

STREET CARS STOP

Suspension of Service Marks Beginning of Strike in St. Petersburg.

PROCLAIMED DAY AHEAD OF TIME

Partial State of Siege Proclaimed by General Denbasoff in Moscow.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANTS ARE CLOSED

Troops Occupy Railways and Are Attempting to Keep Lines Open.

GOVERNMENT CRIPPLED IN THE STRUGGLE

Reports Reach Capital of Mutiny of Soldiers at Kharkoff and Sebastopol, with Rioting in Many Places.

BULLETIN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—The strike promises to be on a far more extensive scale than any previous movement of the kind. It was ascertained tonight that many of the largest works, including the Putloff and Nobel concerns, will cease operations tomorrow. Almost all the papers suspended by the censoring are appearing under new names and are meeting with huge sales.

The railway union at Moscow has resolved to run troop trains from Manchuria and to convey grain to the famine-stricken districts.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—On account of some confusion, the general strike was proclaimed at noon today instead of tomorrow. It was begun with a complete suspension of the street railway service.

The government enters upon its new struggle greatly crippled. The situation in the Baltic provinces is growing steadily worse, and in the Caucasus the renewal of the outbreak of the Tartars and Armenians has produced another reign of terror.

The inhabitants of Tiflis and other cities are begging the authorities to furnish them with arms to organize a militia for self-protection. At Sebastopol new mutinies have occurred and 1,600 soldiers have been disbanded and are under guard. The troops at Kharkoff have revolted and the city is still administering the city.

The weather has become very cold. Deep snow covers the country as far south as Kiev. It is believed that a few days' hunger and starvation will easily drive the people to desperation and provoke uprisings and attacks on strikers and perhaps general pillage.

Government in Conflict. The proclamation of a general strike for tomorrow at noon has created the most intense excitement. If a strike can be successfully begun and maintained the revolutionaries are confident that it will break the government's back.

Railroads to Be Involved. The central committee of the railroad men of Moscow, which determined the issue last night by voting in favor of a strike, has telegraphed over the railroad lines to all employees of twenty-two roads are ready to stop all traffic.

Police Hunt Leaders. The police are hunting down and arresting the strike leaders as rapidly as they can be found in the comparatively few captures that have been made, as the leaders keep in hiding in their homes, and conferences and meetings in secret, each time at a different locality.

Workmen Punish Crime. The consul of a continental power who arrived here today from Riga on a train heavily guarded by troops, says that throughout the district the land has been laid waste, all the buildings belonging to the landlords have been burned to the ground. The situation in Courland, the consul says, is even worse.

Union Leader Arrested. ALEXANDROV, Russian Poland, Dec. 20.—A message received here from Warsaw today says the president of the Warsaw railroad union has been arrested and the union consequently has decided to order the employees of the Vistula railroads to begin a strike on Friday.

Fejervary Cabinet Resigns. VIENNA, Dec. 20.—Premier Fejervary had an audience of Emperor Francis Joseph today and tendered the resignation of the entire Hungarian cabinet. It is understood that Baron Fejervary desires to obtain an expression of confidence from the emperor, in which case his resignation probably will be withdrawn.

TROOPS PRESERVING ORDER

State Department Receives Word of Arrival of American Force at Shanghai.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The State department has received a cablegram from Shanghai announcing the arrival there last evening of the men from the Baltimore.

The State department advises of this morning to the effect that the British are planning a large demonstration by a fleet of German, Japanese and American cruisers were on their way to Shanghai. Quiet prevailed yet, but only on account of the army controlling the city.

An understood here the trouble arose from the action of the British assessor in levying a tax upon a Chinese resident of the foreign settlement. The court is a curious body, made up of a Chinese magistrate who holds sittings every week day.

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SHONTS' NAME IS HELD UP

Senate Confirms Nomination of Panama Chairman, but Resalls It.

NOT CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE. Mr. Morgan Charges That Head of Commission is Still Acting as President of Clover Leaf Railroad.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Confirmations by the senate of the nominations of members of the Isthmian Canal commission were reconsidered today in executive session and a motion was adopted calling upon the president for the return of the nomination of the senate's previous action.

