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Mine Owners Determined—Thinks Will be Serious Times if Attempt to Import Non-Union Miners.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Gen. Frederick Funston has returned from a field trip where he has been since Dec. 12 investigating the trouble between the Goldfield Mine Owners' association and the Western Federation of Miners.

"There is no denying the fact that the situation in Goldfield is delicate," said Gen. Funston. "As things stand now in the camp I do not look for trouble. The troops have carefully avoided displaying any sympathy for either side and the majority of the union miners seem peaceably inclined. But the mine owners have taken a very determined stand and given their ultimatum that they will never again employ a member of the Western Federation. They declare that they will operate their mines with non-union labor, and although they have not yet done so to any extent, I believe there will be serious trouble if they start to import non-union miners from the outside.

"As to the merits of the case, it is not easy to form an opinion."

PLANS FOR PROTECTION.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 21.—No communication from the Mine Owners' association of the divide bodies of Goldfield has gone to President Roosevelt regarding the removal from this camp of the federal troops, but instead there has been evolved a plan to cover the contingency which has arisen with the order of removal by the president.

At the meeting last night, after all other plans had been discussed and laid aside, Sheriff Ingalls was called in and asked to state his position. The sheriff gave an outline of what he might do to cover the absence of the troops, and the mine owners decided to give him until 4 o'clock this afternoon to present to them a detail of the plan to preserve peace and order in Goldfield after Dec. 30. Sheriff Ingalls has in mind the organization of a large force of deputy sheriffs, to be in effect much like a company of state militia.

A portion of the expense of maintaining this small company must, however, fall on the mine owners. The executive committee of the association will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon to hear the details of the plan and decide upon its adoption, or some other method. President Dowlen of the association is still in favor of abandoning the mines for one year and starting out the strikers.

The members of President Roosevelt's commission left this morning at 6 o'clock for Los Angeles, and then will proceed to Washington. Asst. Secy. of Commerce and Labor Lawrence O. Murray was quite ill this morning when he boarded the train. C. E. Mahoney, vice president of the Western Federation of Miners, will arrive from Denver this afternoon late, and will have a plan of settlement to submit to the local union, and if approved by it, to the association.

CHAPLAIN PRAYS BRYAN MAY BE PRESIDENT

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 21.—William J. Bryan here today addressed the legislative assembly in joint session and was given an ovation. There was a full attendance of members and the galleries and all available space in the aisles and corridors were filled with spectators, among them many prominent Democrats who had come from all parts of the state.

Previous to addressing the legislature he was given a reception, shaking hands with several thousand persons. His presence in Guthrie inspired the chaplain of the house this morning to pray that Mr. Bryan might be the next president of the United States. Immediately after the prayer the house broke into a storm of applause that lasted several moments. Speaker William H. Murray added emphasis to the prayer by immediately putting the question to the body. Every Democrat present answered with a rousing "Aye."

THE PETTIBONE TRIAL.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 21.—In view of the request made by E. L. Evans juror in the Pettibone case at the adjournment of court yesterday afternoon that he be permitted to make a statement in the court and leading counsel, Judge Wood this morning admonished the jury that if any attempt was made to communicate with them the matter should be reported to the court. Judge Wood ascertained that it was not concerning anything of this kind which Evans desired to speak.

Mrs. Lisa Toney the Colorado wife of Harry Orchard, was called to the stand and was further cross examined by Darrow. She was questioned closely as to dates and drew from the witness stand the statement that Orchard had told her of meeting Detectives Scott and Herring.

KING SUMMONS PARLIAMENT.

London, Dec. 21.—At a privy council held at Buckingham palace this morning King Edward signed a proclamation definitely summoning parliament to meet Jan. 29.



CHRISTMAS NEWS STARTING ON ITS WAY TO TELL WORLD ABOUT UTAH. Bags in Foreground Are Filled With Distributed Papers; Dozens of Piles Are Awaiting Sacking; Everywhere There Are Hundreds of Copies; This Condition Could be Seen Behind the Scenes at the Postoffice any Day During the Past Week. And the End is Not Yet.

