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LABOR LEADER BEHIND BARS.

President of Mine Workers in Kentucky District Held as Accessory to Murder.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 30.—James D. Wood, president of the Webster district Kentucky United Mine Workers of America, was arrested today. He was indicted by the grand jury at Madisonville, Ky., two weeks ago, charged with being an accessory before the fact in the murder of a non-union miner. Bail was offered for his release, but it was refused, and he spent the night in jail.

SEARCH FOR LOST FARMER.

Reveals the Fact That He Has Resumed Journey to California from Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 30.—Robert Scott of Joy, Ill., aged 78, a wealthy farmer, stopped here on his way to California, and has not been seen since Thursday. A thorough search has failed to produce the least trace of him.

RESUMES HIS TRAVELS.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 30.—The police learned tonight that Scott departed for California Sunday afternoon.

DIAMOND MATCH COMPANY'S PLAN.

Akron, O., Dec. 30.—O. C. Barber is at home from his recent European trip and states that he has been successful in getting control of the match business in some of the countries he visited and that it is the plan of the Diamond Match company eventually to get control of the match-making industry of the world.

PASSING OF DANGER POINT.

Rivers and Creeks in Eastern Pennsylvania With One Exception are Subsiding.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 30.—From all parts of Eastern Pennsylvania tonight the reports show that the rivers and creeks which became greatly swollen as a result of Saturday night's and Sunday's continuous rain, have steadily fallen. There is one exception, however, the lower part of the Susquehanna river being reported still rising and close to the danger mark.

FOR A NEW CAR FACTORY.

One of the Most Extensive Works in the West to Be Built at Wayne, Ill.

Wayne, Ill., Dec. 30.—Land has been purchased here by the Elgin, Aurora & Southern Traction company for one of the most extensive car factories in the West. It is claimed that factories in different parts of the country are so far behind in orders that it is not possible to get equipment in time for the several lines now under completion.

SUSQUEHANNA ON THE RISE.

Lancaster Reports an Advance in the Flood of Six Inches an Hour.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 30.—The Susquehanna river tonight is still rising. The most dangerous point appears to be at Safe Harbor, where the Conestoga empties. Here the water continues to rise at the rate of six inches an hour. The water now covers Port Deposit and the Columbia tracks and the public roads.

WAY DOWN IN ALABAMA.

Half a Million Loss Results There from the Breaking of the Dams.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 30.—The flood in the Tallapoosa river broke the dam of the Tallapoosa Electric company, 180 feet of solid masonry giving way. The dam cost \$400,000. Two hundred feet of the Tallapoosa cotton mills stone dam were also broken. The loss is \$500,000. The rainfall was over seven inches.

Bonus for Skippers.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 30.—The Pittsburgh Steamship company announced today that it will give the matters of its 112 vessels a bonus ranging from \$100 to \$190 for their work during the past season.

Two Crushed at Crossing.

New Castle, Ind., Dec. 30.—Nancy Reeder and John Edwards were struck and instantly killed this evening by an east bound Pennsylvania train at a grade crossing. Both bodies were horribly mangled.

SOME CENSUS FACTS SHOWING MAGNITUDE OF INDUSTRIAL COMBINES

Capitalized for Billions, They Employ an Army of Workmen and Millions in the Shape of Wages

Washington, Dec. 30.—Census statistics made today on the industrial combinations show the total capitalization on May 31, 1900, for 13 corporations reported to be \$3,085,200,863. The total value of products was \$1,661,295,365. These corporations employed an average of 399,192 wage earners, receiving \$4,524,715 in wages. Employees also given to 24,585 salaried clerks, etc., receiving a total of \$2,653,623 in salaries. The miscellaneous expenses of these combinations were \$151,851,077. The total material used was \$1,085,053,829 and the next value of products \$51,981,586. The 183 corporations control 2,820 plants that were active during the census year, and 174 were reported idle during that period.

NO TRIP IN THE REPORT.

Publisher Not Compelled to Discontinue Subscriptions Upon Expiration of Advance Period.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The statement of the postoffice department has ruled that the subscription to any publication must be discontinued at the expiration of the time for which it has been paid in advance. The instructions issued today by the postoffice department direct that all publishers who are in violation of this rule are to be notified and that there has been no change with regard to the legitimate second-class publications.

MEDALS FOR MICHIGAN MEN.

They Are Desires for Naval Militia in the Yosemite.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Representative Alden Smith of Michigan has called the attention of the president to the fact that the Michigan delegation was desirous that the members of the Michigan naval reserve who served aboard the Yosemite during the Spanish war be awarded medals. He also saw Secretary of the Navy Long on the same subject.

BEQUESTS FOR THE CHURCH.