Before the decision was reached to reconsider the vote charges of "railroading" nominations were made by several minority senators and counter-charges that the protesters were proceeding in a manner not prescribed by the rules of the senate were made by republican senators.

Mr. Morgan charged that the head of the commission is still acting as president of the Clover Leaf Railroad. The decision developed the fact that there had been no report of the committee on the nominations in question, as a result of which the nomination was withdrawn.

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ABE HUMMEL IS CONVICTED

New York Lawyer Adjudged Guilty of Subornation of Perjury in Divorce Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Abraham H. Hummel, the lawyer, today was convicted of conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case. He was sentenced, with two co-defendants, to one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$500, which is the maximum penalty for the misdemeanor of which he was adjudged guilty.

When the foreman said "guilty" Hummel flushed slightly, and turning to one of the court officers he said: "I am going away with my coat, will you?"

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WARNER IS COMING TODAY

New United States Marshal Will Take Charge of the Office.

ANNOUNCES THAT FOR THE PRESENT AT LEAST HE WILL RETAIN MR. MATHEWS' FORCE OF DEPUTIES.

SIoux CITY, Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—William F. Warner of Dakota City, the new United States marshal for Nebraska, will go to Omaha tomorrow morning to assume the duties of the office.

He has been flooded with applications for the office of deputy, but announces that for the present, at least, he will retain all of Mathews's deputies.

Mathews' Force of State. Former United States Marshal T. L. Mathews returned from Washington Wednesday morning and at the federal building greeting his old friends and associates. He said:

"There is nothing more to say than has already appeared in the papers. I might add, however, that I still intend to remain a resident of Nebraska. It is a good enough state for me and the loss of an office cuts very little figure with the grand privilege of knowing that a man is a resident and citizen of Nebraska."

LEUPP DEFENDS HIS PLAN. Says Lending Apprehension Exists Regarding Single Place for Letting of Contracts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Mr. Leupp, commissioner of Indian affairs, thinks that undue concern is being felt and shown by different cities wherein are located Indian warehouses because of a suggestion in his annual report relative to having but one place in the central part of the country for the opening of bids for Indian supplies.

He has been deluged with communications from business organizations of these cities, including quite a number from St. Louis. In each instance he is asked to select the city of which his correspondent is a resident. The impression also seems to be held that his recommendation applied to warehouses, but it did not. Mr. Leupp desires to direct attention to the wording of his report, which he read carefully ought to dispel any misapprehension.

Under the heading, "Method of Purchasing Supplies," Mr. Leupp says:

The present system, with few exceptions, has prevailed for years and on the whole has served its purpose well. Changes for the better have been made from time to time, but no fundamental changes have pointed the way. Until recently, for example, subsistence and goods of the first class for the Indian coast agencies and schools were not included in the eastern bidding, but were bought separately. Such articles as beef, flour and grain were allowed to be contracted for by the different agencies, while the classified goods described were bought at a special price for the Indian coast agencies.

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NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair in West, Snow in East Portion Thursday; Friday, Fair.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour, Deg. Hour, Deg. 5 a. m. 27 1 p. m. 34 6 a. m. 27 2 p. m. 34 7 a. m. 28 3 p. m. 34 8 a. m. 27 4 p. m. 32 9 a. m. 27 5 p. m. 32 10 a. m. 23 6 p. m. 31 11 a. m. 23 7 p. m. 29 12 m. 24 8 p. m. 29

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—An important move in the contest for the speakership of the New York state assembly was made today, when, after a conference, which included some of those opposed to the candidacy of J. W. Wadsworth, Jr., a decision was reached to call a conference of all republican members of the assembly, to be held in this city on Friday.

Another interesting feature today was a statement that Assemblyman James T. Rogers, the majority leader of the assembly, is considering whether again to announce himself as a candidate for speaker. Mr. Rogers withdrew from his candidacy for speaker when Governor Higgins came out in favor of Mr. Wadsworth.