OFFICERS ARREST ROBERT CALDWELL

American Witness in the Famous Druce Case is Charged With Perjury.

REQUESTED FROM ENGLAND.

Testified That at Duke of Portland's Request He Arranged a Mock Funeral for Druce.

New York, Dec. 21.—Robert Caldwell, the American witness in the famous Druce case in London, was arrested at Hoboken, N. J., after the arrival of the steamer Kaiser Auguste Victoria today. The arrest was made upon request from the British authorities.

CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

Caldwell is charged with perjury. The wireless telegraph had carried the report that Caldwell would be arrested on the Kaiser Auguste Victoria, and it had been read in the daily newspapers printed aboard by Caldwell and all the passengers. When the steamer arrived at quarantine, Caldwell, who occupied second cabin accommodations, was almost in a state of collapse. When told by a newspaper man of a second report denying the authenticity of the statement published in the ship newspaper a great load seemed to have been lifted from him. "Thank God," was his comment. Caldwell, however, appeared to be broken in health and spirit.

WHAT HE SWORE TO.

Caldwell on Nov. 8 testified at the Druce trial that he knew the Duke and as of Portland, both at Welbeck Abbey and at the Baker street bazaar. He testified that he treated the duke at both places as a disorder of the nose. He testified that, in connection with the Duke of Druce, he arranged the mock funeral of Druce. He said he, at the duke's request, employed a carpenter to make a coffin, purchased 200 bottles of head and put it in the coffin himself. The and put it in the coffin on the following day. When shown two photographs Caldwell swore that they were photographs of the Duke of Portland in the chair of the fifth Duke of Portland in the chair of T. C. Druce, and declared he Caldwell related in detail the London story of his introduction to the Duke of Portland in 1884. He testified that he received presents from the duke aggregating about \$50,000, besides the fee of \$200,000 for medical services.

At the hearing of the case on Dec. 12 Caldwell advised the jury that he had received a letter from the duke on Staten Island, at one time had no experience in New York very similar to that in London, with the exception, however, that no arrest was made in the previous instance. It appears that he had been abroad and returned to the United States in 1876. Soon after the United States he entered the employ of A. T. Stewart, after the goods were sent, as a secretary. After the death of Mr. Stewart, Caldwell made an affidavit declaring that he was in possession of startling facts concerning the Stewart estate. One of these was that the Stewart will had been destroyed by a lawyer after the merchant's death and a new document substituted.

In another affidavit Caldwell declared that the stolen goods had been carried from the cellar of the Stewart mansion on Thirty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, where it was buried. The body of Mr. Mitchell still remains. It will be necessary for him to remain quiet for some time in order to allow the wounds from the recent operations to thoroughly heal.

CLEANED WINDOW WITH FLAG.

New York, Dec. 21.—Wall street had a new sensation yesterday when it saw a demonstration of patriotism. Workmen on the roof of the government assay office were cleaning skylights when tents in nearby buildings discovered

LAWRENCE RELEASED.

Absolved from Complicity in Murder of Dr. Boers.

(Special to the "News.")

Ogden, Dec. 21.—Edward Lawrence was released from custody and absolved from complicity in the murder of Dr. Earl S. Boers in connection with Fred C. Walker, who was yesterday acquitted by the jury appointed to try him. Lawrence was visibly moved when Judge Howell announced, in accordance with the recommendation of Dist. Atty. Halverson, that he would not be held on the charge, and was soon receiving the congratulations of his friends.

A BIG LIEN.

One for \$95,000 Filed on New Illinois Athletic Club House.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—On the eve of the banquet to be given by the New Illinois Athletic club tonight in honor of its officers, and at which Atty.-Gen. Charles J. Bonaparte will be one of the speakers, a mechanic's lien for \$95,000 was filed yesterday against the clubhouse.

