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ALL ARE READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Metropolis Prepares for the Holiday that This Year Will Be of Three Days' Duration.

BUSINESS WORLD TAKES A REST

Multitudes Gather in the Retail Districts to Purchase Presents.

HEARTS OF CHILDREN GLADDENED

Dinners Are Served to Thousands of the City's Poor.

FOREST OF TREES IS ERECTED

Volume of Mail Greatly in Excess of Any Previous Year and Army of Extra Carriers Are Pressed Into the Service.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—"Getting ready for Christmas" was the spirit that filled the air when throngs began to move in the streets this morning and Father Knickerbocker took on the air of the three-days' celebration that had then virtually begun.

The exchanges in the business and financial district were closed, the sound of the ticker hushed and thousands joined the great crowds in the shopping, theater and hotel districts, where the multitude flowed along the avenues and flooded into the stores to gather from the treasures there, to make glad hearts for the children and happy firesides for the homes on the anniversary of the birth of "The Prince of Peace."

The celebration of Christmas will continue through Monday. In all the churches there will be special Christmas services, the theaters are putting on special bills, the hotels and cafes special Christmas dinners and entertainments, the clubs and societies special Christmas gayeties.

The heavy rain which began early in the morning swept the streets clean, but the predicted "white Christmas" has not been heralded this evening, as the weather is still damp and dreary.

Christmas Trees a Plenty.

Down on West street today thousands of little Christmas trees have been scrutinized, "hefted" and bought. Every commuter looked like a forester as he hurried Jerseyward. The trees were hauled up high, yellow wood butts to the sidewalk, so the prospective Santa Claus could quickly choose one of fitting size.

Everyone of those thousands of yellow disks stands surrounded tonight. Fast as the West street forest marched to the ferries, wagonloads of it renewed the supply. On Vesey street nearby was the traditional mart of dusel bedlinings for the trees. Here the horsecarts strung along with wreaths, boxes of palms and heaps of holly.

There are other nooks of Christmas in lower Manhattan. Trinity and St. Paul's are havens of seasonable celebration amidst the skyscraper district from noon today, when Christmas carols were to be sung at St. Paul's. Otherwise the financial district was as lone, bleak, windy and sour as a mountain gorge, except for the crowds in the street.

There are a score of downtown places where Christmas dinners will be served, from the Austrian home in Broad street to the New York Society for the Relief of the Crippled at Forty-second street.

Engaged in Happy Commerce.

In Fifth avenue shops in Broadway department stores, in East Side pushcart thoroughfares, the whole world seemed to be engaged in happy commerce today. What is not so well known was the shopping of the poor.

Christmas in wholesale quantities will be provided by the Salvation Army at Grand Central palace Monday morning. Baskets to feed 25,000 will be distributed and a monstrous tree be harvested of toys. The Children's Aid society is prepared to take care of about 10,000 appetites, the Volunteer band of as many more.

Big Tim Sullivan's Bowery dinner will tighten the belts of at least 6,000. The Union District Messenger boys will eat turkey, thanks to Michael W. Ravens, on Christmas day.

Last night 2,000 children gathered at the Suffrage league, where a Christmas tree was given under the direction of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont.

All the exchanges will be closed Monday and but one afternoon newspaper will issue. But there will be no holiday for the postman or expressmen. In no year before has the great press of Christmas mail been so gigantic as it has been this year. For up to today, approximately, 40,000,000 pieces of mail have been handled at the general postoffice. Of this number of pieces at least 10,000,000 were Christmas cards.

Man on Way Home to Spend Christmas Killed

J. E. Frees of Wichita Struck by Train at Holt, Mo., Just After Filing a Telegram.

HOLT, Mo., Dec. 24.—Jacob E. Frees of Wichita, Kan., was struck and killed here today by a passenger train on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. He was on his way from Wichita to spend Christmas with his brother at his old home in Quincy, Ill. He had left his train to send a telegram on to his brother, as follows:

"Home for Christmas at 2 o'clock this afternoon."

