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SHOCKS AT REGGIO

Quake at Noon Causes Fall of Damaged Walls to Fall.

CITY IS ALMOST ABANDONED

Few Persons Remain Except Troops and British Marines.

FEVER FOLLOWS THE FAMINE

Typhoid Threatens to Become Epidemic at Messina.

FEW FOREIGNERS ARE KILLED

Nearly All the Victims Are Italians—Escape of United States Vice Consul Lupton Almost Miraculous.

BULLETIN.

REGGIO, Jan. 5.—Earthquakes have occurred here today at intervals of twenty minutes. At noon a earthquake stronger than the others caused a number of the standing walls to collapse and created a condition of panic among the survivors. It is not thought there were any casualties.

ROME, Jan. 5.—The prompt dispatch of a part of the American battleships with the fleet commander, Rear Admiral Sperry, to offer aid in the earthquake relief work, has added to the public feeling of appreciation and gratitude. Word has come that Admiral Sperry has opened a fund for the sufferers and that the men of the fleet are contributing generously.

Dispatches received today from Messina and Reggio indicate that although the situation is in some respect better, fresh complications have arisen. Typhoid fever has broken out at Messina. The lack of pure water and the increasing pollution of the air causes the physicians in charge of the Red Cross work to fear an epidemic. The medical administration, in conference with the government authorities, are considering the compulsory removal of all the living in the destroyed cities. The work of searching under the ruins had almost ceased because there is no expectation of finding any one alive. The earth tremors continue, causing fresh apprehensions among the already painfully affected survivors and the workers from outside.

Few Foreigners Are Killed.

The catastrophe is almost wholly Italian, few foreigners being among the dead. The American embassy and Americans who have gone to the scene, either as volunteers in relief work or as correspondents, have not found any further Americans among the victims.

Signor Rava, the Italian minister of public instruction, has received a telegram from Messina saying that the university there has been completely destroyed. The library, famous for its collection of manuscripts, may be recovered, but the authorities have not thought it proper to make any attempt in that direction while human suffering remains unrelieved. The celebrated Museum of Natural History is lost.

Reggio Almost Abandoned.

Reggio has been practically evacuated except for the troops, and the marines from two British warships are causing the populace to evacuate villa San Giovanni, which is considered to have been the center of the earthquake. The bay of Reggio still is strewn with broken boats and other debris.

Numerous persons still living, were taken today from beneath the ruins, while the voices of others could be distinctly heard appealing for aid. Within a few days the rescue work at Reggio will have ceased. Then the tottering buildings will be razed and the bodies that have not been buried will be burned.

Ruin at Messina.

The Associated Press had the first correspondent on the scene at Messina. He found a condition of utter confusion existing. The first shock of earthquake virtually had thrown down the entire city. The Italian soldiers were overwhelmed, and in a state of bewilderment wandered over the ruins in squads, numbering from three to fifty men. Little work was done until the arrival of the crews from the Russian and British warships, which worked valiantly, especially was this true of the Russians.

Large numbers of the survivors were crazed by grief, and panic seemed to have laid hold of all. In the camp of the refugee piteous scenes were enacted. Many persons threw themselves upon their knees begging for bread, while five minutes walk beyond were orange groves rich with ripe fruit. The fear for their safety seemed to hold them petrified in this small haven of refuge.

Escape of Vice Consul Lupton.

Stuart K. Lupton, the American vice consul, was in his room at the Hotel Vittoria when that building was demolished. His escape was miraculous. Wearing only his trousers and carrying his shoes and his overcoat in his hands, he groped his way along the quay, knee deep in water, toward the American consulate. On the way he met a woman and a man, both quite naked, and instinctively laid his overcoat over the shoulders of the woman. Clambering over the ruins of the consulate he became conscious of the fact that his feet were bruised and bleeding. Then he wondered why he had carried his shoes in his hand. He continued in a state of bewilderment until he established himself on a British ship in the harbor. Later he again came ashore and raised the American flag over the new consulate in a damaged condition, but one of the few remaining buildings in the outskirts of the city. Then Mr. Lupton began an industrious search for Americans. All of the Americans who have not been heard from may be considered safe. Probably all are in the south of Sicily. Those who are known to have suffered from the earthquake have been reported. The telegraph and telephone wires have been placed at the service of the government and personal messages will be delayed indefinitely.

