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FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR.

Flames Come Again Threaten Noted Utah Cyanide Camp

EARLY MORNING FIRE AT MERCUR.

Business Section of Tooele County Mining Town Visited by a Disastrous Conflagration.

LOSS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Opera House, Butcher Shop, Stationery Store and Other Buildings Entirely Destroyed.

CAUSED BY A DEFECTIVE FLUE.

Flames Spread Across the Street, Where Many Structures Had a Narrow Escape.

(Special to the "News.")

Mercur, Utah, Jan. 30.—For a few hours this morning Mercur was threatened with a repetition of the disastrous fire of two years ago, when the town was practically wiped off the map and many people were rendered homeless. Fortunately, however, due to the good work of citizens and members of the fire department, today's blaze was speedily checked, but not until the fire had destroyed some of our largest buildings, among them the Opera House, entailing a total loss of something like \$10,000.

ITALIAN SOUNDS THE ALARM.

The fire was first discovered by an Italian, who, about 5 o'clock, noticed smoke issuing from the Opera House. He immediately sounded an alarm and in a very short time the fire department was on the scene, doing everything possible to check its spread. Work as they would, the blaze gradually made its way throughout the building and it was soon evident that the Opera House and adjoining structures were doomed. This apparent, attention was immediately directed to other buildings in the hope that the progress of the flames might be cut off and the damage done reduced to a minimum. In this the firemen were signally successful, and at 6 o'clock the blaze was under control.

BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

The buildings destroyed are the Opera House, Union restaurant, Chinese laundry, Opera House bar, Omaha butcher shop, Pickle's stationery store, Farley's barber shop, Mrs. Wallace's residence and five houses at the back of the Opera House. Across the street, to which section the flames spread rapidly, several buildings were badly scorched, among them the office of the Mercur Miner, the telephone office, the Berry building, and Bryan Bros. store. But for the prompt action on the part of citizens, the loss in this section might have been much greater than it was.

LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

The fire had its origin in the Opera House and is supposed to have been due to a defective flue. Last night the building was occupied by the Young Ladies' Social club. The losses and insurance are about as follows: Opera House, \$5,000; insurance, \$2,500; Opera House bar, 2,000; insurance, \$800; Omaha butcher shop, \$1,000; no insurance; Pickle's stationery store, \$1,500; insurance, \$500; Farley's barber shop, \$50; insurance, \$250; telephone office, \$50. The Union restaurant and Chinese laundry were not insured.

FIREMEN PRAISED.

The work of the fire department was much admired and to their efforts is due the saving of many buildings. While the fire raged the wind blew but very little, but shortly after its velocity increased materially, but the fire was then under control.

WEALTHIEST OF PERSIANS.

Sees America and Says it Far Surpasses His Expectations.

New York, Jan. 30.—His excellency, Ali Asghar Khan Atabek Asam, a wealthy Persian, and until four months ago the grand vizier of his country, will sail today for Europe. He had just arrived here from the west and is said to have been summoned by a cablegram from the Shah to again take office.

His excellency's reason for leaving Tehran last September is somewhat wrapped in mystery but it is apparent that he temporarily fell from power and found it advisable to leave the country without delay.

Leaving Persia he traveled to Russia and by rail crossed Siberia, spent a short time in Korea and Japan and from there took ship for San Francisco, one of his fellow travelers on the voyage being Taft.

"I had read and heard much of your country," he said through his secretary, who acted as interpreter, "but it surpassed my expectations. All through the easy country, there is a great name and you are looked on as the most powerful people in the world. I hope to be able to return some day and make a longer visit."

Speaking of the Russo-Japanese trouble, he said: "War would be most unfortunate for both nations. When the Japanese minister asked me for my opinion I possible effort to end the trouble by diplomatic means."

With his excellency were his secretary, the minister of education in Persia, and three students. They as well as the Persian consul and several others

NEW NEWSPAPERS.

No More Associated Press Franchise for Salt Lake or Ogden.

(Special to the "News.") New York, Jan. 30.—The various rumors which have agitated Salt Lake of late regarding the starting up of two more newspapers, one as the organ of P. H. Lannan, the other as a Democratic paper in opposition to the Herald, may be set at rest, at least as far as the securing of franchises from the Associated Press is concerned. The representative of the Desert News now in New York was informed at the office of the Associated Press today that without the consent of the "News," Herald and Tribune, no other franchise could be obtained in Salt Lake, either for a morning or an evening paper. Should anyone start a paper, it would therefore be without the Associated Press service.