Returning to his train he was struck by one from the other direction. His wife and a 20-year-old son were with Mr. Frees.

Minneapolis Chief of Police Resigns

Colonel Frank T. Corriston Quits Office as Result of Charges Alleging Graft.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—Colonel Frank T. Corriston, superintendent of the Minneapolis police, today resigned, to take effect January 1, and Captain Michael Mealey, at present assistant superintendent on duty, will succeed him. Corriston's resignation followed the vice investigation of the grand jury and the criticism of the alleged laxity of the police in enforcing the laws.

Thomas Benton Hord Dies of Paralysis in Minneapolis, Minn.

Central City Man Who Was Largest Cattle Feeder in World Passes Away in Mill City.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas Benton Hord, the largest cattle feeder in the world and for many years past a resident here, died this morning at Minneapolis, Minn., where he had gone only a few days ago to consult a specialist. He was stricken with paralysis about two years ago and had not actively engaged in business since that time.

He went to Europe this summer to the Baden Baden Springs and returned much improved. He and Mrs. Hord went to Minneapolis last Sunday and no intimation had been received that he was worse until the telegram this morning announcing his death.

T. B. Hord was known a[illegible] of Nebraska. For many [illegible] he was recognized as the greatest individual feeder of cattle in the United States. His interests were confined to banking, cattle raising and the buying of grain. The headquarters for conducting his business are located at Central City, where he has a bank, large grain office and elevator.

The Hord home is at Central City. The Hord cattle feeding yards, near Central City, are among the largest in the state. Other cattle yards belonging to the Hord company are located in the western part of the state.

Elevators of the Hord Grain company are situated in several towns of Nebraska and Iowa. The Central City National Bank is known as the Hord bank and T. B. Hord was its president.

For many years T. B. Hord lived on the Homa ranch, which is just a mile east of Central City. This farm comprises several hundred acres. A few years ago Mr. Hord erected a beautiful residence in Central City and moved from the farm. His son, Heber, was given the ranch house for his residence. Within the last four years Heber Hord has built a residence across the street from the one in which his father lived and has deserted the ranch as a living place.

T. B. Hord was Central City's most public spirited citizen. Through his donations the parks and public buildings of the town were improved. He always was interested in having the town built up and used his influence to get the property owners to erect brick store buildings, with the result that most of Central City's business sections is composed of brick and stone structures.

Mr. Hord is survived by Mrs. Hord, a son and a daughter. The children are married. The daughter lives in Los Angeles.

Boy Frozen to Death Near Grand Forks

Sister Who Wandered Away with Him Will Die—Coroner's Jury Charges Parents with Neglect.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 24.—That the 5-year-old son of Michael Gitt of Richardson, N. D., froze to death as the result of his parents' neglect, is the verdict of the coroner's jury that investigated the case today. A sister, 4 years old, who was with the boy, will probably die.

The children disappeared from the house about noon, and it was evening before neighbors were called to help to search for them. They were found at the rear of their home, one dead and the other with her legs frozen from the knees down and both arms frozen.

BIG PAY DAY IN PITTSBURG

Paymasters in Industrial Plants Distribute Seven Millions Among Employes.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—Paymasters in the industrial plants in the Pittsburg district completed their work today when the last of $7,000,000 was distributed to the men. It is one of the largest pays in the history of the district and included men employed by the steel, coal and coke industries as well as the river interests. One corporation paid 7,000 men on Friday in order that their families might have the money for shopping early Saturday. Others have been distributing funds throughout the week. The holiday will be short.

APPORTIONMENT TO BE TAKEN UP

Consideration of Census Bureau's Scheme by Members of House Committee in Order.

STATISTICAL TABLES ARE READY

Copies Will Be Mailed to Representatives During Vacation.

CAPITOL IS ALMOST DESERTED

Representative Longworth One of the Few Who Work.