The Associated Press correspondent found amid the ruins of the Hotel Victoria, the blackboard with the full list of the guests of the hotel clearly written upon it on the night of the disaster. It bore, besides the name of Mr. Lupton, one two other English names.

PORT SAID, Jan. 5.—The American scout cruiser Yankton left here this morning for Messina with medical supplies and provisions on board for the earthquake sufferers. It carries also a number of doctors. The Connecticut, the flagship of Rear Admiral Sperry; the Vermont, the Kansas and the Minnesota arrived here from Suez last night. They will sail for

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Wednesday, January 6, 1909.

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THE WEATHER.

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Rising temperature Wednesday.

FOR NEBRASKA—Snow Wednesday; rising temperature.

FOR IOWA—Wednesday fair in the east, snow and warmer in west portion.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	5
6 a. m.	4
7 a. m.	3
8 a. m.	3
9 a. m.	4
10 a. m.	2
11 a. m.	1
12 m.	—1
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9 p. m.	—10

DOMESTIC.

Congressman Smith of Council Bluffs is on the warpath and proposes to reply to strictures of the president. **Page 1**

Thornton J. Hains goes on the witness stand in his own behalf and is subjected to severe cross-examination. **Page 2**

Authoritative statement is made that Standard Oil cases are not ended and District Attorney Sims says $40,000,000 may be collected in fines under car lot order. **Page 2**

Engineer and firemen are killed and several injured in wreck of fast train near Huntington, W. Va. **Page 1**

FOREIGN.

Epidemic of typhoid fever is now threatening Messina and strenuous measures will be taken by authorities. **Page 1**

LOCAL.

Coldest weather in two years comes with the north wind Tuesday. **Page 1**

Hill lines to make a fight for the wheat traffic of the northwest. **Page 5**

Building permits issued show there is a persistent demand for residences in Omaha. **Page 5**

Two more stories may be added to the south portion of the Schlitz building and the top one utilized as a roof garden. **Page 5**

Kansas City man makes a humorous plea in discussing the grain rate case. **Page 4**

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

Live stock markets. **Page 9**

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Stocks and bonds. **Page 9**

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
NEW YORK		Rhndam.....Barbarossa.
ROTTERDAM		.....Statendam.
NAPLES		.....Nord Amerika.
CHERBOURG		.....Philadelphia.
HALIFAX		.....Ontarian.

TRAIN HURLED FROM TRACK

Engineer and Fireman and Several Passengers Are Reported Killed.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Jan. 5.—A number of passengers are reported to have been killed when the fast Flying Virginian No. 1 on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, due in Cincinnati at 9 a. m., ran into an open switch early today near Capertown, seventy miles east of here. The train went hurling into the side of a steep embankment and Thomas Edwards of Barboursville, the third oldest engineer on the Chesapeake & Ohio, and Fireman Peter Trent of Russell, Ky., were instantly killed. Wrecking crews have been dispatched from this city and Handley to the scene of the wreck.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 5.—Advices to the local offices of the Chesapeake & Ohio are to the effect that only the engine of the fast flying Virginian left the track in the derailment near Caperton. No definite information as to the death or injury of any passengers has been received, but it is stated that the engineer and fireman were killed.

MOTHER SLAYS THREE SONS

Then Turns Gun on Herself and Inflicts Wound that Proves Fatal.

LAKE CITY, Ia., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Mrs. Jack Powell shot her three little boys, aged 8, 6 and 4 years, and then turned the gun on herself Monday afternoon. The two older boys are dead and the mother also, while the other boy is not expected to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell were well-to-do people living five miles northeast of this place. Mr. Powell was away at a neighbors helping to shell corn when the news reached him.