The lien was filed in the circuit court by a firm of contractors, and is for a balance on the original contract price of \$400,000, which later was increased to nearly \$600,000. A provision of the 99-year lease of the property on which the building stands provides for its forfeiture in the event the tenant allows any lien to stand against the property.

FIRE IN BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—A fire of threatening proportions broke out about 3:30 o'clock this morning in the five-story building at 873 west Baltimore street, and was not checked until damage of nearly a quarter of a million dollars had been done. The building was occupied by the wholesale millinery establishment of Wilenzig Bros. & Co., the Baltimore Overall Co. and Robinson, Van Allenstein & Co., cabinet makers. The flames spread to No. 327 west Baltimore street, adjoining. This building, also five stories, was destroyed above the second floor. It was occupied by Reinhard, Meyer & Co., clothing, and the Walter L. Denny company, wall paper.

SMALL FIRE AT BLACK-FOOT SUGAR FACTORY.

(Special to the "News.")

Blackfoot, Id., Dec. 21.—A fire broke out in the mill of the factory of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company yesterday afternoon. The trouble arose from an overheated furnace, and for some time it looked as though the office might suffer serious loss, though this building is separated some distance from the main factory. The assistance of the office hands, however, soon succeeded in putting out the fire, and the ceiling will not amount to more than \$100.

PLASMON CO. BANKRUPT.

Branch of English Company, Mark Twain Being Acting President.

New York, Dec. 21.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against the Plasmon company, of which Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) is acting president. The company manufactures milk products and is a branch of an English company. It is stated that Mr. Clemens invested something like \$25,000 in the company which is now bankrupt. The company's liabilities are \$27,000 and its nominal assets, \$10,000.

THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY BODIES RECOVERED

Fairmont, W. V., Dec. 21.—Bodies are gradually being recovered from the mines of the Fairmont Coal company at Monongah, the scene of the great disaster, and today the total number recovered had reached 340.

MITCHELL'S ILLNESS.

Physician Says It Isn't Fatal and Predicts His Recovery.

Indianapolis, Dec. 21.—The condition of John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America remains about the same as yesterday when he was taken sick. The physician attending him said today that he regards his condition as serious. The physician does not consider the attack fatal, however, but predicts that Mr. Mitchell will recover. It will be necessary for him to remain quiet for some time in order to allow the wounds from the recent operations to thoroughly heal.

CHOLERA IN HONOLULU.

Honolulu, Dec. 21.—A case of cholera was discovered here today. The patient is a Hawaiian stevedore.

RETURNING THEIR MONEY.

Real Estate Association Gives Up Fight for Cheap Living.

The Real Estate association has evidently given up its fight to bring about a reduction in the cost of living in Salt Lake, as evidenced by letters being sent out by its secretary. A few months ago the association made a substantial donation to a fund started by it for the purpose of starting an investigation into the methods of alleged trusts and combinations in restraint of trade. The public was called upon to contribute to the fund, but the responses were not numerous. The following letters are being sent out by the association to persons whose names appeared upon the subscription list:

"Dear Sir:—In view of the fact that the disposition of the public to support the Salt Lake Real Estate Association in its effort to secure a reduction of the cost of living in Salt Lake, has after four months of patient waiting been represented by a total subscription other than that of the association of but \$250, and in view of the fact that the grand jury recently impaneled to investigate the combinations which this association believes exist here unlawfully and in the restraint of trade, have reported no indictments, and will report none. The association is convinced that the sentiment of the community is not

DEVELOPMENTS AT OGDEN.

Sudden Activity of Street Car Company Looked Upon With Suspicion.

(Special to the "News.")