WILL DRAFT NEW MEASURE SOON

[illegible]mmission Bill to Represent [illegible] of Majority of Ways and Means Committee—Confers with Good.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The census bureau's congressional apportionment scheme will be before members of the house committee on census for consideration between now and the re-assembling of congress, January 5. Chairman Crumpacker of that committee has had printed the statistical tables prepared by the census bureau, showing the effect of various changes in the basis of apportionment of the representations of the different states. These will be mailed to the members of the committee, who are at their homes or in Washington for the holidays.

This is designed to expedite the consideration of the plan so that when that body meets every member will have had time to go over the tables thoroughly and be better prepared for action on the proposal to report the bill to the house at this session.

Capitol Deserted.

The capitol was almost deserted today, most of the members of congress being at their homes for the holidays. Representative Longworth of Ohio was one of the few members at work. He is going over the whole question of a tariff commission bill and will have completed a draft of a measure, representing as nearly as possible the views of the majority of the ways and means committee by the time that congress re-assembles on January 5.

Mr. Longworth's work on the commission idea follows his conferences with Representatives Good of Iowa and Lenroot of Wisconsin, in both of whose bills he found good points.

Many thousands of copies of the report and hearing of the committee that conducted the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation will be distributed throughout the country. It is estimated the cost will be $15,000, according to Representative Cooper of Pennsylvania, chairman of the house committee on printing.

Mr. Cooper and members of his committee favored getting out a large edition to meet the widespread demand for information on the subject. Meanwhile the house committee on agriculture has yet to act on the report of the investigating committee, which was referred to it.

The report of the agricultural committee will be a perfunctory report of the matter to the house without delving into the case at all.

School Board Averts a Strike of Janitors

Walkout at New Haven is Averted by Members Making Subscription to to Meet Ultimatum.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—Members of the Board of Education of the New Haven public schools had the unique experience last night of avoiding a strike of school janitors by voluntary subscriptions of the amount of money demanded by the janitors as extra compensation. Cooking classes have been held during the fall for young women who could not receive day instructions. The janitors have objected to working overtime and the school board was unable to secure increases compensation for them. The ultimatum came yesterday, and either the classes had to be given up or the janitors paid. The board members "dug down into their jeans" and raised cash enough to satisfy the would-be strikers.

Expert Who Will Talk to the Traveling Men at Their Dinner

Arthur C. Chase, one of the best known traveling men in Omaha, will be a speaker on the program of the dinner to be given at the Commercial club, December 30. Mr. Chase has spent twenty-two years on the road and has learned the ways of the knight of the grip so well that he has been entrusted with a number of important missions for the Traveler's Protective association. Seventeen years of his service has been with Paxton & Gallagher, so he is a fair representative of the salesman for Omaha houses.

On the program Mr. Chase will speak for the Traveler's Protective association. He has been a prominent member of Post A, the Omaha chapter of that organization for a good many years and has served as president of it. Twice he was elected a delegate to the national convention to represent the Omaha post. Quite recently it was desired to make up a committee to consider the problems of good roads and public utilities. Mr. Chase was selected as the Omaha representative on this committee, because of his general knowledge of the troubles of traveling men in getting across country in Nebraska and because of his interest in automobiling. He has been an enthusiast in automobiles for years and is an expert in cross country touring.

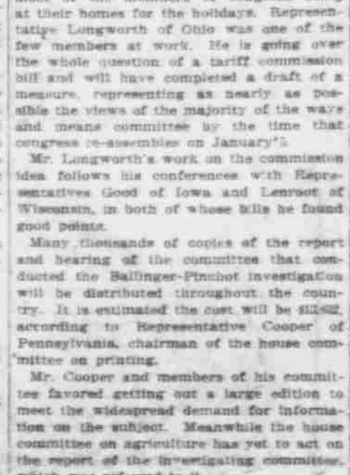
The banquet for the traveling men will be one of the biggest affairs that the Commercial club has ever attempted. It is hoped that every man who travels for an Omaha house will be there.

The program of speeches will be under the general leadership of Frank Haller of the Lininger implement company, who will act as toastmaster. The general chairman for the whole evening will be Edgar Allen, president of the Commercial club.

