SIX PERISH IN SNOWSLIDE.

Avalanche in Alaska Engulfs a Woman and Five Men.

Tenderfeet From Across the Seas Get Badly Frozen in an Attempt to Reach the Eldorado.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—The steamer Alki, which arrived today from Alaska, brings meager particulars of an avalanche on the Chilkoot pass, in which at least six people were killed. Five bodies have been recovered, as follows:

Mrs. Darling of Lake Linderman and her two sons.

Bert John of Juneau.

Harry Shaw of Skagway.

The slide occurred December 9th at Outlet lake, about one mile around the summit, on the Lake Linderman side.

Mrs. Darling's husband left Lake Linderman a week ago and arranged to join him with her two sons, who had almost reached manhood. Shaw was a young man who had business at the lake. Bert John of Juneau was but in years of age, and the reason for his being at the summit was not known at present. He was a friend of the Darling boys. The name of the sixth person was not yet ascertained.

Contrary to the advice of old-timers, who realized that the trip was a dangerous one in view of the recent storms, the party set out one week ago with outfits. It was snowing hard when they crossed the summit, but they succeeded in reaching Crater lake, where the boys had hired them to come, although it was but seven miles to their destination.

While encamped there three of the men, who had with them a pocket rifle, went over there, evidently with a view of warming, and went on down the lake, leaving the women and boys to care for a foot of hard snow. Their bodies were found three days later by a rescuing party. The bodies were not located in the boats.

A peculiar coincidence is that the men of the slide were brought by the same steamer that brought word of the terrible slide last spring in which sixty people perished. Another coincidence is that two slides occurred just about the same distance from the summit, but on opposite sides.

Just before the Alki left Skagway, O. H. Hills of London, England, and F. T. Jones of Melbourne, Australia, arrived from Lake Atlin by the Dyea and Kaska badly frozen. It is feared that Hills will lose both feet.

GOMPERS GALLOPS HOME.

Is Re-Elected President of the American Federation of Labor.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Samuel Gompers was today re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor by a practically unanimous vote at the close of a session of the eighteenth annual convention of that organization. The convention which had been in session for eight days adjourned sine die at 4 o'clock. Detroit, Mich., was decided upon as the next place of meeting.

During the election of president, William J. O'Brien of New York was in the chair. George E. McNeill of Boston placed Mr. Gompers in nomination. He said he might never again attend a convention of the federation, and he wanted the honor of naming Mr. Gompers for the place. He said: "Mr. Gompers has been tried and found true, and never false to the cause." Without any opposition, Mr. Gompers was declared elected.

The president announced the following committee on resolutions: Henry Lloyd of Massachusetts moved that the vote of the convention be cast for Mr. Gompers. This was done amid great cheering. Isaac Cowan, the president of Cleveland, O., objected, and he was allowed to record his vote against Mr. Gompers. Mr. Gompers declined to make any remarks upon his re-election.

Vice-President Duncan of the fourth, fifth and sixth vice presidents and the three fraternal delegates, the rest of the officers were re-elected without any opposition. The remainder of the officers follows: First vice president, Max Morris of Philadelphia; second vice president, James Duncan of Halifax, Nova Scotia; third vice president, James O'Connell of Chicago; fourth vice president, Michael J. Ryan of Indianapolis; fifth vice president, Max Morris of Denver; sixth vice president, Thomas Kidd of Chicago; secretary, Frank Morrison of Bloomington, Ill.

Fraternal delegates—To the Union congress of Great Britain, Thomas F. Tracy of New York of the Cigarmakers' union and James O'Connell of the Machinists' union; to the Trades and Labor convention of Canada, James F. O'Sullivan of Boston, of the Massachusetts state branch.

The convention spent most of the day in amending its constitution and provisions for a change in the scope of its work. The federation increased the per capita tax upon members of affiliated organizations from three-fourths of 1 per cent to 1 cent per month, the money to be used to support the federation. President Gompers himself objected to this, but the delegates were strongly in favor of it. Every body felt that the federation's proposed revenue was needed to carry forward its educational formally accepted plans, also the organizing work.

The resolution of J. F. O'Sullivan of Boston looking to a bill in Congress to make an internal revenue tax against the employing of children, women and children overtime was killed. The committee on laws reported against the measure on the ground that it would legalize the employment of children as laborers.

Subject of the resolution Mr. O'Sullivan said that he had been before the legislature of Massachusetts when there was a law in force against child labor, and that it was generally agreed that the only way was to prevent the employing of children was to tax them out of existence. Mr. O'Sullivan proposed that such children be taxed to pay the internal revenue tax of 10 per cent of their gross receipts. George E. McNeill said he was in favor of the law offered, but such a law, "And, further," said he, "will simply lessen the employment of children, while leaving and on the light of preaching what we know to be an evil."