Will of George W. Farr, Jr., of Philadelphia Makes Presbyterian Societies Beneficiaries.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 30.—By the will of George W. Farr, Jr., a prominent member of the Presbyterian church, \$50,000 is bequeathed to the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, \$50,000 to the Board of Foreign Missions, and the residue of the estate to the board of publication and school work of the United States in the church in the United States.

SELLS STAMPS BELOW VALUE.

New Haven Suspect May Be Implicated in the Chicago Postoffice Robbery.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 30.—Henry Bantell, arrested a week ago with a large quantity of postage stamps and postal cards in his possession, was arraigned today with having offered to sell the stamps below their face value. The case was continued until the government opportunity to ascertain whether the stamps are part of the lot stolen from the Chicago postoffice. The prisoner was held on \$1,000 bonds.

DIAMOND CHAIN DISAPPEARS.

Stolen in Transit via Adam's Express Between Washington and New York.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The mysterious robbery of a diamond chain valued at \$3,500, which either the Adams Express company or Shaw & Berry, the local jewelry firm which shipped it to New York, are probably the victims, occurred some time between Sunday and this morning. The package was not opened in New York until today, when the chain was found missing. Detectives are working on the case.

IT FINISHES ITS SESSION.

J. A. Lyons of Chicago Chosen President of National Commercial Teachers' Federation.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—The convention of the National Commercial Teachers' Federation concluded its business today. Milwaukee was chosen for the next convention. Officers were elected: J. A. Lyons, Chicago; Secretary, I. C. Walker, Danville, Ill.; Treasurer, O. A. Fajst, Chicago.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Matters of Interest From Various Parts of the World.

Oscar Brennan, 55 years old, of 216 West Eighty-fourth street, New York City, died while eating his Christmas dinner.

Cato Sells of Vinton, Ia., is at Cleburne, Tex., with a view of buying large tracts of land and establishing a national bank.

It is said the czar has accepted an invitation to attend the coronation of King Edward, provided the czarinas is in good health at the time of the ceremony.

While endeavoring to save her child four years old, who had wandered onto the railroad tracks at Baltimore, Mrs. Lucy M. Brass was killed, as was also her child.

A. J. Ayers, a young messenger of the Union bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., who disappeared recently with \$2,000 of the bank's money, has been arrested in Montreal.

Intimate associates of George W. Thompson, who is under charges of horse stealing in Denver, declare the prisoner is Jesse James, once a notorious bandit in Missouri.

A new record price for a seat on the New York exchange has been established by a sale at \$80,000. Last Saturday a seat sold for \$75,000, which was the record up to that time.

The board of estimate adopted in behalf of the citizens of New York a resolution of thanks to Andrew Carnegie for the gift of \$5,200,000 with which to build libraries in that city.

Luther C. Sanborn, who came to Sioux City, Ia., in 1856, and was a pioneer in that section of the state, died there last week. He was one of Sioux City's most prominent citizens.

The Frisco Railway company has begun transferring the depot at Goodland, I. T., to the new town of Hugo, 60 miles south of that place. All of the business firms at Goodland have moved or are making arrangements to move to Hugo.

The National Bank of the Republic in Chicago, is retiring \$600,000 of its circulation on Jan. 1. Officials of the bank say the profit on the 2 per cent bonds to secure the circulation is the cause of the retirement. The bank's circulation is \$650,000.

Colombian government troops have gained an important victory at Honda, which is about 45 miles from Bogota, over the revolutionary force under General Marin. The loss of life was heavy. According to the latest accounts 400 men were killed.

If John D. Crimmins of New York lived in a Catholic country he would be Sir John D. Crimmins, for a recent mandate of Pope Leo has created him a knight commander of the order of St. Gregory the Great, and this honor carries with it the knighthood title.

The American manufacturers of the Singer sewing machines will build a factory at Celle, Hanover, so as to avoid the heavy duty imposed on American sewing machines by the German government. A thousand men are to be employed in the factory.

The German government has decided to attack agricultural experts to the most important German consulates. The first of these experts will be sent to the United States, where agricultural developments are being more carefully observed now than formerly.

Senator Quay remained in Washington as long as possible without actually imperiling his life. He is now in Florida, where he will probably remain through the winter. Quay's health is so feeble that he cannot stand even the mild winters of Washington.

Edward G. Glennon, the former wardman of the West Thirtieth street police station, New York, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the penitentiary by Recorder Goff. Glennon was found guilty of willful neglect of duty in failing to suppress a disorderly house.

Imports from the United States into Denmark have been very large during the past few years. Some lines of goods have become popular, and new articles are gradually finding their way into the Danish markets. One article that is now there and seems to have gained favor at once is the billiard table.

It is rumored that the University of Chicago will soon add a school of technology to that institution. President Harper is said to favor the plan, and it is thought the sum of \$375,000, recently given to the university, as Mr. Harper said, "for purposes not to be announced at present," will be used as a nucleus for the amount needed to found a school of technology.