When Mr. Allen calls the meeting to order he will introduce Right Reverend George A. Beecher, bishop of the diocese of Kearney, who will deliver the invocation. One of the most important toasts on the program, "The Commercial Club," will be responded to by Albert W. Jefferis, an attorney with a reputation for brilliance and felicity in oratory.

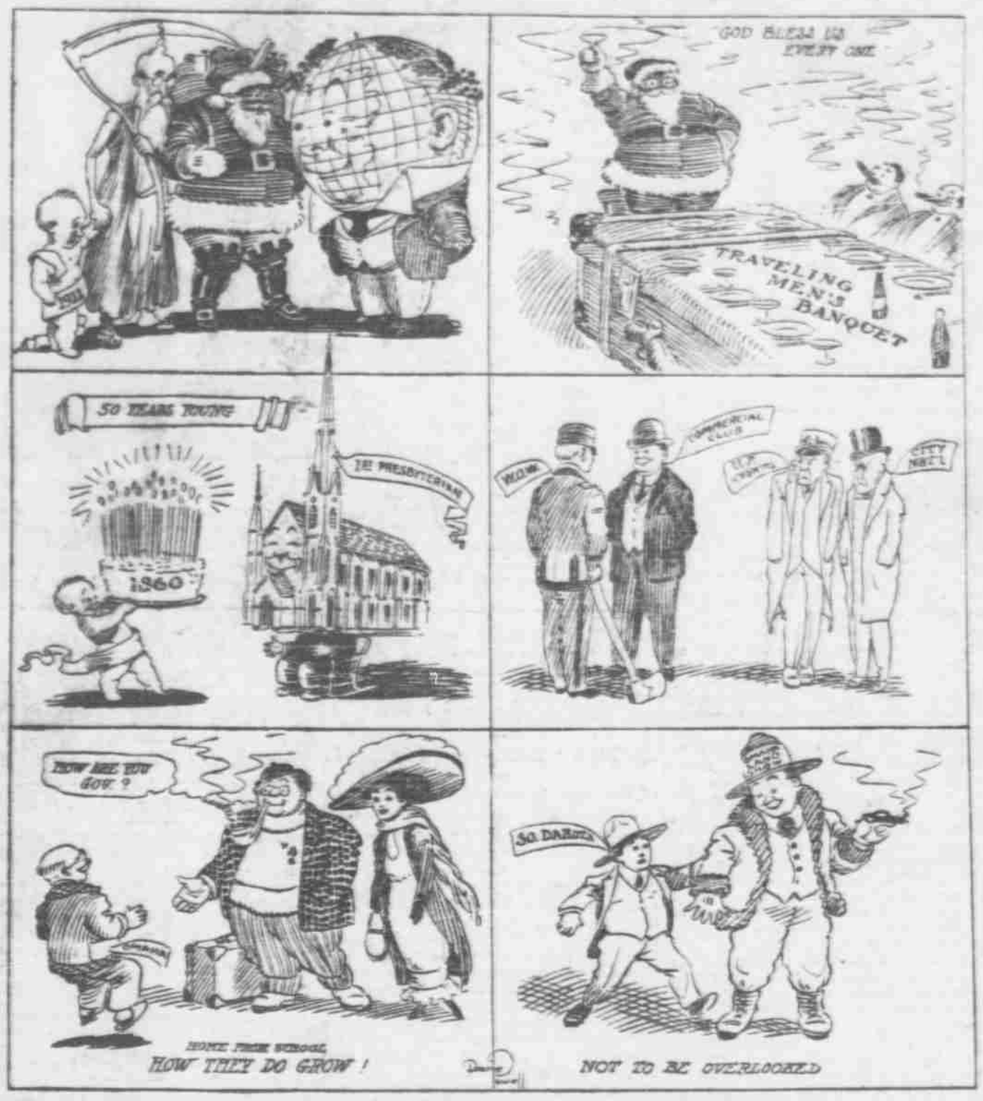
The two traveling men's organizations will be represented, the Travelers' Protective association by Mr. Chase and the United Commercial Travelers by Charles W. Hinzie, grand counsellor of that order. Mr. Hinzie is a very well known traveling man and is generally known among his associates as "Grandpa Hinzie." He is on the road for Mc'ord-Brady.

