine last night, was Major John McBride, who was in command of the Irish brigade which was recruited in this country and served with distinction under Colonel Blake until Major McBride, who is a native of County Mayo, Ireland, was given the command. Major McBride spoke very enthusiastically of the Boer cause and expressed the opinion that they would eventually win in spite of their recent reverses.

The major, after leaving Lourenco Marques, proceeded to Paris and from thence to New York.

Get Tip on Government Report.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—A story to the effect that the government cotton crop report, which will be made public tomorrow, had been obtained by a certain person in this city in advance, received corroboration today from a reliable source. The information was offered to him on Saturday.

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Movements of Ocean Vessels Dec. 9.

At New York—Arrived—La Bretagne, from Havre; Graf Waldemar, from Hamburg; Boulogne and Plymouth.

At Southampton—Arrived—Kennington, from New York; Antwerp, and proceeded.

At Queenstown—Sailed—Umbria, for Liverpool; New York.

EIGHT DROWN IN ICY LAKE

Fierce Gale on Erie Wrecks a Barge and Engulfed Crew.

Was One of the Bitterest Ever Encountered by the Seamen There—Barge Loaded with 1,500 Tons of Ore.

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 9.—In the midst of one of the most bitter gales that ever swept Lake Erie the iron ore barge S. H. Foster, towed of the Iron Duke, went to the bottom 6 o'clock this morning, ten miles off Erie, and eight persons were drowned as follows:

CAPTAIN JOHN BIRDGE of Cleveland. FIRST MATE, name unknown. SEAMAN ROBERT W. JONES of Port Austin, Mich. COOK MRS. MAY of Detroit. TWO UNKNOWN DECK HANDS.

The barge was one of the fleet of James C. Foster and had been under way for two months from Duluth to Erie with iron ore. Her cargo consisted of 1,500 tons of ore.

St. Paul, Dec. 9.—In the interview he said: "The Foster was in tow, about 50 feet from the shore, when the gale struck. There were three men on watch with me. The sea rose to a height of 10 feet and the barge was overturned. Just as I got there the Foster blundered in an awful sea and dove down nose first. I saw the crew as they were going down. Just as she went down I saw a man on her fore-castle with a lantern. The storm was so fierce that I could not get near the boat for anyone. There would not have been a particle of use anyhow because the sea was so rough that I could not have held a minute, even if the water had not been so deep. I would have had a cry for help, but it was no use. I had all I could do to keep my head above water."

When asked for an opinion as to the cause of the sinking of the Foster Captain Ashley said that he could not tell, adding: "Apparently everything was all right aboard her until she took that fatal dip. There had not been a single sign of distress from her up to that time."

There is eighty to 100 feet of water where the wreck occurred. The Foster was valued at \$19,000. There was no insurance, but could find no traces of wreckage.

REQUISIT ON NOT HONORED

Governor Thomas Creates Small Temporary Order for Prisoner.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 9.—Governor Thomas received word today that Governor Mount of Indiana had refused to honor a requisition from Indiana for the return of Clinton Green, a prisoner of the State of Kentucky. Governor Thomas had announced that the papers were not made out in technical form and this, taken in connection with the attitude of Governor Mount of Indiana in refusing to honor Governor Green's requisition for the return of Kentucky of W. S. Taylor and others now living in Indiana, who were wanted in Kentucky, he said, would cause him to refuse the requisition. Governor Thomas, it is stated, at the same time said that several other prisoners had been believed, decided to take similar steps regarding Governor Mount. The matter has created considerable comment.

Governor Mount, when told tonight of Governor Thomas' action, said he was surprised. "There may be something political in this matter," said he. "I am surprised that Governor Thomas resorts to any so-called precedent in his action on the case. He cites my action in the Taylor case a precedent, which he says he is inclined to follow. I considered it no precedent. I did refuse the requisition because I did not believe the men could get fair trial in their own state. Governors do not as a rule resort to precedents in acting on such questions. Each stands on its own merits."