It was also learned that the Associated Press furnishes only two papers in Ogden, the Standard, evening, and the Examiner, morning, and that no other service has been or will be furnished there.

er Persian residents in New York, who called to pay their respects, treated the visitor with the utmost deference, speaking hardly above a whisper. His excellency called today on the American line steamship Philadelphia. The vessel was held 20 minutes beyond her schedule sailing hour awaiting the whose attendant had failed to awaken him on time.

Japan Takes Liners.

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—Advices have been received here by the local agent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamship company, operating four speedy liners between Seattle and the Orient that the steamers had just been taken over by the Japanese government for conversion into auxiliary cruisers. This is the second fleet of liners to be taken from the merchant service between this coast and the Orient. Only recently the three steamers of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha line running to this port were withdrawn from the service and turned over to the Japanese government.

Noted Peruvian Poet Dead.

New York, Jan. 30.—Senor Luis Benjamin Cisneros, a noted Peruvian poet, is dead, according to a Herald dispatch from Lima, Peru.

Horse Famine in New York.

New York, Jan. 30.—Unless something happens before long to give the horses a better foothold in New York's streets, this city will be in danger of a horse famine because of the destruction of hundreds of thousands of animals suffering from broken legs.

Already many apartment houses and hotels are short of coal and inquiry among leading stables shows that more than 10 percent of the work horses are incapacitated. The continued freezing and thawing has coated miles of streets with ice, so that even when dealers can deliver goods, the loads drawn by the teams are only about half the usual size.

Many animals in the fire department service also have been laid up and the acting chief has applied for funds to purchase new ones.

Unique Plea for Clemency.

New York, Jan. 30.—A unique plea for clemency has been made by William Strauss and William Haas, who were found guilty of counterfeiting and selling labels. The judge who heard the case sentenced them by first announcing a fine of \$500 each. They seemed pleased at this, but when the judge read the sentence of "prison," they sprang from their chairs in protest. "Why, your honor," shouted Strauss, "I am a respectable business man and I cannot go to prison." "I cannot help that," replied the court. "It is the sentence of the court and you and Mr. Haas must serve the 10 days."

"But, your honor," cried Haas, "I am going to Europe on Thursday next. I have booked my passage and have my tickets. It will mean me to go to jail."

"You tried to ruin many men by these counterfeit labels," said the judge, "and the sentence of the court will not be changed."

Both remonstrated loudly as they were led away to jail.

Russian Soldiers on the Yalu.

New York, Jan. 30.—Small parties of Russian soldiers are beginning to appear on the banks of the Yalu river, cables the Seoul, Korea, correspondent of the Herald. Twenty mounted troops crossed into Korea at Samsu, near the head waters, and 24 reached Antung. They are officers said to be investigating sites for barracks.

Class Standing of Middies.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 30.—The standing of the class of midshipmen who are to be graduated on Monday, will be made out for the whole four years' course.

First honors are won by Midshipman David McDougall Le Breton, of Washington, D. C., whose average for the whole course is 88.94, out of a possible 624. His nearest competitor was midshipman Andrew C. Pickens, of Alabama, who obtained an average of 83.12.

Four other members of the class graduate with "star" rank, that is, over 85 per cent of the total. They are E. C. Gouven, Minnesota, 83.81; M. P. Druley, Connecticut, 84.41; A. C. Richter, Wisconsin, 86.14; and R. B. Hilliard, New York, 85.58.

Two Big Distilleries Closed.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 30.—The Monarch and Atlas distilleries, two of the largest houses owned by the whisky trust, will shut down for an indefinite period. The closing they say, is due to a lack of demand at present, and the large amount of spirits on hand. It is probable both plants will remain closed until the business season next year.

The Corning distillery shut down last October because of an explosion and a subsequent fire, will begin operations Monday, while the New Woolner distillery will start in a few days. Both are independent houses.

RUSSIAN STUDENT EXILED TO SIBERIA.

His Offense Was Assaulting a General of the Army in Streets Of Kazan.

BLOWS ACCOMPANIED INSULTS

"There Goes the Cockaded Rascals; Those Generals Are All Scamps," He Shouted Out.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—Two years' imprisonment and perpetual exile to Siberia is the sentence imposed on a Moscow student, named Andreiff, for assaulting a Russian general in the streets of Kazan. "There goes the cockaded scamp; those generals are all rascals," shouted Andreiff, who accompanied his insults with blows on the officer's back. The sentence of imprisonment and exile was passed by what is known as "administrative order," used in cases of special emergency.