There will be several other speakers at the traveling men's dinner and every salesman who attends will be made to feel that the commercial enterprise of the city appreciates his work in spreading the the goods and the reputation of Omaha throughout the country.



ARTHUR C. CHASE.

Coming and Going in Omaha



Events of the Week, as Viewed by The Bee's Artist.

MRS. PAINE WOULD DROP CASE

Boston Woman Withdraws Complaint Against Count D'Aulby.

STATE REFUSES DISMISSAL

Prosecutor Insists that Trial Proceed, Although There is Little Chance for Conviction—Letters Will Be Destroyed.

TOURS, France, Dec. 24.—The series of sensations that has enlivened the trial of "Count" and Countess" D'Aulby De Gatigny reached a climax today, when the duchess of Choiseul-Praslin, formerly Mrs Charles Hamilton Paine of Boston, abandoned her accusations that D'Aulby and his wife had conspired to swindle her out of $250,000 in the sale of spurious paintings.

As the duchess' lawyers walked out of the court room, the crowd of spectators stood amazed, wondering what would be the next move in the strange case. H. Bernard, for the defense, asked in public prosecutor to stop the proceedings, but this was refused and the trial continued. The evidence was concluded during the day whereupon an adjournment was taken until January 2, when the arguments will be made and the finding of the court probably announced.

Prosecution Weakened.

The withdrawal of the duchess (hereinafter) weakens if it does not destroy the foundation for the prosecution.

It is understood that it was actuated by the conclusion of a private agreement concerning the disposition of the letters that D'Aulby is alleged to have sold had been written by Mrs. Paine and by the belief that the case was breaking down as a result largely of the incident of yesterday, when Carrier Bellenue, the art expert, called by the prosecution, was forced to admit under examination that he was under indictment for maintaining a gambling establishment in Paris.

In today's evidence the defense sought to prove the existence of a plot to ruin D'Aulby. His London lawyer Behrend, who had possession of the duchess' alleged letters, testified that he had been constantly shadowed and that an attempt had been made to break into and rob his office. He added that he had seen a letter written by Paine, in which the American confirmed the picture contract with D'Aulby. As the court adjourned there were some cries of "Long Live D'Aulby."

Defense Scores Many Points.

Yesterday business and professional men of standing testified to the honesty and charitable practices of the defendants with a conviction that brought tears to the eyes of the crowd in the court.

In his own defense, D'Aulby asserted he had acted in good faith. He did not guarantee the authenticity of the art works, and if they were copies, he, too, had been deceived in their purchase.

D'Aulby added that he had befriended the Paines when they were strangers in Paris, acted as a confidential agent for them in the purchase of pictures and others and eventually became an intimate friend of Mrs. Paine.

This last statement caused Madame d'Aulby to rise before Judge Roberts and denounce the complainant as one who had sought to destroy the happiness of his home.

The d'Aulbys were successful in winning the sympathy of the fashionable folk, who have attended every session of the trial, and today there was a new pro-d'Aulby demonstration, when M. Stuart, addressing the court, said the duchess wished to abandon the prosecution because of the conviction that the case had collapsed. Nothing he said, had been proved against the d'Aulbys.

Centenarian Dies in Wisconsin.

APPLETON, Wis., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Anna Lehmann died this morning at the age of 100 years and 4 months. She was born in Germany, and last June celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary at a big picnic at which she danced the minuet and sang German songs. She is survived by three children, thirteen grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.

Calls Girl, Shoots Self and Resumes His Conversation

New York Club Man Attempts to Kill Himself During Conversation with Young Woman.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—After firing a bullet into his head, John Rice, prompted himself on his elbow on the floor and, calling for the telephone receiver, calmly resumed a conversation he had been holding with a young woman at the other end of the line.

Rice was sitting with several friends in the Chatham club early when suddenly he jumped up and went to the telephone.

"Is that you, Ray?" he inquired, when the ring was answered, and then, after he had the reply, said:

"I'm going to do it."