Ogden, Dec. 21.—An unlooked for development took place in the viaduct matter this morning, when a force of about 25 men was put to work on Twenty-fourth street, near Wall avenue, under the direction of one of the bosses of the Ogden Rapid Transit street railway company. The sudden activity on the part of the street railway company is explained by representatives of the company as being part of their program for extension in this city and contemplating laying the street railway track east from Wall avenue on Twenty-fourth street two blocks, thence north one block on Grand avenue to Twenty-third street, thence east to Washington avenue. This section has long been without consideration from the street railway company, and the sudden action, without notice or warning, is looked upon with some suspicion, especially as it comes at a time when other developments of a public character have just been made.

STATE OUT OF DEBT.

Final Payment to the Land Board is Made Today.

The final payment of \$50,000 by the state auditor to the state land board was ordered made today, thus placing the state out of debt. The loan was made from the land board at a nominal rate of interest to carry the state over the period when the funds coming in from the annual tax collections were still unavailable, and by borrowing the money from the land board, the state virtually having a state bond, and as far as paying state funds for interest lost nothing to the state.

GIFT FOR TRAINING SCHOOL.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Announcement of a gift of 1,000 acres of farming land to the Chicago training school for city, home and foreign missions, was made yesterday.

Miss Cecelia P. Munnist, one of the old residents of Bensenville, Ind., was the donor. The farm is situated in Jasper county, Indiana, in one of the best sections of that corn belt. The condition of the gift is that the donor be allowed to make her home at the Chicago institution and receive a cash annuity as long as she lives.

HENRY O. TURNER DEAD.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Henry O. Turner, a well known newspaper man of this city, died at his home yesterday of aneurism. Mr. Turner had been a member of the editorial staffs of many of the leading journals of the country. He was born in Portland, Me., Sept. 8, 1848. His first newspaper work was on the Boston Journal. He was a writer for the Springfield Republican for six years and came west with a number of eastern newspaper men to found the Omaha Tribune.

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FARMERS MEET ON BIG SMELTER CASE

Committee Considering Highland Boy's Application for Permission to Operate.

(Special to the "News.")

The farmers' executive committee is in session this afternoon deciding whether to stay by the ultimatum presented to the Highland Boy smelter, asking for \$175,000 as a bonus for allowing the smelter to operate another year, or whether to accept the smelter's offer of \$100,000 for the same privilege. The committee went into session at 2 o'clock, and for an hour preliminary discussion preceded a vote on the question. No announcement of the result was prepared at 2:30, and the committee adjourned at 4 o'clock. The chairman John C. Mackey, who had not yet put in his appearance. He was in town, however, and the committee decided to wait for him before giving out the result.

RISQUE'S STATEMENT.

For the first time since negotiations were opened between the management of the Utah Consolidated Mining company and the farmers of the Salt Lake valley relative to the continuance of the Highland Boy smelter near Murray, Manager J. E. Risque of the mining company broke the silence of this morning and made known the details of the correspondence which passed between the parties interested.

"I haven't any desire to discuss this matter," declared Mr. Risque, "but inasmuch as a good deal of the information has been made known, I see no objection to stating the facts. When the matter of continuing our smelter the stated time came up the farmers made us a proposition, by asking a bonus of \$175,000 and in addition, the company to settle for any damage that might be directly caused to the operation of the smelter during the additional 15 months, which was asked for that the Utah Consolidated might build a new plant without having the production of the mine seriously interfered with."

WIRED TO NEW YORK.

"I wired the proposition to New York, and on the 16th inst the directors met to consider and as the disposition of the meeting, President Broughton wired substantially as follows: That owing to the prevailing low price of the metals and the unsettled condition of the financial world and the poor outlook for an immediate change for the better, President Broughton wired that the directors had decided to offer a bonus of \$100,000 to operate during the period stated and to pay any damage which might occur during the period the smelter would be operated. Mr. Broughton closed by saying: 'That if an agreement cannot be reached, of course, the smelter will be closed down whenever the court so orders it.'"

In the Highland Boy smelter employment is furnished to between 200 and 250 men, and the monthly payroll amounts to between \$25,000 and \$25,000.