While the shooting was going on a neighbor and his wife drove into the yard and, hearing the shooting, rushed into the house, but were too late, as all four lay in one room with the blood oozing from the wounds.

PACKING INQUIRY BROADENS

Claim Agents of Two Cincinnati Roads Ordered to Produce Books and Records.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 5.—Many of the leading railroad men of the United States are to be called to appear before the federal grand jury investigating the packing house situation in Chicago, according to a witness summoned here today. Subpoenas were served here on F. H. Boisseau of the Big Four railroad claim agents' department and T. H. Noonan of the Continental lines. Mr. Noonan said he was not at all surprised that he was called. Men connected with the claim agents' office said none knew the nature of the books and papers which Mr. Boisseau was officially ordered to produce in Chicago.

FORAKER BACK TO PRACTICE

Senator May Represent Brownsville Soldiers in Test of President's Action.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—After March 4 next the activities of Senator Foraker of Ohio will be transferred from the United States senate to the courts.

While no definite understanding has been reached concerning his course, it is believed he will become attorney for some of the Brownsville soldiers in an effort to test the constitutionality of the president's action in discharging them without honor before the end of their enlistments.

SMITH IS ON THE WARPATH

Iowa Congressman Proposes to Reply to the President.

THURSDAY SET FOR ONSLAUGHT

Free Water is Asked for Use of Experimental Farms in Irrigation Districts—Resurveys Asked for Lands in Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Walter I. Smith of Council Bluffs, who has been prominently mentioned by the president in his message of yesterday regarding the failure to make appropriations for the secret servic, is mad all through. Yesterday Mr. Smith said had things about the president and his deductions on the failure of congress to support the hands of the administration in appropriating money for the secret service. Twenty-four hours, however, instead of abating the wrath of uJdge Smith, seems to have accentuated it, for he said today that in all probability he would reply to the message of the president on Thursday. That personally he had nothing to say as to his being mentioned among the four whom the president singled out for castigation, but he would defend the action of the appropriations committee, of which he is a member.

It is interesting to note in this connection that the appropriation for the secret service was reduced $10,000, this reduction being due to the fact that Chief Wilkie had stated to the committee that there was a surplus of $19,000 coming over from previous years. At the same time the reduction was made in the annual appropriation for the secret service the appropriations committee of the house voted $250,000 for the use of the Interior department in hunting down land thieves, which, to the men mentioned by the president in hhis message of yesterday, Judge Walter I. Smith of Iowa, Chairman Tawney of Minnesota, Representative H. Sherley of Kentucky and Representative Fitzgerald of New York, suggests that somebody has misconceived the purposes of the secret service reduction. The gentlemen named propose to defend this action and it is thought Judge Smith will open the ball on Thursday, rising under a question of personal privilege to tell why he voted for the reduction of the appropriation for the secret service.

Free Water for Experiments.

Governor Sheldon is anxious for the passage of Senator McCumber's bill providing for free water to any educational institution in irrigated districts. In a letter to Senator Brown the governor urges the passage of this bill, declaring his desire for the establishment of an experiment station in the irrigated country similar to the dry farming station now located at North Platte. With the passage of McCumber's bill the state would be at no expense for building irrigation works and it would be furnished water free of charge by the government.

Senator Brown has declared himself in hearty accordance with the ideas of the governor and will assist in the passage of the McCumber bill.

Bills for Resurveys.

Congressman Kinkaid has introduced a bill authorizing the resurvey of the west half of McPherson county, the east half being now in course of resurvey by a bill passed by congress about two years ago. His present bill also provides for the resurvey of township 32, range 16, in Boyd county; township 21, range 25, in Blaine county; township 30, range 19, in Cherry county; township 27, range 39, in Cherry county, and township 21, range 48, in Cheyenne county.

Congressman Kinkaid has introduced a bill to amend the irrigation law in many respects as requested by many leading citizens of Morrill in Scott's Bluff county.