Mr. O'Sullivan said he believed that the employment of children could never be checked until our women workers of Boston formally adopted the Knights of Labor motto. He was certain, he said, that women would never receive equal pay for work until they should stand a moment united enough to force it upon their employers.

Chairman Gompers, in answering the suggestion by affiliated unions of the King Household and any peace of office, said the organization of the American Federation, was filled with women, and a number of women were part of delegates. Before adjourning the convention formally to the forward, William Kidd, Max Morris, William Tobin and William Tracy.

Preparing for a Miners' Convention.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—M. D. Ratchford, member of the industrial commission, former president of the United Mine Workers, and John Mitchell of Illinois, acting national president of the Miners' association, together with representatives of the various states, is preparing to call a convention of miners to outline a plan of action at the interstate convention of operators and miners in the last two days.

The Pittsburg coal operators met half a dozen times yesterday to outline a plan of action.

A strikers' control over the adjustment of the wage for next year is predicted.

HOME AGAIN.

President McKinley and Party Return from Their Southern Trip.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Presidential party after an absence of seven days, in the South, arrived at the Pennsylvania station here at 8 o'clock this morning at 11:20 o'clock was made, the station so admirably fitted for the reception, and Mrs. McKinley, who was quite indisposed on Atlanta, were member of the party has been in the best of health, and all appearance the trip must evidently, and a splendid success in every way.

Everywhere a stop was made the President was received with greetings and demonstrations of an enthusiastic character, and during the entire week there was not a disorder of any kind.

The run from Columbia, S. C., was uneventful, and on the arrival here the special train of the President was under the personal supervision of Gen. Anson W. Greene, who run on the Shah river colonel, and all attached the President, and Mrs. McKinley were accompanied by Mrs. Hobart, Miss Hobart, and the members of the cabinet, Mr. Porter and Mr. Gallinger, the secretary to the President, and their ladies were driven to the White house.

The entire morning aboard the Presidential train was spent in farewell visits to the different members of the party. The President received his guests in his own car. He expressed his entire satisfaction with the trip. With the exception every member of the cabinet, and health consulted, which Secretary Alger and Mr. Porter passed the complete experience in ready again in their public capacities. The President and Mrs. McKinley, the trip had connected in a marvelous degree the good feeling between North and Southern people, and the people across the southern continent and exhibitions of the army.

The trip was a delight of the side, to celebrate the peace with Spain, but its significance directly after the President's message to congress regarding the care of the Confederate dead.

FEAR OF FOOTPADS.

It Keeps People from Going to Church in Missouri.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—The congregations of churches of St. Louis in conference have decided that the cause of empty pews at evening church services is caused by fear of footpads and have appointed a committee of three members to confer with the police commissioners on the subject. The committee is authorized to confer with authorities in regard to any movement which may be inaugurated with a view to suppressing highway robbery.

Coal Operators Meet.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 20.—A meeting of Illinois coal operators is being held here with about one hundred representatives in attendance. The meeting is preliminary to the interstate convention to be held at Pittsburg in January when conditions are changing in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. Rolls will be constituted. Today's session was largely taken up with hearing reports from the different districts as to how the current agreements with miners is being carried out.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—S. M. Dalzell, Spring Valley; Vice President—A. J. Ackerland, Streator; Secretary and Treasurer—J. A. Mager, Riverton, and Chicago and Kansas City, Second Secretary—C. A. Scroggs, Chicago.

Maria Teresa Going to Pieces.

New York, Dec. 20.—According to mail advices from Nassau, at New York, the stranded cruiser, Maria Teresa, has broken in two just at the stern of the gun. The forward part is fast on the reef but the after part has slid into the upper water where it lies completely submerged, even at low water. The weather has been very boisterous and the wreck is rapidly breaking to pieces under the blows of the breaking surf that at times swallows it out of sight.

Secretary Bliss Determined to Resign.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Several western senators including Senator Wolcott of Colorado and Spooner of Wisconsin today urged Secretary Bliss to remain in the cabinet but the secretary gave them to understand that he was quite determined to resign and that the President would drive with no his successor very soon, as he hoped to relize on Jan. 1.

Will Exhume the Body.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—In order to avoid possible dispute over the corpse delicacy and to save a repetition of the Lucingar experience, it is very probable that the body of Mrs. Theresa Helfinger for whose alleged murder and partial cremation her husband is under arrest, will be exhumed and the police and coroner's physicians will be called in to make a complete autopsy. The body was identified only by the unfortunate woman's clothing and the position which is worn by the dead. The dress and which not view, beyond doubt her identity. Lena Hooker, the waitress for the love of whom Mrs. Helfinger is believed by the police to have murdered her wife, is expected to arrive in Chicago and interrogated by the police. It is believed that Mr. Helfinger has been passing himself off as a single man not only in Joliet, Kansas, but also in other towns in which the police have learned the American was in the habit of visiting.

