

VANDERBILT IS LOW

Doctors Admit Position is Grave, but Still Hope for Recovery.

GOOD NIGHT ENCOURAGES HIS FRIENDS

Official Bulletin Says He Holds His Own and is No Worse.

TWO PHYSICIANS STAY BY SICK BED

Presence of Medical Men Indicates Extreme Severity of Illness.

MIDDAY RUMOR OF DEATH IS DENIED

Inmates of House Say Report is Absolutely Unfounded and Claim His Chances of Restoration to Health Still Exist.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Cornelius Vanderbilt passed a fairly good night and at 7 o'clock hope had not been abandoned. The presence of two doctors in the house indicated that Mr. Vanderbilt's condition continued most grave, although a servant in the household said he had passed a good night.

Dr. Austin Flint, Jr., at 9:15 issued the following bulletin: Mr. Vanderbilt had a fair night and has held his own. The fact that he is no worse this morning is encouraging.

Dr. Vanderbilt is a very stout man, but there is hope and he is not going to die today.

A rumor that Mr. Vanderbilt was dead was circulated shortly after noon today. Inquiry at the sick man's home showed that the report was untrue.

This afternoon Reginald Vanderbilt and Miss Cathleen Neilson arrived at the house. Mr. Vanderbilt made inquiries and left his card, while Miss Neilson remained in the carriage. A close friend of Mr. Vanderbilt today said:

Mr. Vanderbilt is low, but there is hope. Dr. Austin issued this bulletin at 11:30 tonight: "The symptoms of peritonitis are subsiding. In other respects Mr. Vanderbilt is holding his own."

WOMAN MAKES A GOOD CASE

Witnesses in Conspiracy Trial All Testify in Favor of the Defendant.

FRESHOLD, N. J., Dec. 19.—Dr. Hendricks, one of the defendants in the case against Laura Biggar and others for alleged conspiracy to get Henry M. Bennett's estate, was one of the witnesses at the trial today.

He said P. J. McNulty and Attorney Waterson of Pittsburgh called at the Bayonne sanitarium to see Miss Biggar regarding the estate. Witness said his only interest in the will was to have it probated and that at the time of Mr. McNulty's call the question was discussed whether Miss Biggar would be better off as a common law wife of Mr. Bennett than in her present condition.

Willis Biggar, son of Miss Biggar, and her former husband, J. W. Connell, testified that his father came from the west to see Mr. Bennett before the latter's death. P. J. McNulty testified as to his part in employing a Pittsburgh detective to unearth the alleged conspiracy.

Laura Biggar took the witness stand this afternoon and swore that she was married to Bennett fourteen and a half years ago. On Thanksgiving day, she said, Mr. Bennett proposed to her. He insisted there were no obstacles in the way of their marriage. Letters passed between them nearly every day and she finally accepted him. She said she consented to a quiet marriage because she did not want the public to talk about her.

MAY INCLUDE IOWA MINERS

Interstate Agreement with Operators Likely to Be Amended Next Year.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 19.—The interstate agreement between the miners and operators may be amended at the national convention here in January and February to include Iowa. The operators of Iowa have been willing to join Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois at the last three conventions, but were debarred largely because of opposition from the operators of the Pittsburgh district.

The objection was that the Iowa operators did not have an association like the other states, but they recently organized and have employed John P. Reese, president of the Iowa miners, as their commissioner.

JURY CONVICTS BRIBERS

St. Louis Men Receive Sentences of Five Years Each in Penitentiary.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 19.—The joint trial of five former members of the house of delegates on charges of bribery, which began on Tuesday, ended tonight in a sentence of five years for each man.

The defendants, John A. Sheridan, Charles J. Deany, Charles Gutke, Edmund Beresh and T. E. Albright, after hearing the verdict, filed motions for a new trial and were released on bond.

JUDGE ROBINSON MAY DIE

Nebraska Congressman Lies Seriously Ill at Madison with Appendicitis.

MADISON, Neb., Dec. 19.—Judge John S. Robinson, representative in congress from the Third Nebraska district, is lying seriously ill at his home here, and it is feared he cannot recover. He is suffering from appendicitis.

SICK CATTLE SLAUGHTERED

Herds Are Killed Off in Massachusetts and Rhode Island to Stay Disease.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Condemnation of cattle afflicted with the foot and mouth disease is progressing rapidly in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and slaughter of herds is reported at many places.

RAILROAD WINS ITS CASE

English Court Awards Damages Against Strikers Who Interrupted Business of Company.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—After a long trial in the king's bench division of the high court of justice the case of the Tavevale Railway company against the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, involving many questions of the utmost importance to trades unionism, resulted today in a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs.