With that he pulled a revolver from his pocket and placing the muzzle at his ear fired. It was said at the hospital that he has an even chance for life.

AEROPLANES FOR THE NAVY

Captain Chambers Recommends that Each Scout Cruiser Be Equipped with Two.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Two aeroplanes, or at least one two-seated machine, should constitute part of the equipment of each scout cruiser of the United States army. This recommendation, as the initial step of the government in the actual development of aerial navigation from the standpoint of the navy, is made in report to Secretary Meyer by Captain Washington I. Chambers, who was delegated by the secretary to study the possibility of the aeroplane in warfare.

TRAIN WRECKED AND BURNED

Eight Passengers Killed When Scotch Express is Destroyed.

DERAILED BY PILOT ENGINE

Debris Takes Fire and Whole Train Burned Except the Engine and One Baggage Car—Twenty-Five Hurt.

KIRBY STEPHEN, England, Dec. 24.—Eight passengers were killed, some of them instantly, and the others burned to death and twenty-five more injured in the wreck of the Scotch express near Hawes Junction today.

The express carried 300 persons bound for their homes in Scotland to spend Christmas. It was running at its ordinary speed when near the junction it collided with a pilot engine and was derailed.

Fire broke out in the wreckage and the whole train with the exception of the locomotive and a rear baggage car was reduced to ashes.

It was thought at first that but two persons had been killed and that others had time to escape before the flames swept through the coaches. A search of the debris, however, resulted in the discovery of charred bodies and by the time that the whole wreckage had been gone through, eight bodies had been recovered. Most of the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

Among the dead was a little girl, who perished in the flames before the eyes of her parents, who were helpless to save her.

The scene of the accident was high up in the Pennine hills, the loftiest section traversed by railway in England. The isolation of the wreck caused some delay before physicians could reach the place.

New South Omaha Postmaster Popular Man with Home Folks

Lew F. Ritter, the new postmaster of South Omaha, was born at Utica, N. Y., in November, 1863, and came west with his parents in 1878. The Ritters first settled in Illinois, but in 1880 they removed to South Omaha, where they have been located ever since. Like his father, the present postmaster was engaged in the grocery business before entering into political life.

His first public appointment was chief of the fire department in South Omaha, a position he held for five years. During the period he held office he had frequent recognitions of his efficiency, especially during the big fire in the packing house district.

Mr. Ritter's qualifications for his present position are generally admitted. He is a present deputy postmaster and has served two terms in that office. He has been assistant to T. L. Howe during his term of holding the office. Prior to that he acted as a clerk to his father during his second term. It was principally owing to the activity of Mr. Ritter in the affairs of the republican party in South Omaha that his father was made postmaster, and the interval between his death and Mr. Howe's appointment he officiated as postmaster.

Not although Mr. Ritter has always been prominently identified with the affairs of his party, and has been a leader among the younger republicans of this section of Douglas county, he has by his political activities left no embittered memories, and all parties are delighted at his promotion. This feeling is especially evident in the field of sport as the new postmaster is an enthusiastic bowler. His name has frequently figured high up in the weekly averages. It is the fact, as well as his prominence in local politics, that has made his appointment so generally popular.

L. F. RITTER.

There can be no doubt of his executive capacity through his having held the office of deputy postmaster for two full terms.

Mr. Ritter, who is 47 years old, resides at 821 North Twenty-sixth street, South Omaha. He is married and has three children.

ENGINEERS' PAY IS RAISED; NO STRIKE

Ten and One-Third Per Cent Increase and Improvement of Working Conditions Granted.

NEILL SECURES COMPROMISE

Drivers Secure Control of Electric and Gasoline Cars.

BOTH SIDES YIELD SOME POINTS

Stone Says Suffering and Loss Would Attend Walkout.

NEW RATE EFFECTIVE AT ONCE

Visions of Arbitration Under Erdman Act and Long, Destructive Strike Bring Opponents Together Within an Hour.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The 8,000 engineers on the sixty-one railroads of the west will not strike, according to an announcement made today by the United States commissioner of labor, C. P. Neill.