Minor Matters at Capital.

Congressman Kinkaid has recommended John M. Dietel for postmaster at Adaton, Sheridan county, vice C. S. Rucker resigned. Also the appointment of Archie B. Wynes as postmaster at Oshkosh, vice August Sudman, resigned.

George A. Wilson has been appointed regular and William F. Oaks substitute rural carrier for route 1 at Tobias, Neb.

MRS. RANKIN WEEPS IN COURT

Widow of Night Riders' Victim Breaks Down During Attorney's Address.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Jan. 5.—For the first time during the trial of the night riders, Mrs. Rankin, widow of the man for whose murder the eight alleged night riders are now on trial, was in court today when the arguments began. Accompanied by a score or more of women friends, Mrs. Rankin was escorted to a seat within the bar.

She was clad in deep mourning. Major Hal Holmes opened for the state. As the little attorney in an eloquent way pictured Captain Rankin as one of the cleanest, purest men in Tennessee, and described his fearful end, Mrs. Rankin broke down, and leaning her heavily veiled head on the shoulder of her sister, the little widow sobbed piteously. Two of the accused men gazed closely at her, their faces working involuntarily. They were Tid Burton and Bob Hoffman. The latter is the man who, according to at least two witnesses, fired the shot that pierced Quentin Rankin's heart, as he was slowly strangling to death while hanging from the forked tree at Walnut Log. Mrs. Rankin raised her head a moment, caught sight of the two faces fixed on her, shivered and turned her tear-strained features from the men who are charged with her husband's murder. The defendants settled back into their seats and did not again look at Mrs. Rankin.

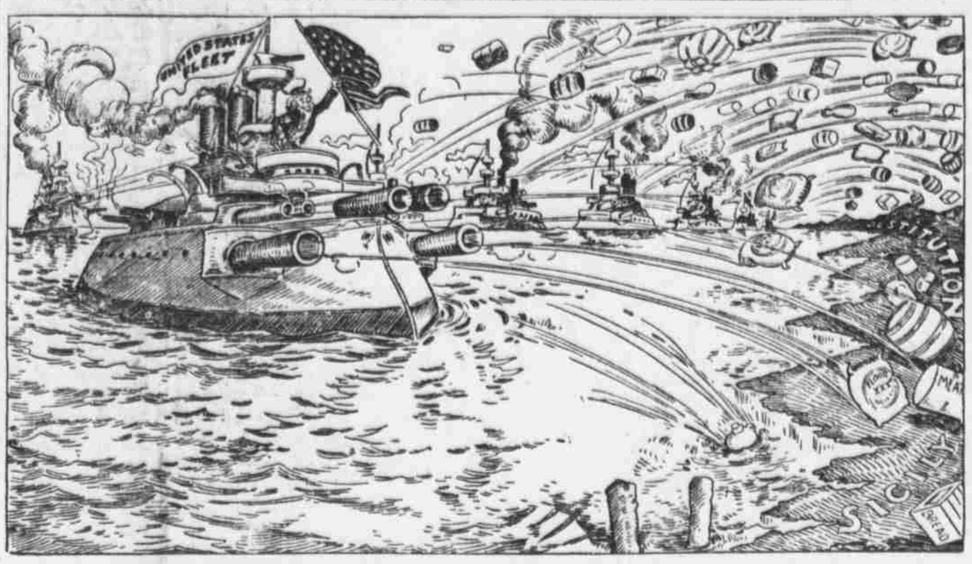
FLEE FROM SUPPOSED QUAKE

Explosion of Big Oil Tank Throws Woodriver People Into a Panic.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 5.—An explosion which shook houses and shattered windows five miles distant occurred at Woodriver, Ill., today when an oil tank of 100,000 gallons capacity caught fire. Henry Johnson, a watchman, was burned to death. Almost every window in the vicinity was broken and the residents fled from their beds fearing that an earthquake had taken place.

Brakeman Fatally Injured.