The latter complained of malicious molestation, picketing, intimidation, etc., during the strike of 1900. The judge today reserved his decision on the question of damages until the next sitting of the court.

The railroad company which seeks to recover damages contends that there was a conspiracy on the part of the society to injure its business and further that there was an unlawful combination to carry on the strike of 1900.

STUDENTS PARDONED BY CZAR

Young Men Exiled to Siberia for Rioting Are Allowed to Return to Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—The czar has granted amnesty to the students banished for rioting on his name day. He telegraphed to the minister of the interior as follows:

The students who are banished for creating disturbances return from Siberia, although they should not for the present be allowed to live in towns where there are high schools. Care must nevertheless be taken that the young men on their return resort to the keeping of their families, as such surroundings will familiarize them with the law.

The telegram, which is equivalent to an imperial decree, pardons fifty-nine students exiled to Siberia in addition to the sixty-two students previously pardoned.

HIGH TREASON IS CHARGED

Grand Jury Finds True Bill Against Arthur Lynch, Member of Parliament.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The grand jury summoned to consider the indictment of Colonel Arthur Lynch, a member of Parliament for Galway, who was arrested on June 11 on a charge of high treason, on account of the part he took in the South African war, where he is alleged to have commanded the Irish brigade, returned a true bill today against the defendant.

The lord chief justice, Baron Alverstone, in charging the jury, remarked that it was sixty-two years since a grand jury had to deal with such a charge, which was the highest crime known in law. Colonel Lynch's trial at the bar is expected to begin January 20.

FAMINE KILLS OFF FINNS

Anglo-American Church Asks Aid to Save Suffering People.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—Four hundred thousand persons are reported to be destitute and starving as a result of the crop failure in Finland.

The Anglo-American church here has undertaken to feed and clothe the school children of four Finnish parishes and has issued an appeal for assistance. The conditions are said to be worse than those of 1867, when 100,000 persons died.

TEN THOUSAND ARE KILLED

Terrible Fatality Attends Earthquake in Russian Central Asia on December 18.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg says 10,000 persons were killed by the earthquake December 18 at Adjilan, Russian Central Asia. They were mostly native Turcomans.

Commissioner to St. Louis

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Secretary von Nostitz of the Saxon legation in Berlin has been appointed Saxony's special commissioner to the St. Louis exposition. He will cooperate with Herr Lewald, the German imperial commissioner to the exposition, in inducing the manufacturers of Saxony to participate in the fair.

Member of Parliament Sentenced

DUBLIN, Dec. 19.—John Roche, member of Parliament for East Galway, was sentenced by the criminal court at Roscommon to a month's imprisonment in default of bail on the charge of unlawful assembly.

Army Officers Offer Service

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 19.—A number of army officers here propose calling their names to the president of Venezuela, offering their services in case of the situation becoming more complicated.

Tower Presents Credentials

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Ambassador Tower presented his credentials to Emperor William at the palace today. All the members of the staff of the embassy were present.

Resigns Claim to Throne

MADRID, Dec. 19.—The Herald today says Don Carlos purposes to renounce his claim to the throne in favor of his son, Don Jaime.

Bundesrath Approves Tariff

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The Bundesrath today approved the tariff bill in the form in which it passed the Reichstag.

OPERATIONS TO BE RESUMED

Colorado Miner Shut Down on Account of Murder of Manager to Be Reopened.

TELLURIDE, Colo., Dec. 19.—It is announced that operations will be resumed December 27 in the Saugger-Union mine, which was closed down immediately after the murder of Arthur L. Collins, general manager of the company, on November 19. Over 500 miners will be employed.

O. B. Kemp, who was the head bookkeeper of the company previous to the assassination of Manager Collins, has been named temporary manager. A regular manager will be appointed next month at a meeting of the directors in Boston.

FIGURES MEAN BUT LITTLE

of Anthracite Strike Commission is Bady Shaken.

PAY NOT GOOD EVIDENCE Too Many Included in the Sum Paid to Man and Re- cepted For by Him.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 19.—When the strike commission resumed today Judge Gray referred to the alleged misleading wage returns made by the Pennsylvania company.

He said he had been informed that the auditor of the company notified one of the assistant recorders, when the figures were handed in, that the company was unable to give in all cases the exact number of men sharing in the earnings, and added that he did not wish to convey the impression that the commission impugned the good faith of the company.

The lawyers for the nonunion men then called James Elias of Scranton, who told of an attempt to blow up his home. The building was considerably damaged and his wife was beaten by the wives of strikers.

