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FIERCE FIGHT IN RIGA

Band of Workmen Marders Felloemen and Dragoons and Capture Factory.

TWO REGIMENTS OF TROOPS TO RESCUE

Workmen, Who Are Quickly Reinforced, Throw up Barricades.

MANY ARE KILLED AND WOUNDED

Soldiers Almost Insane with Fury and Great Confusion Ensues.

WORKMEN COMPELLED TO SURRENDER

Leaders Are Delivered Up to Com- mander of the Fortress and Will Be Tried by Court-Martial.

RIGA, Latvia, Russia, Tuesday, Jan. 4.—(By Courier to St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.)—About 4,000 armed workmen before daylight this morning invaded and took possession of the Providnik rubber factory, and the military, as this message is forwarded, are bombarding the factory.

The revolutionists killed the policemen who were guarding the building, and a detachment then crept into an adjoining structure, where a patrol of dragoons was asleep and murdered eight dragoons and six stablesmen and wounded eleven others.

A man managed to escape and gave the alarm to the troops, two regiments of which, with artillery and six quick-firing guns, arrived at the scene by daylight. In the meantime the revolutionists had thrown up barricades, and a terrific fire was opened by the troops upon these defenses and on the factory. In the midst of the confusion existing, as this dispatch is written, it is impossible to ascertain the number killed or wounded, but many have been killed or over 100 wounded have been carried to the hospitals. The soldiers are almost insane with fury. The territory in which the factory is located has been picketed by guards, who threaten to kill any person approaching. The correspondent had a narrow escape. He unwittingly entered the proscribed territory through a side street and was twice fired upon before he had an opportunity to explain.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 4.—According to the governor's advice from Riga, after the workmen who seized the Providnik rubber factory had routed the troops captured 1,600 prisoners. Of the twenty-two persons accused of the murder of the sleeping dragoons eighteen were arrested.

FOG DOES DAMAGE TO SHIPPING

Vessels Collide in New York Harbor and One Life is Reported Lost.

Troops for Caucasus

ODESSA, Russia, Tuesday, Jan. 4.—Troops for Caucasus, having troops on board, have been dispatched to Sukum-Kale, Caucasus, and Novorossiysk, Caucasus, which are in the hands of the revolutionists. The government treasuries at those places have been saved and taken to Sebastopol on a warship.

Sixteen hundred railroad and 30 telegraph operators of Odessa and this vicinity have been dismissed on account of their connection with the general strike.

Lieutenant Schmidt, leader of the naval mutiny at Sebastopol, in November last, and his son, who had been brought from Odesa to a fortified seaport forty miles from (Odessa) to Sebastopol on a warship. They will be tried by court-martial next week. The trial will place behind closed doors.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A special dispatch from Copenhagen today says that the workmen who seized the Providnik rubber factory at Riga, Tuesday, surrendered and delivered up their leaders to the commander of the troops. The prisoners will be tried by court-martial.

FRANCE IS STILL QUIESCENT

Avails with Patience Action of Venezuela in Matter of Sec- retary Taigay.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The foreign office says the Venezuelan question has undergone no material change. France continues to rely on its undertaking with the United States whereby efforts are proceeding to adjust the controversy.

The government has given a distinct mark of confidence in M. Taigay, promoting him from the rank of second secretary to first secretary of legation. The officials here recognize the assistance to which M. Taigay has been subjected and they say that under ordinary conditions he would be withdrawn as a measure of protest, but the Venezuelan situation is considered to be so abnormal that M. Taigay remains at Caracas chiefly to give official protection to the large French interests in Venezuela. A renewal of the recognition of M. Taigay's official status by Venezuela continues to be an indispensable condition of the adjustment of the questions in dispute between France and that republic. M. Wiener, the French minister to Venezuela, remains in Paris and leaves his post only to attend to affairs of a possible solution of the stocks market, but no consideration has yet been given to such a move, as the French government insists that the Taigay incident must be fully adjusted before further action is taken.

GREAT BRITAIN NOT EXCITED

London Refuses to Believe that Franco-German Situation Serious at Present.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Official and unofficial circles in Great Britain do not consider the Franco-German situation as serious. It is true that the reports emanating from France had a slight effect on the stocks market, but this was only temporary.