WHITAKER WRIGHT BURIED.

Village Population Turned Out To Honor His Memory.

London, Jan. 30.—The body of Whitaker Wright was buried in Whitley parish churchyard today after a brief special service at the grave led by the vicar of Whitley. Besides the relatives and a number of friends from London the bulk of the population of the village which is in mourning, turned out in a drenching rain to see the last of the remains of their late squire. The son and two daughters were the principal mourners. The widow was too ill to attend. Her death was inscribed, "From his broken hearted wife." An enormous number of letters and telegrams of sympathy have been received by the family.

Relief Work in Bulgaria.

Boston, Jan. 30.—The American board made public today a report from Missionary J. P. Clarke, of Samokov, in which Mr. Clarke says the official record of refugees is more than 25,000. Those best able to know say that companies from various villages which are continually crossing the mountains, braving the cold and deep snow, will swell the number to 30,000. Mr. Clarke says he had personally visited 21 places where refugees are located and has found destitution very great. The central government is supplying bread or flour to those in need. A great work has to be done in the Black sea district by the Society of Friends in England which collected \$20,000 and sent two of its members.

CHARLES T'S BIRTHDAY.

Observed in Trafalgar Square, And Boston.

London, Jan. 30.—Wreaths and other floral tributes today decorated the statue of Charles T. in Trafalgar square, in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of his execution. The Royal Oak club of Edinburgh and the White Cockade club and other Jacobite societies sent their usual wreaths. The statue was visited by large crowds during the day.

BOSTON VERY LOYAL.

Boston, Jan. 30.—The anniversary of the execution of King Charles I. Jan. 30, 1649, was observed today by several Episcopal churches in Boston and vicinity.

Order Against Parnell's Widow

London, Jan. 30.—A receiving order in bankruptcy has been granted against the widow of Charles Stewart Parnell.

Big Fire in Paterson, N. J.

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 30.—Fire, started by the explosion of chemicals today in the large mill of Ashley & Bailey, destroyed the entire plant. Loss, \$150,000.

Expedition Not Massacred.

Nomhaka, British East Africa, Jan. 30.—The reported massacre of a British expedition under the auspices of the East African syndicate, by Turkana tribesmen in the neighborhood of Rudolf Lake, announcement of which was made Jan. 24, now proves to have been incorrect. The expedition in question arrived at Teti, 150 miles west of Rudolf Lake Jan. 26, all well.

Consumptive Sleeps in Open Air

Warsaw, Ind., Jan. 30.—Russell Leonard, a youth of 16, residing south of this place today completed his second year of sleeping in the open air in all kinds of weather. He is battling for his life against tuberculosis. Out on his grandfather's veranda with absolutely no shelter except the roof, but in a warm and comfortable bed, the youth sleeps where he can breathe the pure atmosphere. He claims that this heroic endurance without any medicine whatever is restoring his health.

Sarah Schaefer Murder Case.

Bedford, Ind., Jan. 30.—The court of inquiry investigating the Schaefer murder today heard more evidence on the letters received by Miss Schaefer. One of the witnesses declared that dozens of times after school closed Miss Schaefer ran to her room for her mail, eagerly read the letters and immediately destroyed them.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 30.—Indianapolis detectives are working today on the information brought here by Sheriff Smith. The young man whose acquaintance with Miss Love, Miss Schaefer's roommate, is being investigated, and who lives in a fashionable part of this city, has been cleared with the detectives today. A woman physician here is alleged to have treated a girl whose name has been mentioned as a witness in connection with the Bedford case, while the latter was in Indianapolis last week.

JAPAN AWAITS RUSSIA'S ANSWER.

Has no Definite Information as to What it Will or Will Not Contain.

OUTCOME FAR FROM CERTAIN.

Even if Concessions are Made Does Not Necessarily Mean There Will Be a Peaceful Settlement.

LITTLE TO HOPE FROM DIPLOMACY

Berlin Opinion is Czar Will Do Nothing To Warrant the Mikado Declaring War.