Counsel for the nonunion men submitted lists of boycotts against merchants in and about Wilkesbarre, which, they claimed, were ordered by the striking mine workers.

Thirty witnesses were then called to tell stories of alleged boycotts, intimidations, dynamiting and violence during the late strike. Each witness was a sufferer in one form or another at the hands, they alleged, of union men. One man was asked to resign from a Catholic temperance society and another expelled from a local lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians after a membership of twenty-six or twenty-eight years.

Judge Gray asked one of them if he remained at work to keep the pumps in good repair and he said he did.

Mr. Darrow asked him how long he worked and was proceeding to examine him along this line, when the chairman interposed again with the remark that men often work fifteen hours or more to help save a neighbor's house.

SHOOTS ANARCHIST TEACHER

Philadelphia Youth Kills Woman Agitator Who Broke His Heart.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Voltaire Le Clezre, a noted anarchist and teacher of languages, was shot and fatally wounded by Herman Helcher, a former pupil, today. The woman is dying in a hospital and Helcher is in custody. Unrequited love is said to have prompted the deed.

When arrested Helcher's only explanation was: "We were sweethearts, she and I. She broke my heart and deserved to be killed."

Miss Le Clezre was standing at a street corner awaiting a car. Helcher, who had disguised himself by means of a false moustache, approached her from the rear and accosted her. Almost at the same moment he drew a revolver from his pocket and pointed it at her. She turned and attempted to run away, but had some only a few steps when Helcher began firing upon her. After discharging five shots, three of which took effect, he replaced the pistol in his pocket and started to walk away. He was immediately arrested and was immediately arrested and taken to a magistrate afterwards she denied acquaintance with Helcher, but when he was brought before her minus the false moustache she at once recognized him. She declined, however, to accuse him of having shot her, but asked the police if he had admitted it. Neither would she state the nature of her relations with Helcher.

Two bullets took effect in the woman's right side below the shoulder and another embedded itself in the right side of the chest. The physicians held out no hope for her recovery.

Miss Le Clezre has attained widespread notoriety through her anarchistic utterances and intimacy with Emma Goldman and other anarchists. She is an accomplished linguist and musician, and has written much anarchistic literature and many erotic poems.

ROUND-UP OF THE LADRONES

Force of Constabulary in Field Co- Operating with Police of Manila.

MANILA, Dec. 19.—The roundup of ladrones in Biell province is proceeding. A large force of constabulary is in the field and the Manila police are co-operating with it. They are cordoning the north part of the city to prevent the ladrones entering.

The United States fleet is assembled for the evolutions which are to commence tomorrow and continue for a fortnight. They will consist largely in landing tactics and the seizure, fortifying and supplying a naval base on the west coast of Luzon, near Subig. The battleship Kentucky is here and Oregon is expected daily.

NOTES AMERICAN FARMING

Germany Will Transfer Experts From New York to Chicago Next Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The agricultural progress of the United States and the work of the American farmer are being noted by the German government, which is taking special interest in the subject for the coming year.

According to information received by Dr. Walter Weber, the German consul here, Chicago has been chosen as the center of operations of the expert bureau during the coming year, an order having been issued to transfer the bureau from New York to this city.

JURY ACQUITS PIANO PLAYER

Italian Who Kills Three Men in Defense of His Own Life Goes Free.

READING, Pa., Dec. 19.—Antonio Taddai, an Italian aged 17, who on July 4 last shot and killed three men in a saloon in London, today was acquitted by a jury.

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To Reduce Colombian Tariff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Minister Hart, at Bogota, has called the State department that a recent government decree provides for a progressive reduction of 10 per cent monthly in the export duties of Colombia, beginning January 1, 1903.

Favors Fowler Bill

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GIVES CUBA HIGH PRAISE

British Minister Says Islanders' Energy is Rapidly Bringing New Republic Forward.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A striking picture of the development of Cuba since the Spanish war is presented in a report by Lionel Garden, the British minister to Havana, a copy of which has just reached Washington.

The minister says: It is highly satisfactory to note the remarkable progress the island has made in the last three years in spite of the deplorable condition in which it was left at the end which was left behind by the Spaniards.

The production of sugar has risen from 250,000 tons in 1895 to over 800,000 tons in 1901, and probably will reach 1,000,000 tons this year. The cultivation and manufacture of tobacco, as well as the minor industries, show considerable improvement. The stock of cattle on the island, thanks to the large importations of new stock, has risen from 750,000, as compared with less than 200,000 at the beginning of 1895, and finally, the value of the island's exports has risen from \$12,500,000, and would have reached a much higher figure but for the fall in the price of sugar.