Mr. Merritt made public a statement tonight in which he criticized Governor Higgins, declaring that "the governor has undertaken to dictate and make the choice of speaker, not an act of the legislative body, but a matter of appointment. No disclaimer on his part of an intention to set himself up as a political boss counts anything against the positive course he has taken."

MURDER IN DENVER HOTEL. William Wilson, a Cattleman, Instantly Killed by J. D. Henderson, Who Commits Suicide.

DENVER, Dec. 20.—William Wilson, a cattleman, was shot and instantly killed by J. D. Henderson, a former partner in the lobby of the Lewiston hotel today. Henderson then turned his pistol upon himself, firing a bullet through his breast and expired in the arms of a policeman who had seized him.

Wilson and Henderson were partners in the cattle business many years ago. The partnership was dissolved and Henderson, it is stated, had ever since continued to charge Wilson with defrauding him in their final settlement. Two years ago Henderson made an attempt upon the life of his former partner.

The two men met today directly in front of the Lewiston hotel and Henderson, who was carrying a revolver, drew it from his pocket. Wilson ran into the lobby and was about to seek shelter behind a pillar, when his pursuer opened fire. Two bullets pierced Wilson's body and he rolled over upon the floor. By this time officers had advanced upon Henderson, but before they had seized him he had ended his own life by his own hand.

LIVE STOCK SHOW AWARDS. E. T. Davis of Iowa Wins First Honors in the Aberdeen-Angus Class.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Henry L. Wardell and E. P. Swanson, two prominent New York stock brokers, carried off championship honors at the live stock show here today. Mr. Wardell won first prize for the Shropshire breeding sheep classes, while Mr. Swanson took the blue ribbon for the champion load of sheep besides taking first prize in three other classes.

In the horse ring, Redner, the Scottish Ciresdale champion, imported this season by an Ontario firm, took the blue ribbon in this class. In the Clydesdale class for yearling mares, Forbes & Co. of Sheridan, Wyo., won the first and third awards.

The exhibition of Shorthorn cattle which began today promises to eclipse the exhibition of last year. In the Aberdeen-Angus class, Augustus's Pet, owned by E. T. Davis of Iowa, secured first honors. In the Hereford class, the herd of Cargill & McMillen of La Crosse captured both senior and junior herd prizes and also every first prize for females.

STORM STRIKES JACKSONVILLE. Florida Metropolis Out of Communication with Rest of World Several Hours.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 20.—A storm swept over Jacksonville and the surrounding country this afternoon for hours, cutting this place completely off from telegraphic communication with the outside world. Not a wire was working until nearly 10 o'clock. In Jacksonville no damage was done beyond the blowing down of a few signs and injury to a few roofs. The local weather office reported wind velocity of fifty miles an hour.

BANKERS ESCAPE PROSECUTION. Men Who Furnished Evidence Against Imboden and Hill of Denver Will Go Free.

DENVER, Dec. 20.—In consideration of their evidence for the state in the case against Leonard B. Imboden and James A. Hill, convicted of conspiracy to wreck the Denver Savings bank, W. T. Camp of Fort Worth, Tex., C. C. Roberts of Drummond, Okla., and A. B. Davis of Vinita, I. T., will escape prosecution.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Dec. 20. At New York—Arrived: Sicilian Prince, from Naples; King Albert, from Genoa; Oceanic, from Liverpool; Sailed: Majestic, for Liverpool; Rotterdam, for Rotterdam; Victoria, for Liverpool.

At Avonmouth—Sailed: Maximian, for Portland. At London—Arrived: Montezuma, from St. Johns; Minnehaha, from New York.

At Liverpool—Arrived: Lake Champlain, from St. John; N. B. Sibley, from New York; Haverton, from Philadelphia; Sailed: Saxonia, for New York.

At Dover—Arrived: Kronland, from New York; Antwerp, and proceeded. At Lehigh—Arrived: Peruvia, from New York, via Naples and Marseilles.

BAXTER CASE ENDED

District Attorney Wires Nebraska Delegation to Secure Him a Hearing.

ANSWER RETURNED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE. Applicants for the Vacant Place Are Wiring to the Senators.