The British government is going on with the arrangements for the Moroccan conference, and while it is admitted that Germany may raise questions which can cause irritation, it is not believed that this will prevent the conference from arriving at a final and satisfactory settlement. It is certain that Great Britain desires this, and while its action will be in accord with France, it will exert itself to prevent any approach to a rupture. If Germany's proposals regarding the protection of its trade do not interfere with a fair field for trade of all countries, it is not likely to meet with any opposition from Great Britain. While the correspondents in Berlin and Paris are sending lengthy dispatches outlining the views of their respective capitals, the London papers make no comment on the Moroccan situation.

PROMOTION FOR GOVER.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Assistant Freight Manager Harry Gower of the Rock Island road has been promoted to be freight traffic manager. The appointment becomes effective at once.

ANGRY WOMAN AT WHITE HOUSE

Sister to Congressman Hull of Iowa Makes Scene and is Arrested.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A distressing scene was enacted at the White House executive offices today in which a woman was carried screaming from the building because she refused to leave without resort to force.

About 11 o'clock a handsomely attired woman, appearing to be about 50 years of age, entered the executive offices and inquired for Secretary of State. Through a messenger she sent her card to the secretary. On the card she gave the name Mrs. Minor Morris, and beneath it in ink was the address, New Willard.

To Assistant Secretary Barnes she said that she was to see the president. She told Mr. E. that her husband had been discharged from the government service and she wanted to know from the president his reinstatement, or at least to discuss the matter with him. Mr. Barnes explained to her that the president had nothing to do with such subjects and she better take up the matter with the head of the department from which her husband had been discharged.

Mrs. Morris declared in a loud tone that she had come to the White House to see the president and proposed to see him even if she had to ramp out there for a month.

As Mrs. Morris is a large woman, three officers had difficulty in handling her, but eventually they picked her up bodily and with the assistance of one of the White House servants carried her screaming to the police call box on the east side of the White House. She was forced to get into a patrol car and was taken to the house of detention. There she was placed under the care of the matron, who succeeded in calming her. Thus far no charge has been made against Mrs. Morris. She has been a guest of the New Willard for about three weeks, registering from the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Morris is the wife of Dr. Minor Morris of this city and is a younger sister of Representative Hull of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on military affairs. About 1909 Dr. Morris was appointed a clerk in the office of the surgeon general, and in April, 1912, he was discharged. The reasons were not specifically stated in the official record of the case.

Mrs. Morris was released from the house of detention shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon and returned to the New Willard. She refused to see any callers, sending word she was indisposed. She has been a guest at the New Willard for a long time.

ROANOKE, VA., JAN. 4.—A Special

to-night to the Roanoke Times from Bluefields, Va., says: Never before but once in the history of the Roanoke Times conflict has there been such a fearful disaster as that in the Coalfield Coal company's shaft at Coalfield, Va., today. The victims of that other disaster sleep in the cemetery at Pocahontas.

Today at noon, while the Coalfield, Va., coal mines were crowded with men there was a sudden and heavy rumbling a mile and more in the depths of the mountain and through the miles of passages and air shafts of that immense mine the shock was felt. Before the detonations had died away Bank Boss Thomas Williams, who was a long distance from the explosion, staggered to his feet and feeling his way to a mine telephone called to those on the outside that there had been a terrible explosion of mine gas and asked for help.

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Up to a late hour tonight no other bodies had been recovered. There was considerable smoke and gas in the entries and notwithstanding the fact the big fans were in good order and were working with full capacity, the gas and smoke were not being driven out very fast.

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WILLIAM PRICE,
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TWENTY-ONE MINERS DEAD

Awful Explosion in Coal Mine Near Coal- dale, W. Va.

RUMBLE LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE

Shaft and Entries Fall of Gas and Bodies Cannot Be Re- covered for Many Hours.

BLUEFIELDS, W. Va., Jan. 4.—Twenty-one miners in the Coalfield company shaft at Coaldale, W. Va., were probably instantly killed by an explosion that took place there about noon today. There were three white men and eighteen colored men entombed and no hope is held out that any of them escaped death. The explosion was of terrific force and caused intense excitement throughout the surrounding country, many people believing an earthquake had occurred. The mining cars and most of the property used in the mines are supposed to have been blown to pieces. At 5:30 this afternoon the body of one of the miners was discovered some feet away from the mine entry so mutilated that it is unrecognizable.

The Coalfield operation is owned and operated by the Cooper Bros. who are also owners of the Mill and Creedwell Coal and coke companies.