In considering how little financial assistance the Cuban has received from abroad, it speaks highly for their energy and industry that they should have achieved what has been accomplished in such a short time and with such limited resources at their command.

The report is full of advice to English traders as to the best means of meeting American competition and holding the Cuban trade, which is being taken rapidly from them by the United States.

CABINET GIVES APPROVAL

Secretary Informs Members as to Venezuelan Situation and Action Taken by Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary Hay laid before the cabinet the latest phases of the Venezuelan situation as shown by the correspondence he had had with our ambassadors and the foreign officers at London, Berlin and Rome and also acquainted the members with the circumstances of the extradition of the Venezuelan minister to the United States.

After a thorough discussion of the question the cabinet gave its unqualified approval to everything that has been done by Secretary Hay and also his plans for the future so far as they are outlined. It is gathered that the attitude of the United States is a waiting one, in the hope that the allies will soon be able to agree on the basis upon which they are willing to accept arbitration.

It was stated that while the Venezuelan situation is realized to be important, the subject did not engross the entire attention of the cabinet. So far no notice of the projected blockade of Venezuela has been officially served on our government.

COAL FREIGHTS TOO HIGH

House Committee Considers Suspension of Coastwise Navigation Laws.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The house committee on commerce and fisheries today considered the McCauley resolution to suspend the coastwise navigation laws, so as to permit foreign ships to carry coal from one point to another on the coast.

It was stated that an exorbitant rate of freight is being charged for the transportation of coal from shipping ports to market ports, and that in Boston the lack of facilities to unload coal as rapidly as it arrives is the greatest obstacle to distribution. It was urged that a resolution of freight rather than because of any scarcity of tonnage.

WANT AN ELASTIC CURRENCY

Former Secretary Gage Calls Upon President Roosevelt to Suggest a Plan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Former Secretary Gage and John H. Rhoads, chairman of the finance committee of the New York Chamber of Commerce, called upon the president today to present to him resolutions recently adopted by the Chamber of Commerce in advocacy of a more elastic currency system.

President Roosevelt received them cordially, but did not indicate what his attitude toward the resolutions would be.

Mr. Gage and Mr. Rhoads later had a talk with Chairman Fowler of the house committee on banking and currency, giving their views on the currency question.

They submitted to Mr. Fowler a copy of resolutions adopted by the New York Chamber of Commerce.

PRESIDENT TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Will Be Present with Veterans and Politicians at Services Over Mrs. Grant.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt expects to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Grant, to be held in the Metropolitan Methodist church tomorrow morning.

Members of the cabinet, of the diplomatic corps and of both houses of congress, and representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Royal Legion, the Union Veterans' Legion, the Army of the Tennessee, the Army of the Cumberland and the Army of the Ohio also will be present.

HOUSE ACTION UNNECESSARY

Cuban Reciprocity Treaty Will Be Sent Only to Senate by the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt has concluded that it will not be necessary to send the Cuban reciprocity treaty to the house.

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FAVORS LINCOLN PROPOSAL

Secretary Shaw Sees No Objection to Selling Present Postoffice.

DISCUSSING THE LEASING MEASURE Nebraska Congressmen Think Bill Prepared by the Cattlemen Should Be Amended Before Presented to House.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Burket left for Nebraska tonight. Before leaving he made public a report from the secretary of the treasury in relation to his bill permitting the government to sell the present postoffice of the city of Lincoln.

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The bill formulated by cattle growers of Nebraska is now under consideration by members of the Nebraska delegation with a view of reaching an agreement upon the measure and if possible present a united front for its passage.

There is considerable doubt as to whether the classes of lands are agreed upon exactly fits the conditions obtaining in western Nebraska. Representative Shallenberger, who is interested in the cattle business himself, believes that a steer can be pastured on less than thirty acres of land. He said the fact that the city of Lincoln is on the western range had been able to put up large quantities of hay showed that the land was much more productive in grass than was borne out by the statements of the delegation of cattle growers who were in Washington this city.

Mr. Shallenberger said, however, that he would endeavor to bring about such modifications as he knew his people would be interested in.

Congressman Stark stated today that he believed the Nebraska delegation to be a step to the existing dispute between the government and the cattle raisers. He believed, however, that the state of Nebraska should have some say in the question whether the public domain should be retained in western Nebraska.

He suggests an amendment to the bill to the effect that the act shall not be put in operation until a proclamation shall have been made by the president, and that no proclamation shall issue until the legislative branch has passed a resolution going through. Judge Stark thought that the government would receive the benefits derived from such leases and at the same time make it impossible for the state of Nebraska to levy a tax on the same.

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