Tokio, Jan. 30.—The government does not, it is said, possess any definite Russian information concerning the character of the forthcoming note, although it has received various reports, the majority of which say that the reply will be satisfactory. None, however, emanate from a source which warrants their full acceptance as correct. In the judgment of many just now the character of the note does not warrant the belief that Count Lamsdorff, the Russian foreign minister, has given out the slightest intimation of its contents. Even that carries little assurance, for the reason that the Russian and Japanese conceptions of what constitutes a fair bargain vary materially. The government of Japan does not anticipate the delivery of the Russian reply for a few days. When it comes it will probably be considered by the throne in conference with the cabinet and elder statesmen. The presumption that Russia has made concessions does not, in the least, warrant the conclusion that there will be a peaceful settlement of the existing difficulties. Her entire position will be carefully scrutinized and every condition and contingency of the situation closely weighed. If the reply should prove to be completely satisfactory to Japan, the outcome of the conference is manifest. Should it give partial satisfaction another exchange of notes is possible, although there remains slight room for additional diplomacy.

REPLY MAY BE SATISFACTORY.

London, Jan. 30.—According to the Japanese legation here Minister Griseon's cable message from Tokyo to the state department at Washington, saying on the authority of the British ambassador at St. Petersburg telegraphed to the British legation at Tokyo that the Russian reply to Japan would be satisfactory was based on the following facts: On Jan. 26 the British ambassador at St. Petersburg telegraphed to Foreign Secy. Lansdowne at London that he had interviewed the Russian foreign minister, Count Lamsdorff, that morning, and that Count Lamsdorff said the Russian reply would be dispatched the same evening, and that he, Count Lamsdorff, believed it would be satisfactory to Japan. These facts were telegraphed to the British minister in Japan, Sir Claude MacDonald, and also were communicated to the diplomats who attended Lord Lansdowne's reception at the foreign office yesterday evening, however, evidently misinterpreted, for the foreign office and the Japanese legation both confirm the statements made in the Associated Press dispatch. On Jan. 27 Count Lamsdorff's intentions, however, evidently misinterpreted, for the foreign office and the Japanese legation both confirm the statements made in the Associated Press dispatch. On Jan. 27 Count Lamsdorff's intentions, however, evidently misinterpreted, for the foreign office and the Japanese legation both confirm the statements made in the Associated Press dispatch.

PLANS FOR FURTHERING IRRIGATION IN UTAH.

Utah Congressional Delegation and Doremus and Richards to Confer With Prof. Newell.

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—Senators Kearns and Smoot and Representative Howell will this afternoon accompany Messrs. Doremus and Richards, of the Utah rail commission, to the geological survey for a conference with Prof. Newell regarding irrigation projects as vitally interesting to Utah's future development. The Utah delegation will add the weight of their influence to back up the facts with which Messrs. Richards and Doremus are armed.

ANOTHER NEW STAKE OF ZION.

The regular quarterly conference of the Bingham stake of Zion, with headquarters at Iona, Ida., is scheduled for today and Sunday, attended by Elders John Henry Smith and John W. Taylor of the Council of the Apostles. A feature of the meetings will likely be the division of the Bingham stake and the creation of a new one, to better suit the convenience and accommodation of the Saints resident in that section. The line of division cannot be stated at this time but it will doubtless be such as to meet with the hearty approval of all present at the conference.

WAR RATHER LOOKED FOR.

Port Arthur, Jan. 30.—Apprehension that there will be war is still expressed in official quarters here, where it is also said that a Japanese descent is expected at any moment. At the same time the authorities declare that with the exception of strategic positions taken between Liao-Yang and the Yalu river their plans have not been formed and that it will be impossible to complete the arrangements until the Japanese make more definite demonstrations of their intentions. The fortifications and field troops are active and between Liao-Yang and the Siberian border the railroad is over taxed in transporting recruits and replacing the regiments dispatched at the Yalu river.

In contrast with the alarm expressed in official circles the merchants are optimistic. Although the shipping has been burdened with high insurance, the

RUSSIA IS VERY WAIRY.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—While the German foreign office is unable to confirm the statement of the Japanese legation in regard to the receipt and the re-telegraphing of the telegram of Jan. 26, adds:

"The British ambassador at St. Petersburg did not express an opinion as to whether or not the Russian reply would be satisfactory to Japan."

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INSANE WOMAN HANGS HERSELF.

Mrs. Susannah Gerber Commits Suicide at State Mental Hospital.

WAS RESIDENT OF SALT LAKE.

Found by Attendant Hanging From the Window Sash, by Means of a Strip of Cotton Cloth.

(Special to the "News.")

Provo, Utah, Jan. 30.—Mrs. Susannah Gerber of Salt Lake, a patient at the State Mental hospital, committed suicide this morning by hanging. She was committed to the asylum in December, 1903, suffering from suicidal mania, and since her confinement in the institution has made several attempts to take her life.