The Coalfield plant is considered one of the best operations in the field. Ed Cooper is on the ground supervising the rescue work.

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HARPER'S ACCEDE TO PRINTERS

New York Publishing House Grants Eight-Hour Day and "Closed Shop."

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The third day of the strike of the printers of the Typothetae for an eight-hour work day and closed shop ended tonight with gains claimed by both sides. Harper & Bros., which employs about 100 men and was on the undecided list of the Typothetae, today granted the demands of the union. Several hours later it was announced by President McCormick of Typographical union No. 6 that Robert Drummond, a firm which had signed an agreement to resist, had finally agreed to the union demands.

On behalf of the Typothetae it was reported that the A. H. Kellogg, the Rodd Electroprinting company and the See-Willkinson company, three of the firms on the undecided list, had signed the agreement to resist the union's demands.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The strike of union printers in establishments which have refused to grant the demand for an eight-hour day and closed shop was inaugurated today. About 125 men were affected. Most of the shops anticipated the strike and were able to put to work a full force of nonunion printers. From statements made on both sides it is a fight to a finish. No disorders accompanied the going out of the shops.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.—Following the conference yesterday of committees representing the St. Louis Typothetae and the Typographical union, during which employees of eleven printing firms were ordered out of strike, a large number of job printers were ordered today to return to work. The unionists last night this makes a total of about 40 printers on strike here.

The employers refused to discuss the eight-hour clause in the demands of the union. President Jackson of the union said today that he still has hopes of an amicable adjustment and that he does not believe the strike need continue long.

Attorneys representing the Typographical union and kindred organizations of St. Louis, filed a motion today in the circuit court for a modification of the injunction granted by Judge Taylor last Saturday restraining the union from in any way interfering with the Greesley Printers' work from placing pickets or assembling near the establishment. The unions claim this is an abridgment of their constitutional rights, which they aver, guarantees them a right to assemble peacefully for their own good.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 4.—Both the employees and strikers are claiming victories in the local strike of typographical union. The motion and injunction granted by Judge Taylor last night this makes a total of about 40 printers on strike here.

VALLEY POSTOFFICE RAISED.

Congressman Postoffice was advised today by the first assistant postmaster general that the postoffice at Valley was advanced from the fourth to the third class on January 1, and that it would be necessary to make a new nomination. Mr. Kennedy was advised that if there were no specific reasons why the present incumbent should not be reappointed his name would be sent to the postoffice. Mr. Kennedy stated that he knew of no reasons why the present incumbent should not be reappointed. Mr. Kennedy stated that he knew of no reasons why the present incumbent should not be reappointed.

Y. W. C. A. ASSOCIATIONS MERGE

Membership in an Evangelical Church Not Required by New Or- ganization.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The two executive boards which have had control of all the Young Women's Christian associations throughout the country effected a merger today and hereafter all the associations of the organization will unite interests under one executive board. The consolidation effected today was the result of a two days' special session of the convention of the association affiliated with the American committee, which was called to discuss propositions submitted by the International Board of Women and Young Women's Christian association seeking a union. Five definite recommendations as to the means to be employed in effecting union were submitted to a vote and the result was an almost unanimous affirmative decision, in which it was agreed that the American committee should send seven delegates to meet seven delegates of the International board and will effect jointly upon the terms of union and effect an entire reorganization of the two boards into a single executive organization.

The delegates elected to meet the delegates of the International board were: Mrs. Frank E. Brown, Milwaukee; Mrs. Thomas Gladding, Montclair, N. J.; Mrs. E. M. Reynolds, Indianapolis; Miss Annie M. Griffith, Mrs. L. Wilbur Messer and Mrs. Frank E. Brown.

Under the new executive organization membership in an evangelical church will not be required. It was also provided in the agreement that the suggestion of the International board that Miss Grace H. Dodge of New York be made the chairman of the joint committee should be accepted.

As soon as the work of the joint committee has been completed a joint convention of all delegates from all the associations in both the American committee and international board will be called to ratify the work of the committee and to prepare for a united effort toward furthering the work carried on by the associations.

PASS AGREEMENT IS BROKEN

Railroads Will Probably Continue Old Plan for Another Year

COLAUMBER, O., Jan. 4.—Announcement is made today that the agreement among the railroads in the central traffic association to abolish passes absolutely is practically broken and the meeting at Chicago yesterday to hear the reports of the presidents of the railroads on the matter of the proposed new plan for the year 1915, will probably be held in Philadelphia, Pa., where the Pennsylvania system in abolishing passes absolutely.