BRITISH ADMIRALTY.

Denies Rumor That a Pacific North American Squadron to be Formed.

London, Dec. 21.—The Associated Press is in a position to state on the authority of the British admiralty that there is no truth in the assertion published in the Standard today that the admiralty has decided to establish a Pacific North American squadron, the base of which possibly will be at Esquimaux.

"There is no shadow of foundation for this story," it must be obvious to any one who gives the subject a moment's thought that such a movement would be the last thing we would think of at the present moment," was the statement made by one of the highest officials of the admiralty.

The emphasis of this denial indicated that the admiralty was anxious that the report should be promptly put at rest with the view of allaying any suspicion that might be aroused in America concerning the alleged formation of a British Pacific fleet with the sailing of the American battleship fleet."

MAN BEHIND THE SCREEN TALKS

While Distributing Christmas "News."

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EACH DEPARTMENT'S WORK.

Employs Have Grown Old in Service—Remarkable Powers of Faithful Attaches.

For all week long copies of the Christmas "News" have been on their way to nearly every spot on the civilized globe. The postoffice was filled with them. Each carrier came in straggling beneath his load of them; wagons backed up to the rear doors loaded with them, a steady stream of Salt Lake and other mail carriers to have the glories and beauties of their native state—their home state—told to all the world entered through the revolving doors and dropped more copies in the various package slots.

DAILY WORK IMMENSE.

In the mailing department, 92 mails are received and dispatched daily, and three trains are kept continuously carrying the mail. Carriers report for duty in the early morning, and take about one hour in routing their mail, that is, arranging it so they will pass from house to house. At the stamp window, the sales average about \$900 a day and this large amount is taken in generally from subscribers for postage stamps and envelopes in small amounts. The general delivery department is in charge of J. E. Seely, Mr. Seely states that the business of his department has been steadily increasing, and that the general delivery windows are quite an index of the increasing amount of travel through Salt Lake City.

FORWARDING DEPARTMENT.

The forwarding department is in charge of Miss Ethelwyn Markham. She reports that the increasing tide of forwarding orders continues to swell until it seems that her department is almost swamped. There are days when as many as 400 orders for the forwarding of mail are received. During the month the average number is about 400. The number of letters and packages forwarded averages 250,000 daily. There is a great deal of work in the forwarding department other than the actual forwarding of letters.

WRITERS OFTEN CARELESS.

This department is also, known as the "jame duck" department. The "jame ducks" of the postoffice are the letters and packages and cards which are returned to the sender, some without address, some without legible address, some without completed address, some without stamps, some without address or stamps, some without address and no stamp. About an average of 100 pieces of "jame duck" mail are received daily, and the work of notifying the addresser or the addressee of the error is a very important one. It is also the duty of the department to return the "jame ducks" to the sender, and to do this the writer of the letter or package must be careful to address their mail or in placing return cards on their letters, there should be such a complaint of error or delay.

REMARKABLE POWERS.

The stamp department is in charge of A. J. Morgan. He reports that the work for many years in it is said, has become so expert that he can tell the color of a postage stamp by feeling it, and the denomination by its weight. He does not know, however, to this extent in making his selections, but sometimes the denominations on the stamps are so carefully as a jeweler does his work. It is remarkable how much skill is attained by the clerks who handle the stamps with an apparent unconsciousness. They work quickly and accurately. They will find worth a number of stamps in a day in the small amount required by customers, measure much handling of stamps, cards and subsidiary bills.

AT THE NIXIE DECK.

The "nixie" department is in charge of Miss Lola Kibbe. She has a difficult department to handle. To her desk and to those who are associated with her in the "nixie" work, go all the letters, packages and papers which are received at the postoffice not addressed to any street or number, or to postoffice box or general delivery.

HOW MR. AVERAGE CITIZEN LOOKS TO PATIENT FELLOW BEHIND BARRED WINDOWS—FUNNY INCIDENTS.

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