IOWA FALLS, Ia., Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Roy McCallough, a Rock Island brakeman of this city, was fatally injured last night by the breaking of the driving rod on the engine pulling a special freight near Cleaves. He was riding in the cab which was badly wrecked. He was brought to the hospital here alive this morning, but the surgeons say he can live but few hours.



The United States Fleet Will Bombard Stricken Sicily with Missiles of Mercy.

From the Minneapolis Journal.

COLD WAVE BEATS FORECAST

Mercury Descends Lower Than Official Prediction Prophesies.

WEATHER COLDEST IN TWO YEARS

Government Thermometer Registers 10 at 9 P. M. Last Night and Outlook is for Cold Day Wednesday at All Events.

After days and days of mild and pleasant weather, Nebraska and a large part of the United States are in the grip of the coldest weather which this state, at least, has experienced in two years. By 9 o'clock last night the mercury column had descended to 10.

It seems likely that the rising temperature predicted for Wednesday will start to rise from a point so low that no one will be complaining of the heat at noon today.

The decline in temperature yesterday was a gracefully graduated affair. Save for a little hesitation from 8 to 9 a. m. the mercury showed a downward determination of admirable consistency and reliability. Beginning at 5 a. m. with 5 above, the government thermometer had dropped to 3 by 8 o'clock. At 9 it had risen to 4 and this was the only fight made against the cold wave. The rest of the day and for a part of the night the column continued to decline and decline until those who looked at it every hour began to fear lest it would never stop.

The cold snap produced considerable suffering. There was a little temporary inconvenience for the well-fed and warmly clad, but the real sufferers were the poor. In many an ill-heated shack between the Missouri river and the western coast there was acute physical suffering last night and may be again tonight. Many charity workers, however, rose to their opportunity and the City Mission did good work among the destitute. The Associated Charities lent a hand and so did the Salvation Army and the Volunteers. Various refuges were eagerly sought and the police station proved a haven for some weatherbeaten, frost-nipped and homeless wayfarers.

The weather produced one strange phenomenon. It is in the vernal spring that the poet is supposed to well forth in verse, but the chill hours of Tuesday served to bring out a set of verses on the wind and weather which reached The Bee office during the night via the postoffice. The first stanza of this effusion ran as follows:

Wild it whistles down old Sixteenth,
Coming from the long lost pole,
No need now to cope with conscience,
It has froze our very soul.

This was the only humorous episode of the cold wave. Other incidents had to do too much with human suffering in greater or less degree to be funny.

Cold Wave Covers State.

NORFOLK, Neb., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The temperature dropped fifty degrees in northern Nebraska and southern south Dakota this morning, ranging from 2 below in northern Nebraska to 10 below at Chadron, Deadwood and Gregory, S. D. Seven below was registered in Norfolk. Light snow flurries are reported in the Black Hills.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The coldest weather of the season prevails here this evening. Temperature, 6 degrees below zero.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 5.—Southern Indiana and portions of Kentucky and Tennessee were enveloped early today in a dense fog which interfered to some extent with wire communication and rail transportation. The weather bureau promised tonight the coldest wave of the season.

VAN BUREN, Ark., Jan. 5.—The mild winter has caused the peach buds to swell and it is believed that the severe storm which passed through this section last night caused the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the owners of commercial peach orchards.

Severely Cold in the North.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 5.—Twelve degrees below zero was the lowest record of the United States weather bureau thermometer today. A biting northwest wind is driving a fine snow about making almost blizzard conditions. Street car traffic was demoralized in this city during the rush hours of the morning.

LEAD, S. D., Jan. 5.—The mercury dropped to 20 degrees below zero here last night, the coldest weather experienced here in many years. Heavy snows in the mountain districts make travel very difficult and a continuance of the present cold snap would cause suffering to the outlying districts. Points in the valleys adjacent report the temperature 18 below zero this morning.