Among those present at the Chicago meeting were F. B. Sheldon, assistant to the president of the Hocking Valley; J. M. Ferris, vice president of the Ohio Central lines, and T. D. McCabe, freight traffic manager of the Pennsylvania line west of Pittsburg, who represented Vice President Wood. The trunk lines, like the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Norfolk & Western stood together but the little lines demanded that they be allowed to use their own option regarding passes to the newspapers. This was granted and a dozen subcommittees were appointed to hear cases in the central traffic district, where passes may be allowed. This trunk line officials declared today, virtually smashes the agreement abolishing passes.

Today the Big Four and the Baltimore & Ohio announce that they have mileage books for the newspapers, if they want them instead of cash for advertising.

GOSSIP OF APPOINTMENTS

Burkett Determined to Have a Say in Naming the United States Attorney.

MEMBERS SCEPTICAL OF NEW DEPARTURE

Express Doubts Whether Senators Will Concede Them a Voice in the Naming of Federal Of- ficials in Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Burkett's return to Washington two appointments await him, district attorney for Nebraska and receiver for the land office at O'Neill, caused by the resignation of D. Clem Deaver.

Senator Millard now recognizes that he is not to have it all his own way in naming the United States district attorney to succeed Judge Baxter, unless there is a more definite understanding than now exists between Millard and Burkett regarding the former's position on the bill dividing Nebraska into two federal districts.

The fact is Senator Burkett is not committed to the proposition that the Northern Platte country is entitled to the district attorneyship. Just what inside information Senator Millard will bring back with him will become apparent when the senators get together.

Congressmen Are Dabblers.

Members of the Nebraska delegation have been reading with considerable interest the interviews with Senator Millard in local Nebraska papers that heretofore the entire delegation will be called into council in the matter of appointments as has been the Iowa custom for many years. While they are pleased at the prospect, they realize that the senatorial patronage idea, and in the language of one of the representatives from the Antelope state, the congressmen will have to "be shown," before they believe such reformation has taken place.

Two After Deaver's Place.

In the case of the vacancy in the land office at O'Neill, two candidates are open to the field, Sanford Parker and Spencer J. M. McMillin of Lynch. Both were candidates for one or the other of the positions in the Valentine land office, but as they did not reside in the Valentine district they were not seriously considered. Now, they are in the line for the O'Neill office in the district in which the gentlemen mentioned reside it is thought that at least one—Sanford Parker—will stand a good show of appointment.

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FIGHT FOR INCREASE OF PENSION.

Ever since Senator Burkett has been in congress he has labored to secure an increase in the pension of Captain Adam Bax of Lincoln, who is 75 years of age and is totally blind. Burkett has brought the case up to the Board of Review of the Pension bureau time and time again, but only to get knocked out. As late as September of last year Bax's application for an increase was rejected. Burkett got a re-examination and again the case was rejected. This time Burkett has brought Burkett with blood in his eye to the pension office, where he went over the entire mass of evidence and finally convinced the Board of Review that their previous action was wholly wrong, and today Bax was granted an increase of pension to \$9 per month.

The South Dakota situation grows more complicated daily on account of the rival candidacy of Senator Gamble and Representative Martin for the Gamble successorship. So far as the distribution of patronage for South Dakota goes, it is a case of three against one. Kittredge, Burke and Martin being linked together, while Senator Gamble is herding by himself. The first test of strength between the South Dakota factions will come when the United States district attorney. The South Dakota trio has recommended Judge Bernatki of Salem for the place, while Gamble has recommended the present incumbent, J. B. Elliott. It is generally thought that a man recommended by the Kittredge crowd will be elected, and that Senator Gamble learns this directly from the lips of the president he is making heroic efforts to bring about the appointment of Elliott.

News was received at the capital today that J. B. Elliott is on his way to Washington as postmaster at Paduca, Kentucky, to withdraw from the contest for United States district attorney and if possible switch his indentments to some person other than Bernatki. Should the Department of Justice refuse to permit this change of indentments unless specifically approved by the president, Elliott's indentments might complicate matters very considerably. In any event, until the convention in June one of the merriest wars politically that has been seen in the capital for years will go on between these two factions of the regular party of South Dakota. Senator Gamble will insist on being heard in every arrangement made and it will be interesting to watch how the plans fall.