The exactions on tourists arriving at the port of New York will, it is said, be made more stringent, and tourists arriving in this country will be called upon in future to pay duty on all extra wearing apparel, as well as on everything else not on the free list. In other words, according to a custom official, "tourists will not be favored at the expense of the importers."

Kansas miller in a meeting at Topeka made vigorous protest against railways raising the weight of carload shipments of flour out of the state from 24,000 to 30,000 pounds. They claim other millers will not be compelled to take similar action in the same territory, hence the injustice.

Returning tourists who were entertained by Major Putnam Bradlee Strong and May Yobe in Yokohama, state that the actress expects to become a mother next March. Pending the event Strong and his companion, it is said, will maintain their present expensive establishment in Yokohama. Afterward, Strong declares, they will go to Manila, where they will go on the stage.

William Waldorf Astor has donated \$10,000 for the promotion of civilian rifle clubs in the United Kingdom.

The Columbia bicycle plant at Hartford, Conn., has been purchased by the American Cycle Manufacturing company for \$300,500.

Mrs. Maud McCormick, known to the public as Miss Maude Miller, an actress, and daughter of Joaquin Miller, the poet, died at Oakland, Cal., of heart trouble.

Andrew Carnegie has offered the city of Akron, O., \$70,000 for a free public library, the city to guarantee \$7,000 annually to keep it up. The offer will be accepted.

As the result of conferences between a clergyman, Rev. Broekhuysen, and the Boer leaders in Amsterdam it has been decided to send C. M. Wessels to the United States in a ship bearing a letter from Mr. Kruger to President Roosevelt.

Government by injunction has assumed a new terror. A Newark, N. J., girl has made application to the supreme court for an injunction to restrain a young man, who she says promised to marry her, from marrying another girl.

In the Alaskan fur market, London quotations govern. These are fixed twice a year—in March and August—by a board of principal dealers in that city, and prices are gauged according to that scale in all parts of the world except Russia.

When congress convenes after the holiday recess Senator Cullom will introduce a joint resolution providing that a delegation from the present congress be sent to England to represent the United States at the coronation of King Edward VII.

The Kentucky state board of valuation and assessment has fixed the value of Kentucky whisky for the purpose of taxation at \$8 a barrel. The original assessment was \$10. The reduction was granted on the filing of affidavits by leading distillers.

Germany's oldest sea-going ironclad, the Kron, has been struck from the list of the strength of the fleet. She was launched in England in 1867, and was then considered the embodiment of all that was new and effective in armored warships.

John Chaney, Charles Hunt and William Rumstick, charged with having looted the Mondovi bank of \$8,000 a few weeks ago, pleaded guilty at Black River Falls, Wis., and were given seven years in Waupun at hard labor by Judge O'Neil.

Dispatches from Salonica report that W. W. Peet, treasurer of the Missionary society in Constantinople, has established communication with the brigands who hold Miss Ellen M. Stone captive and hopes that her release will be accomplished within a fortnight.

The Italian minister of the treasury, Signor Di Broglio, has instructed Signor E. Mayor des Planches, the Italian ambassador at Washington, to open negotiations for the purpose of having Italian rents listed on the New York and other American stock exchanges.

Ezra Parker, 46 Clark street, Chicago, who is suffering from an incurable disease, offers his body for sale. He lacks the necessities of life, and if some surgeon, college or medical society will buy him food now he will bequeath his dead body to his benefactor.

On Jan. 1 the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will shorten the workday hours of freight trainmen from 12 to ten hours. After ten hours the overtime rate will be paid. This will result in the disbursement of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 additional in wages yearly.

Major General S. B. M. Young, at present in command of the department of California, will assume control of the department of the lakes, with headquarters in Chicago, in March. The change, which is made at his own request, will take place March 1.

Hugh Carlender, a writer of love songs, killed himself at Weddington, Kas., with a revolver. His wife and son were in the house when he shot himself. He was 40 years old. While some of his songs had sold readily, he was in financial straits because of prolonged sickness.

The Simpson Clothing company of St. Joseph, Mo., a prominent retail establishment, has made an assignment. Liabilities, \$30,000; assets estimated at practically the same amount. Unusual liberality in extending credit is said to be the cause of the failure. A trustee is in charge.

The city of Lincoln, Neb., acting through a committee, gave the order for a set of chiming bells to be erected as a memorial to William McKinley in a local church. The price, \$6,000, was raised by voluntary subscriptions, following a movement begun shortly after the death of the late president.

A general order issued by the navy department yesterday sets apart as a naval reservation certain lands on Culabra island, heretofore selected by a naval commission as a naval reserve. The island lies to the eastward of Porto Rico and came under the flag as one of the dependencies of that island.