HURON, S. D., Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—This was the coldest day of the season, the temperature being 10 to 12 below zero. Four inches of snow has fallen and it is badly drifted. The storm covers the northern and central parts of the state and east from the Missouri river.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The cold wave which is headed for the east and south has reached the western lake region and the middle Mississippi river valley, according to the weather bureau's announcement today. The lowest temperatures of the winter are reported today in the Dakotas, Montana and the British northwest. There is another storm blowing in the middle

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PROCLAMATION FOR ITALY.

To the People of Omaha:

A few days ago the whole world was shocked at the terrible disaster that came upon the people of Italy.

The press dispatches tell us that over 200,000 lives were lost and whole cities wiped from the face of the earth. Those that are living are mourning for the dead, but they themselves are begging for food and shelter—they are dying by the hundreds. They must depend for the present on those who are able to give. Everywhere the people are responding to their appeal.

The Italians of our city are doing what they can. The three daily papers are receiving contributions, large or small. I hope that the people of Omaha will give what they can, so that we may in a small way assist in alleviating the existing distress and help in providing homes, food and clothing for the destitute and needy.

JAMES C. DAHLMAN, Mayor.
Tuesday, January 5, 1909.

ENACTS FATAL SCENE IN COURT

Mrs. Beisel Gives Dramatic Story of the Shooting of J. Clayton Erb.

MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Catherine Beisel, who was on the witness stand yesterday when court adjourned in the trial in which she and her sister, Mrs. M. Florence Erb, are charged with the killing of the latter's husband, J. Clayton Erb, continued under direct examination today her story of the shooting of Erb. The witness told of having been summoned by telephone from a nearby hotel by her sister, who said that Captain Erb had been beating her. "When I got to the house," she continued, "we went to my sister's room and a minute later my sister went to the bathroom, saying that she would tell me all about Erb beating her since he came home. Then I heard Mr. Erb's voice."

Mrs. Beisel covered her face with her hands and shook with emotion. She went on:

"I ran into the hall. I saw him with a revolver. 'I'll get you now,' he said, "and came toward me. As he came I sprang at him."

The spectators in the room gaped open-eyed at the witness as she enacted in the witness box the tragedy of Erb's death. She said she did not know whether she got the revolver then or during the struggle afterwards. She told of the tussel with Erb for life; how he held the pistol toward her face; how she knocked it up, braced herself against the door, and released herself from his grasp and how he caught her again.

"I fired at him."

Mrs. Beisel's voice rang to the farthest corner of the court room. She fired and fired, she said. Then all grew dark before her and she did not know what happened next. She had fainted.

The witness told of events subsequent to the shooting and was then cross-examined by District Attorney McDade. This brought out nothing new.

TROOPS FIRE ON HINDU MOB

Religious Zealots Attack Mosque and Battle with Moslems Follows.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 5.—The religious riots between Mohammedans and Hindus have taken a more serious turn again, requiring the active intervention of British troops today at Lilloghur, who fired upon the Hindu mob.

The Hindus had resumed the attacks of two previous days on the Mosque at Titaghur because the Mohammedans had sacrificed cows. The Hindus destroyed the sacred furniture in the mosque and partially demolished the walls. Inflamed Mohammedans gathered to the defense of the mosque and were subsequently surrounded by a military cordon, which formed a barrier between the Mohammedans and the Hindi rioters who assaulted the military in an endeavor to come to close quarters with the Mohemmadans. The troops fired upon the zealots, killing and wounding several of them.

Isolated combats between Hindus and Mohammedans are taking place through the disturbed district. Mohammedans from more remote quarters are making their way to Titaghur to revenge the Hindu insults to their faith.

THRICE CONVICTED. GOES FREE

John Martin Speyer, Who Kills Own Son Turned Loose by Supreme Court.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 5.—John Martin Speyer of New Orleans, who on July 17, 1902, murdered his 5-year-old son Freddie by cutting the boy's throat, was released from the county jail here today. Speyer had been convicted three times of murder, but each time the supreme court reversed the decision and remanded the case. Speyer, who was a member of a carnival company, cut his little son's throat in the performers' tent while outside a mob was attempting to secure Speyer for an alleged assault upon a young girl.