Mr. Neill, after conferring with representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at the Auditorium hotel, declared a compromise had been reached.

"There will be no strike," he said. "A settlement has been reached and both sides have agreed to waive certain things. The settlement was made upon terms which I consider fair and equal and were made upon suggestions from both sides."

The engineers and railroad officers confirmed the statement that a peaceable settlement was assured.

Commissioner Neill, it is understood, practically dictated the terms. He planned to meet the general managers' committee during the afternoon. It is thought that within a few days a new agreement will be signed between the western railroads and their engineers.

Get Ten Per Cent Raise.

The engineers get an average increase of 10⅓ per cent of their 1910 wage scale, giving them an average of approximately $122 for each of the 31,000 men involved for each subsequent year.

Specifically, the agreement provides for a raise of 30 cents a day for all engineers, with a differential in addition of 25 cents for 225,000-pound engines and an added differential of 75 cents a day for smaller Mallet engines and a differential of $1 a day for the heaviest Mallets.

In a letter to United States Commissioner Charles P. Neill, Grand Chief Engineer Warren S. Stone of the brotherhood gave the reason for accepting the terms offered, the suffering and loss which would attend a general western strike.

Numerous specific working conditions are improved by the agreement signed formally late today, and engineers are given control of electric and gasoline motor cars used as locomotives, with an increase of 30 cents a day in present wages. Hostlers under the protection of the engineers get an increase of 25 cents a day.

Rate Effective Immediately.

The new rate is effective with the signing of the agreement today.

Up to the time of Mr. Neill's arrival, the engineers were seeking practically 17 per cent increase in the old pay. The railroads had agreed to a raise approximating 8½ per cent and there they hung. As early as Thursday it was conceded by both sides that only a small margin of difference separated them, but that each side feared that the greater questions than that of wages were being brought in.

When today's conference was begun Mediator Neill announced that his efforts were about concluded and that unless the conferees reached a settlement today, there was little use for him to remain in Chicago. Visions of arbitration under the Erdman act, on the one hand, and of a long, destructive strike on the other, brought the opponents together within an hour after the conference began.

This agreement gives the engineers on all the sixty-one railroads affected by the adjustment a total of some $1,250,000 annually or approximately $192 for every man affected.

Acceptance of Engineers.

The engineers' acceptance was conveyed in a letter to Commissioner Neill in which Chief Stone wrote:

"After thoroughly considering the proposal and the question in its entirety, we are of the opinion that the offer will not yield the engineers compensation commensurate with the service performed and it is with extreme reluctance we inform you it will be accepted.

"In this connection we are prompted to accept the proposition through the influence of yourself and a desire on our part to avert a calamity that would bring suffering and loss on a large number of people who are not parties to the controversy."

Asked for an interview on the settlement, Mr. Stone replied:

"My whole statement can be found in the letter. We thought of the country and settled. That's all."

Raise Forty Cents a Day.

The settlement provides for a general increase for the engineers of 9½ per cent, which on several runs amounts to about 40 cents a day.

The specific increases in the wages of the engineers, in money, are as follows:

On passenger service, 30 cents a day.

On suburban service, 9 cents a day.

Forty cents a day on through freight, except on engines weighing 215,000 pounds on the drivers on which an additional differential of 25 cents a day; also on engines of the Mallet type, an additional differential of from 75 cents to $1.

On pushers, helpers, wreckers, work trains, snow plows and mixed trains, 40 cents a day.

C. W. MURPHY HAS ARM BROKEN

Chicago Base Ball Magnate Falls on Icy Walk Near His Home in Windy City.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—President Charles W. Murphy of the Chicago National League base ball club appeared today at a west side hospital with a broken arm. He said he had gone out last evening after dinner for a short walk near his Sheridan road home, had slipped on an icy walk and fell heavy on his right arm, breaking it just above the wrist. Surgical attention last night failed to satisfy him and he had an X-ray photograph taken of the fracture today, to assure himself it had been cared for properly.