This morning when her breakfast was taken to her by the attendant, she appeared to be unusually cheerful and her food was left with her while the attendant looked after other patients. Returning half an hour later she found Mrs. Gerber hanging from the window sash suspended by a strip of cotton cloth torn from one of the bed sheets.

Dr. Hardy was immediately summoned and did everything possible to resuscitate the unfortunate woman, but without avail. He then notified Sheriff Harman, who, with County Attorney Page, will conduct an investigation to determine whether or not an inquest over the body will be necessary. Mrs. Gerber was 34 years of age.

NEW BUSINESS FIRM.

Wilcox Grocery Company Files Articles of Incorporation.

(Special to the "News.") Ogden, Utah, Jan. 30.—A new grocery firm, backed up by leading capitalists, is about to be established in this city. The company takes over the business of the Wilcox & Co., and is incorporated under the name of the Wilcox Grocery company, with a capital stock of \$20,000. The firm has leased the entire ground floor of the Boyle block and filed its articles of incorporation in the office of the county clerk today. The officers are: Thomas D. Lee, president; John W. Wilcox, vice president; E. W. Matson, secretary and treasurer; These with I. N. Pierce, George H. Matson, W. J. Shesley, John P. Brehman and W. H. Campbell, who left here Thursday afternoon. H. A. Code has resigned his position as baggage agent at the Union depot, a place he has held for a period of 29 years. While technically the Ogden Union Depot company has the right of appointing his successor, that right is practically in the hands of the Union Pacific, whose recommendations are usually carried out. Mr. Code is one of the best known railroad men in Ogden, and his retirement is regretted by his many friends. The place will be temporarily filled by George F. Brown, the present cashier.

The Wright Investment company has let a contract for the erection of a two-story business block on Twenty-fifth street, on the first vacant lot east of the Healy hotel. The structure will have a basement and the ground floor will be devoted to storerooms, while the upper story will be fitted up for apartments.

HOUSE VOTES AGAINST DOUBLE MILEAGE.

Washington, Jan. 30.—By a vote of 107 to 0 the house struck out the mileage appropriation for both house and senate from the urgent deficiency appropriation bill.

POULTRY SHOW SCANDAL.

Ogden Exhibitor's Trick for Securing A Much Wanted Prize.

That there are tricks in every trade is instanced by a discovery made at the poultry show yesterday afternoon. In consequence there is grave scandal rampant in local poultry circles, and Ogden is in dire disgrace.

COMES NEAR CAUSING A DISASTROUS BLAZE IN CITY DRUG STORE.

The Goebel-Pitts drug store had a narrow escape from destruction by fire at an early hour this morning and was saved by the timely discovery of the blaze and the prompt response of the fire fighters from station No. 1. It was caused by a heater in the soda water fountain. The woodwork was ignited, and the fire got to the floor and was burning through into the cellar, when Captain Stubb and some of his men arrived. The front door was opened by a clerk who had been notified, and with the aid of the hand chemical the blaze was extinguished. The loss will not exceed \$3.

NEXT ELKS MEET.

Secretary Raybould of the Elks' society has received a circular letter from (Cincinnati) relative to the annual reunion of the order in that city next July. The committee announces that over \$40,000 has been raised, and is now in the hands of the reunion committee to provide entertainment and pleasure for the visitors. Ample accommodations have been provided for over 50,000 visitors, and positive assurance is given that there will be no advance of rates in any line of business. The illumination of the city will be one of the greatest spectacles ever witnessed in that section of the country, and the Elks will excel anything of the kind in the history of the order. The committee offers \$500 each to the lodge having the greatest number of men in the parade, to the lodge having the greatest aggregate mileage to the best appearing lodge in the parade, to the lodge having the most unique uniform, and to the lodge accompanied by the greatest number of ladies.

VICTORS ARE MERCIFUL.

Utah Fuel Company Victors Overlooking Houses Containing Sick People.

Castle Gate is now short only about 60 men; at Sunnydale, Somerset and Winter Quarters there are more men employed than before the strike; and at Clear Creek there are nearly as many men as before. The coal company officials report that the evictions have all been peacefully carried out, a few houses being overlooked where there is sickness, or the head of the family is out of the country. They say that the striking miners are gradually drifting out of the county, and disappear, so that it will be but a short time before there will be as few left as to attract no attention. The strikers left are reported as having no kindly feelings for the agitators who got them into this fix, and then left them without carrying out the formerly fullsome promises made some weeks ago, and those agitators have either left the country, or are not making their presence felt as formerly.