Today Representatives Martin and Burke recommended the appointment of Mary A. South as postmaster at Paduca, Kentucky, and Peter Sweeney at Sweeney, Lyman county, S. D.

Conference on Food Bill.

Congressman Martin today had a conference with Commissioner Garfield of the bureau of corporations relative to his bill regulating corporations engaged in food or supply. Mr. Martin's bill meets the approval of both the president and Mr. Garfield. The conference this morning largely related to the subject of amendments which are thought to be necessary in relation to the inspection of the books of corporations affected by the proposed bill. Mr. Martin anticipates that his bill will be made an administration measure and be taken up in the interstate commerce committee after the disposition of the rate question.

MEMORIAL FOR MINING MEN.

Today Congressman Martin presented a memorial from the Barke Hills Mining Men's association asking for the passage of a bill establishing mining experiment stations in the mining states. Congressmen (Continued on Second Page.)

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA

Fair Friday and Saturday; Colder Sunday.

Hour.	Temp.	Hour.	Temp.
5 a. m.	18	1 p. m.	28
6 a. m.	18	2 p. m.	30
7 a. m.	18	3 p. m.	32
8 a. m.	18	4 p. m.	30
9 a. m.	19	5 p. m.	32
10 a. m.	22	6 p. m.	30
11 a. m.	24	7 p. m.	28
12 m.	28	8 p. m.	28

LIGHT ON MURDER MYSTERY

Story that Matt Styer and Pearl Wheaton Attempted to Elope and Relatives Interfered.

CALEDONIA, Minn., Jan. 4.—A letter purporting to be from Pearl Wheaton, who was killed and her mother and sister fatally wounded by Matt Styer, Tuesday, Styer subsequently committing suicide, was received today and is receiving considerable attention in clearing up the mystery. The letter is addressed to the Styer. The dead girl is represented as promising to elope with Styer and making arrangements to meet him at her home at midnight between January 1 and 2, the hour the attack occurred.

In view of the discovery, the theory is advanced in behalf of Styer that he went to the Wheaton home to assist Pearl to escape, that he was discovered by members of the family and fired on, and that he shot back in self-defense against the mother and sister, killing his sweetheart Pearl by accident, and that he killed himself when he realized how deadly his aim was.

The Wheaton family doubts the authenticity of the letter and clings to the original story that a triple murder and suicide were deliberately planned. Thirty letters from Pearl Wheaton to Styer, all promising undying love, were found in Styer's effects and among these were several in which he promised to go with Styer when he came for her.

BANK DIRECTORS PAY UP

Officials of Fairbank, Minn., Bank Forced to Atone for Neglect of Duty.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 4.—The suit of Lyman D. Baird, as receiver of the First National bank of Fairbank, Minn., against the eight directors of the bank for alleged neglect in their official conduct was settled in the United States circuit court today upon the agreement of four of the directors to pay \$100,000 in full of all claims. The First National bank of Fairbank failed in January, 1904, and the president, Thomas B. Clement, a short time after the failure was arrested and later indicted by the federal grand jury on charges of embezzlement and misappropriation of the bank's funds and with making false entries in the reports to the comptroller of the currency. He was convicted and sentenced to serve eight years in the state prison. At the time the assets of the bank came into the hands of the receiver it was alleged the assets were \$15,822, of which \$28,770 is alleged to be of a doubtful character and \$10,552 is alleged to be absolutely worthless.

The debts and liabilities, it is alleged, exceeded the assets and resources by \$400,000, including in the assets the liability of the stockholders.

SENATOR BURTON MAY RESIGN

Mr. Stone Says He Heard Statement Made in Kansas City, but Can Not Vouch for It.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 4.—When seen tonight United States Senator William J. Stone of Missouri said that he had been incorrectly quoted in an interview published in an afternoon newspaper relative to a report that United States Senator J. Ralph Burton of Kansas, recently convicted for receiving compensation for acting as an attorney before a department of civil government in the interests of a private corporation, would resign in a few days.

Senator Stone tonight said: During a conversation with a reporter this afternoon I mentioned that while in Kansas a day or two ago it was told that Senator Burton would resign from office within a few days. I impressed upon the reporter that I could not vouch for the authenticity of the report nor say whether or not he would resign. I am in a position to predict the future actions of Senator Burton.

I said I repeated the statements made to me simply for their face value as a news item and did not in any respect stand responsible for their accuracy.

PROVIDENT LIFE A TRUST