QUEER THEATER SITUATION

Chicago Performers Keep Justice Wins.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—The performance in each of the leading theaters of Chicago was given tonight with a justice of the peace sitting behind the wings on the stage ready to give bonds for any of the actors or actresses in case an attempt should be made to stop the performance. This was the result of a threatened raiding of the performances and every precaution was taken to guard against any interruption by constables armed with warrants. There was, however, no raid.

Theaters are being raided in a desecrated by saloonkeepers whose liquor license had been revoked. They had given it out that so long as a crusade had been started to enforce the ordinances they would insist on the enforcement of the Sunday closing ordinance as well as other laws. The raiding was in the employ of theaters giving a Sunday performance. A special detail of uniformed and plain clothes policemen were at each theater to suppress any possible outbreak of violence on the part of constables. If any attempt was made to take the employes and performers from the theaters under warrants sworn out before some justice in the outskirts of the city or in the suburbs.

"HELLO" GIRLS HAVE IDLE DAY

Unknown Mischief Pours Prussic Acid on Telephone Wires Down in Austin, Texas.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 9.—The local telephone exchange was nearly wrecked this morning. Some one reached the roof of the exchange building and, boring a hole into the ceiling, poured liberal quantities of prussic acid on the wires, which incapacitated them and effectually stopped all business of the exchange. Almost the entire system of the city is affected. A large force of workmen spent the day repairing the damage. The local telephone officials attribute the work to friends of telephone strikers in other parts of the state, as there is no trouble here.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Monday and Warner; Tuesday fair, Variable Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg.

FROM THE STRIKERS' LEADER

President Dolphin Makes Statement Declaring Prospects Good and Promising a Finish Fight.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 9.—President M. M. Dolphin of the Order of Railway Telegraphers said this evening that he had received no overtures for a settlement of the strike and had made none. He further said that he is receiving telegrams showing that the new men employed are not resigning in the service, and other encouraging reports. He was asked for an official statement of the strike and gave the following:

"The strike situation up to 6 o'clock Sunday evening is very satisfactory to the strikers and their committee. The strike is most complete and after many days' effort on the part of the officials of the Santa Fe they are utterly unable to secure as many as a half dozen telegraphers who are willing to work for them. This is remarkable when it is known that they have advertised in papers in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, New Orleans and many other places, offering fancy salaries, transportation, etc., and a great many men have taken advantage of the liberal offers of transportation and are taking free rides from one part of the country to the other and promptly bidding the company adieu when they reach the point to which they desire to go. There are several idle telegraphers in Galveston, Houston, Dallas and other places, but they prefer to remain here rather than work under the circumstances."

"The news was heralded far and wide Sunday by the officials that a carload of telegraphers were on their way from Chicago to be filled, but when the train reached Texas, where the weather is not so cold as it is in Chicago, it developed that the supposed carload of telegraphers were brickmasons and plumbers and they laughingly left the train. Several cases of this kind have been reported from different points along the line."

"A telegram from Pueblo informs us that all offices between Pueblo and Denver are closed. Another message from The Needles, Cal., says: 'Arizona tied up until the men are working in the territory. The last advice from that great stretch of country from Lajuna, Colo., and Albuquerque, N. M., are to the effect that only one man is at his post. This is certainly a most serious blow to the railway company, as it is absolutely necessary to the movement of trains through that wild and mountainous district. Another message informs us that the only men working east of Lajuna, Colo., is the superintendent of telegraph at Topeka, Kan. From Chicago to Lajuna, Colo., is a long stretch and as many as 200 or 300 operators and agents were required for the safe movement of trains and the proper handling of business. Therefore, it would be difficult to see how it could be done Sunday by the officials that a carload of telegraphers were on their way from Chicago to be filled, but when the train reached Texas, where the weather is not so cold as it is in Chicago, it developed that the supposed carload of telegraphers were brick