The Man Who Never Sleps.

Kansas, Wis., Dec. 20.—Milwaukee Edwin Bale, president of the Bale Wagon company, who was drowned in Kansas from Paradise, this, was for virtually known as the man who never slept. He was a bachelor, and his fortune came like his credit. It is certainly a fact that for the last 30 years he did not sleep an hour between 5 and 7 o'clock in the morning. He was so devoted to business was the cause of his sleeplessness. He never was known to remain in bed beyond 5 o'clock, but was as late as four and five o'clock in the morning and when he could work he had to be awakened at 7 o'clock.

At that time he personally relieved himself of business cares.

For the greater part of the past five years it was his custom to take daily trips to Chicago to pass the time away. The greater part of the time he spent the day and at night he was always to be found either at a theater or billiard with friends. He was a man of means which he was able to get a start from the money at the theaters and the circulation of the billiard balls alone afforded him what spoke of repose. He was born in Rinderbrook, N. Y., 74 years ago.

The cause of his death was pulmonary apoplexy.

The Ex Queen Protests.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani sent to the senate today the following protest against the annexation of the Hawaiian islands of Hawaii and up the United States.

"To the Senate of the United States:

"I, Liliuokalani, Queen of Hawaii, respectfully represent on the 16th of April, 1897, and presidential queen of the Hawaiian Islands, I wrote to the President, the day, on the 16th, to inform him that I, in strong earnestness and respectfully protest against the annexation of my country to the United States. The Hawaiian people have lived peaceably to about 1,000,000 years, and which are my property, and I especially protest against the unconscionable proceeding which might be attempted with a view to taking of property without due process of law and without just or other compensation.

"Further supplementing my protest of June 17, 1897, I call upon the President and the senate of the United States, as the people of the United States, to do justice to this nation and to remove from the land the sad spectacle of which is being exhibited from me to your government under what must be a misapprehension of my right and title.

(Signed) LILIUOKALANI."

Favor Increasing the Army.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The House committee on military affairs this afternoon decided to report a bill increasing the regular army to 100,000 men. The vote was 9 to 3 on party lines.

ATAGLANCE COLUMN.

The navy department is advised of the sailing of Admiral Sampson on his flagship for New York.

In Atchison City, Ark., Dr. E. T. Baxter, an old citizen of that city, committed suicide at the St. Charles hotel.

The executive committee of the House has agreed to report a bill for the national question at the second Tuesday in January.

The London Daily Mail this morning says it claims the issues that Australia will take a hand in defending the east of a Pacific cable.

The Prince of Wales invited at a private reception last evening Senator Lodge, Senator Davis and Senator Frye to remain in the cabinet.

A Rapid City, S. D., dispatch says that Jim Bilsbury of "Bill" Bill, "Bill" has been not while in the Woods Kentucky. A reward has been offered for the capture of the party.

At Lexington, Ky., the grand jury returned indictments against Judge Bond and police commissioners for failing to endorse the law requiring the Sunday closing of saloons.

Miss Belle Bile attempted suicide yesterday afternoon on a crowded Olive street car. She drank a dose of the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid. She will die.

The management of the annual meeting of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City railroad, which was to have been held in St. Louis, has been postponed indefinitely. Nothing has been set for the meeting.

Yellow fever has been reported in Key West, Fla., and the health officer of the place has ordered a thorough inspection of the city, in the course of which 11,200 from the sources.

William Black, former cashier of the defunct Spring Garden National bank of Philadelphia, but now employed as judge, pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement of the bank and was sentenced to six years and six months in the Eastern penitentiary.

The Dairy investigating committee, which was appointed by the committee of ways and means, has begun the labors of the committee. Chairman Grosvenor intends to have the committee report a bill before the holidays.

In Greenville, S. C., yesterday Private Wright of Company C, Second Illinois, was shot and instantly killed by Private Martin of Company D, Third and Third New York regiments. Martin also shot and wounded Private Hart.

Near Spring Green, Minn., a man known as Big John murdered John Dillbeck just as he was about to leave the house. The murderer then attempted to kill himself with a shotgun, but his intended victim prevented. The man committed suicide.

Demoralizing Influence of War.

And there is a strange disease about war which blinds a nation's eyes effectually to its best interests, which makes it blind to its own interests, which makes it blind to its own interests, which makes it blind to its own