HOUSE COMMITTEE AT WORK

Drastic Measures Relative to Secret Service Controversy Considered.

REPORT WILL BE MADE THURSDAY

President's Friends Will Resent Any Extreme Action and Warm Debate is Expected on the Floor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Drastic measures were considered today by the Perkins special committee of the house, appointed to recommend action in defense of the body in reply to the criticisms made by the president in his annual message in referring to secret service legislation.

After a meeting of the committee a report spread that the committee would recommend to the house that the portion of the message referring to the secret service be expunged from the record. Another report was that the recent message in reply to the request for more information on the subject would be returned to the chief executive. Neither report could be confirmed.

A report probably will be agreed upon by the committee tomorrow, but Chairman Perkins said today that no report would be submitted to the house tomorrow. It is believed the house will be called upon to take action Thursday.

One of the most interesting debates of the session is expected when the report is brought into the house. Friends of the president will resist any drastic action that may be recommended. On the other hand, Representatives Tawney, Smith, Sherley and Fitzgerald are preparing to defend themselves against the references to themselves in the message. Their remarks, however, will not be a personal defense, as they maintain they should not attempt to divert attention from the controversy, which is between congress and the president, and not between themselves and the president.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE

Number of Minor Bills Passed Without Semblance of Quorum.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Transacting business without even the semblance of a quorum, the house of representatives today passed several bills of a miscellaneous character, but of little general public importance. The only incident worthy of note during the consideration of these measures was a heated discussion among the members of the Indiana delegation over a bill to provide for the establishment of judicial divisions in the district of Indiana. The measure failed of passage through the refusal of a majority to order its third reading, and its being subsequently laid upon the table. Over two hours were devoted to consideration of the bill providing for the erection of embassy and legation buildings abroad without any conclusion being reached with regard to it.

Among the bills to successfully run the gauntlet were the following:

Authorizing the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad company and the Lackawanna Railroad company to construct a bridge across the Delaware river between Columbia, N. J., and Slateford, Pa., and providing for the granting of leaves of absence with pay for thirty days to employes on the Panama canal injured in line of duty.

At 5 p. m. the house adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

Number of Nominations Confirmed in Executive Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The business of the senate today consumed less than an hour, nearly half of which was devoted to the consideration of nominations in executive session, of which a large number were confirmed.

A motion by Senator Gore of Oklahoma to print the inaugural addresses and the proclamation of emancipation by President Lincoln in the Congressional Record in celebration of the centenary year of Lincoln's birth, brought Senator Bailey of Texas to his feet with an objection to the printing of the proclamation of emancipation. Further discussion was stopped by a reference of the entire matter to the committee on printing.

MICHIGAN'S OLDEST MAN DEAD

Father, Son and Seven Uncles Had Lived Beyond Century Mark.

JACKSON, Mich., Jan. 5.—Phillip Brushart, said to be the oldest man in Michigan, died last night, aged 104 years. His father, who fought in the battle of Waterloo, lived to be over 100 years old, and he has seven uncles who lived beyond the century mark.

THIRD INAUGURAL FOR JOHNSON

Governor of Minnesota Will Take Oath of Office and Read Message.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 5.—The thirty-sixth session of the Minnesota legislature opened at noon today. Governor Johnson will take the oath of office for the third time tomorrow and will then read his annual message to the legislature.

STARTS WITH A ROW

Indications at the Outset Legislature Will Be a Kilkenny Cat Affair.

SORE SPOTS OVER SPEAKERSHIP

Burlington Railroad and the Brewers Said to Be the Bosses.

WRANGLE OVER COMMITTEES

Caucus, Through Its Committee Tries to Dictate to Speaker.

SENATORS ARE ALSO IN A STEW

Douglas County Members Accused of Hogging Things and Fixing the Senate Organization in Favor of the Corporations.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—A big row is promised when the advisory committee of the house meets with the speaker to discuss committee appointments.