NO SIGN WHO WILL BE RECOMMENDED. Nominations of Warner, Hostetter and Michael Are Confirmed.

KITTREDGE PULLS OFF TWO VICTORIES. Nebraska Delegation Agrees on Recommendation for Vacant Positions in the Valentine Land Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Late tonight Mr. Baxter, having read in the afternoon paper that his resignation had been demanded by the attorney general, wired members of the delegation insisting upon a hearing. Today the members telegraphed that a hearing was out of the question, the president and attorney general having decided that no hearing must be had in the United States district attorney's office.

Mr. Baxter's resignation has not had time to reach the Department of Justice, but when it comes Senator Millard and Burckett will get together and name his successor in short order. Up to this time they have given no consideration to Baxter's resignation, although applications for the vacancy are beginning to arrive by telegraph. So far no candidate has named. Names are already before the senators—H. H. Baldridge and F. S. Howell of Omaha. Of course there will be others, but until the resignation of Mr. Baxter is received the senators absolutely refuse to discuss the question.

Michael and Hostetter Confirmed. The confirmation of Louis Hostetter to succeed at Hermosa, Mex., and Colonel W. H. Michael as county general at Calcutta, were confirmed today by the senate, when the State department announced to Senators Millard and Burckett that these appointments would not be charged to Nebraska. The Nebraska senators, and more particularly Senator Burckett, have insisted that they should have been consulted in the matter of these appointments and been advised of the reasons of their being made, and until an understanding was reached a stop order was put upon the nominations in the foreign relations committee, and the confirmation of the appointments was delayed.

Marshal Warner Confirmed. The nomination of William P. Warner for United States marshal for Nebraska was also confirmed during the executive session of the senate.

Valentine Positions Filled. Shortly after the adjournment of the senate today Senators Millard and Burckett got together and decided to recommend Dr. A. E. Julian of Long Pine as register and Judge Eli Olson of Bassett as receiver for the land office at Valentine. Both these gentlemen were strongly recommended by Dr. Julian being particularly well liked. Dr. Julian is a resident of the county and has been in the office for some time and is well known to the citizens of that section. Mr. Cornell, Judge Kinkaid's chairman, was looked upon with great favor on the part of the senators until he decided to retire from the race, having intended some time desired to displace the office, might possibly interfere with their development had he decided to remain a candidate. It is generally thought here are most admirable and will go far toward bringing about harmony in this particular land district.

Kittredge Claims Credit. Litchfield Dakota crowd that they do not say Senator Gamble on one side and Senator Kittredge and Congressman Martin and Burke on the other, saw the president today. At the close of the conference the Kittredge element being against him, while Senator Gamble is enthusiastic in his favor. It is expected Judge A. C. Hienatzki of Salem, McCook county, will be named as his successor. The Kittredge contingent, however, would not go to the extent of naming Elliott's successor, being satisfied with the general and positive statement that Elliott would not be reappointed.

Congressman Mondell today introduced a bill to provide for dry farming in the arid belt and carries an appropriation of \$15,000 for experimental purposes.

In appointing Edward H. Bites as postmaster at Sioux Falls, S. D., President Roosevelt has again frustrated his recent rule and yielded to the wishes of a United States senator. Senator Kittredge has it is asserted, however, would not go to the extent of naming Elliott's successor, being satisfied with the general and positive statement that Elliott would not be reappointed.

Bill for Plattsmouth Building. Senator Burckett today introduced a bill providing an appropriation of \$75,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building at Plattsmouth, Neb.

Canal Contracts Let. The secretary of the interior today executed the following contracts in connection with the interstate canal, the North Platte project in Nebraska and Wyoming: James O'Connor of Mitchell, Neb., for completing section six, second contract, at his bid of \$7,200. The contract calls for grading 400,000 cubic yds. with an overhaul of 100,000 cubic yds. at his bid of \$1,000. Construction contract for completion of section seven, second contract. The contract calls for grading 400,000 cubic yds. and an overhaul of 100,000 cubic yds. at his bid of \$1,000.

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