UTAH WOMEN REACH CHICAGO.

A telegram from Chicago this morning announces the safe arrival, that far on their journey towards Indianapolis, of Mesdames E. B. Wells, M. Y. Duggill, P. Y. Beattie and Aggie Campbell, who left here Thursday afternoon. They will arrive at Indianapolis this evening.

BIG MERGER OF UTAH MINES

The Monarch Mines & Smelters Corporation Soon to be Launched.

CAPITAL TO BE \$30,000,000.

Comet and Other Properties of State Senator Lewis Included in Big Deal.

MAJESTIC COPPER MAY BE ALSO.

Manhattan and Pioche Consolidated—Company Will Control No Less Than 8,000 Acres.

The Monarch Mines and Smelters corporation, capitalized for \$30,000,000, is the name of a new organization to be launched within the next few weeks under the laws of the state of Maine.

For several months past State Senator Arthur B. Lewis, the founder of the Majestic enterprise in Beaver county and one of the first to bring the copper districts of that county prominently before the world, has been working out a plan for the consolidation of a number of the principal properties of this state and Nevada, thus forming a combination which will control a group of mines which are destined, after further development, to cut an important figure in the nation's production of copper.

While all the details are not fixed up, yet the proceedings have progressed to the stage where Senator Lewis was willing to give out at least a synopsis of his plan for grouping together of no less than 8,000 acres of mineral lands.

In the Monarch combination will be the Comet group, adjoining the great Cactus mine, operated by the Newhouse Mines & Smelters corporation; the Imperial mines, a short distance to the south in the San Francisco range of mountains; the properties of the Royal Gold & Copper company, in Beaver and Iron counties; the Manhattan and Pioche Consolidated mines at Pioche, Nevada, and the Last Chance mine at Bingham.

Sensor Lewis, when seen at his office this forenoon prior to his departure for the east to make the final consummation of the deal, said he was unable at this time to disclose the identity of the men who are to offer the new corporation, but he gave the assurance that included in the list would be several Napoleons of finance, who are identified with some of the strongest moneyed institutions in the United States.

Out of the total capital stock one-half is to be placed in the treasury. It is the intention to issue \$5,000,000 worth of 5 per cent interest-bearing bonds and already almost the entire amount has been subscribed, so that the new corporation will be able to start with a sound financial basis before a move is made towards the opening of the properties upon a large scale.

By March 1, Senator Lewis stated, it is expected that everything will be arranged for the commencement of operations. The first work is to be directed in a campaign of exploration and development, to be followed by the building of reduction works later.

It is very probable that the Majestic will also be included in the combination. Negotiations have been pending to that end for some time.

R. M. Dickman, a well known mining engineer, has been in the field for several weeks and has just completed his work and is ready to report to the kings of finance who directed him to come to these parts. While he would not discuss the subject, until he has made his report, he has made a favorable impression of the southern copper belt.

House Proceedings.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The house went immediately into committee of the whole upon convening today, with Mr. Tawney (Minn.) in the chair, and resumed consideration of the urgent deficiency bill.

Mr. Fisher (Ill.) proceeded to combat the arguments of Mr. Littlefield (Me.) on the point of order raised by Mr. Maddox (Ga.) on the paragraph providing a second payment of mileage to senators and members, discussion on which was pending when the house adjourned yesterday.

Naturalization Frauds.

St. Louis, Jan. 30.—Naturalization frauds and Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas, continue to be the subjects of investigation by the federal grand jury. Witnesses were summoned to appear in both investigations. Arthur F. McIntyre of the Merchants Brokerage & Commission company, his father, and Charles Burton, a brother of Senator Burton, and an employee of the brokerage company under McIntyre have been subpoenaed.

Gen. Ballance Sues His Brother.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 30.—Gen. John Green Ballance, U. S. A., who was very prominent in the Philippine campaign, has entered suit against his brother, Willis H. Ballance. When Gen. Ballance went to war he appointed his brother an agent, and alleges that his brother collected rentals and sold property, diverting the proceeds, large sums, to his own use; that he refuses to make an accounting or surrender the books. Gen. Ballance owns much Peoria real estate and is a member of one of Peoria's oldest families.

Shot by Negro Burglar.

St. Clairsville, O., Jan. 30.—A negro burglar last night shot and probably fatally wounded Albert Troll, cashier of the Second National bank, and his brother, George Troll, manager of Troll's clothing store.