The row will start over the power of that committee. Some members of that secret caucus insist that the committee was clothed with power to name the committees, while others are just as positive and insistent that it only has the authority to act in an advisory capacity. Over this question the members of the committee, two from each congressional district, and the speaker, will clash. The caucus adjourned without the matter being definitely settled.

As a matter of fact, the motion given out last night at the conclusion of the caucus showed the committee had "advisory powers" only, but since it has been discovered today that it is a slap at Mr. Bryan and a turndown for his pet scheme to shift responsibility, some of the members insist that the committee has full power.

Many Sore Spots.

The election of Pool has left numerous sore spots which have developed during the day and tonight in the lobby of the Lincoln it is public talk from the democrats that the brewers and the Burlington railroad organized the house. Lee Herdman is charged with having deserted Clark and gone to Pool with his organization, while Tom Allen is said to have worked for Pool and against Henry Richmond in order to get even with the World-Herald for criticising him for interfering in the organization.

Edgar Howard is also given great credit for taking votes away from Clark. This, together with the fact that Arthur Mullen was forced to keep his hands off the fight, made the victory easy for the Pool forces.

Tonight it was told on good authority that Pool had called for help from the republicans to sustain him if it came to a show down in the house regarding his authority. Some of the democrats are talking openly of revolting against the election of Pool and forming an alliance with the republicans.

The question will come up for some solution at the meeting of the committee and the speaker at a date not yet fixed.

The following have been selected as committees to advise the speaker on the selection of standing committees. First district, Clark of Richardson and Groves of Lancaster; Second district, Holmes of Douglas and Gates of Sarpy; Third district, Graff of Cuming and Gregg of Platte; Fourth district, Murphy of Fillmore and Wilson of Polk; Fifth district, Kelley of Furnas and Bowman of Nuckolls; Sixth district, Henry of Holt and Fries of Howard.

Resentment Against Douglas.

The success of Douglas county senators in capturing the advantageous places on the committees that have the organization of the upper house in charge has caused a considerable amount of resentment among the senators who have come down for the first time and see the energetic spoils seekers of their metropolis out after the good things for themselves and constituents.

The scheme was managed in a caucus of a few of the senators early on the scene, held by Senator Ransom on the night before the caucus of the entire majority membership. It is said eleven of the early ones attended and parceled out the places.

It was rather unusual to see the three senators from one county secure the chairmanships of the three committees on organization, but this is what happened.

At the large caucus, as one minority senator expressed it, those who were more reticent sat back and passed the motions that the other senators made and when they came to examine the lists after it was all over they found they were not represented. With Ransom on the committee on rules, Tanner heading the committee on committees and Howell heading the committee on employes, the chances for outsiders to get in at the pie counter are not what would be considered "red hot."

One of the senators who won his spurs on the battlefield by defeating a republican of state-wide reputation sat gloomily in his seat when he was questioned about the prospect. "I will say this," he replied to a question about the outlook, "those committees will be made up in a way that will satisfy everybody."

All of which presaged a fine time in the meeting of the committee on standing committees, which was scheduled for later in the day.

In this connection it is suggested that four republican votes added to the number of disaffected democrats would be sufficient to control any action that does not appear to be square and fair.

The republicans are not likely to enter into any such combination, as their policy as outlined at the caucus is to throw the burden of what is done at this session upon the majority party, which at the start, as one member expressed it, is doing "tolerably well."

BOTH HOUSES READY FOR WORK

Democratic Caucus Nominees Chosen Without a Hitch.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The thirty-first session of the Nebraska legislature, the first in the history of the state wherein the majority is democratic, convened at 12 o'clock today. After the perfection of a permanent organization adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock Wednesday, at which time a joint session will be held to canvass the votes cast in the last election. The election of all officers was by unanimous vote of republicans and democrats.

The weather was cold and as a result only few people witnessed the opening in the house and even a smalled crowd was

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