J. H. Bridges, president of the Uvalde Asphalt company, San Antonio, Tex., has received a cablegram announcing that his company has been awarded the contract for laying pavements and sewers in the City of Havana, Cuba. The contract involves \$12,000,000, and it is thought it will take five years to complete the work.

There are between 8,000 and 10,000 lawyers in Chicago. That is to say, there are between 8,000 and 10,000 men in the city who have studied law and been admitted to practice. Of this number, however, only 4,500 to 5,000, or about 50 per cent, are following their profession. The other 4,500 to 5,000 are in the ranks of trade.

WRECK ON NORTHWESTERN.

Special Eastern Express Crashes Into a Freight Engine—Four Killed Thirty-Five Injured.

De Kalb, Ill., Dec. 30.—Four dead and 35 injured is the record of a wreck on the Northwestern railroad at Malta, a small station six miles west of De Kalb, early yesterday morning.

A special, running as the first section of the Eastern express from Omaha, collided with the engine of freight No. 16 at 5:14 o'clock. The disaster was caused by an open switch, which threw the engine of the freight train directly in front of the passenger train, coming at a rate of 65 miles an hour.

The two engines cornered off, and the wrecked passenger coaches were piled up between them. Escaping steam from the wrecked locomotives added to the disaster.

The dead are: Eli Duncan, 5201 Armour avenue, porter on Pullman sleeper; taken from wreck, scalded and crushed.

B. O. Nichols, manager of the Council Bluffs (Iowa) Electric Light company; scalded; died at Wheaton, Ill., at 5:30 o'clock on special train which was bringing him to Chicago.

George W. Rudio, 137 Thirty-Second avenue, Omaha, Neb., manager for James S. Kirk & Co.; scalded; died a few hours later in house at Malta.

Mrs. George Rudio, Council Bluffs, Iowa; scalded; brought to Chicago and died at St. Luke's hospital at 8 o'clock.

Fire in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Fire started in a Christmas tree at 7 o'clock last evening destroyed the six-story Alexandra apartment building, Cottage Grove and Bowen avenues, forced 150 occupants to flee for their lives, and caused a property loss estimated at \$50,000.

Drops Dead in Church.

Davenport, Iowa, Dec. 30.—While the pastor, Dr. J. B. Donaldson, was praying at the First Presbyterian church of Kirkwood boulevard, yesterday, J. S. Conner, a well known citizen of Davenport, suddenly placed his hand to his side and dropped dead.

A Fortune Awaits Her.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A fortune awaits Mrs. Mary Crowe, but the trouble is she can't be found. Mrs. Crowe is supposed to be in Chicago, and relatives are now here searching for her. These relatives are Miss Lottie Ritter, Mrs. Crowe's daughter, who lives in Lincoln, Ill., and the Rev. B. Docum of Bushnell, Ill., a half brother of Mrs. Crowe.

Hatfield Killed in Arizona.

Globe, Ariz., Dec. 30.—Robert H. Hatfield, one of the last of the notorious Kentucky clan, was shot and killed on Tuesday at Troy mining camp in the Pinal mountains. The slayer was Deputy Sheriff John C. Devine, who bore a warrant for Hatfield's arrest on a charge of wifebeating.

Soldiers Want Money Back.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Members of the Twenty-ninth infantry, which is to sail for Manila in February, are lamenting the fact that they have bought \$45,000 worth of winter clothing, which will be of little use to them in the Philippines. The army regulations prevent the men from selling the clothing, and they are demanding that the government refund the money.

Twenty Japanese Missing.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—Twenty Japanese are missing from Steveston, and are supposed to have been killed or drowned in the destruction of a Japanese boardinghouse between Steveston and Point Roberts on Thursday morning. The boardinghouse stood out on piles, and not a vestige of the structure now remains. The place was two miles from Steveston, and it was impossible to reach it during the storm.

Heavy Rains Cause Wrecks.

Opelika, Ala., Dec. 30.—Two freight wrecks occurred on the Western Railway of Alabama Saturday night within 30 miles of each other, on account of the heavy rains which flooded the track, causing two embankments to give way. Thomas Russell, engineer, was killed, and Cy Lee, negro fireman; B. W. Jackson, engineer, and a negro fireman, name unknown, were injured.

KNOCKS OUT THE BOARD.

Federal Court Voids Law Providing for the Appointments of Assessors in Colorado.

Denver, Col., Dec. 30.—Judge Riner of the United States district court today made permanent the injunction against the state board of assessors, preventing them from certifying the assessments against corporations. He declared the law appointing the board of assessors unconstitutional and that they had no power to make the assessments. Governor Orman is considering the question of convening the legislature in special session to pass a new revenue law.

In a Drunken Fury William Boles, Jr., shot and killed his father, and probably fatally wounded his mother at Irvine Depot, Ky. He was immediately arrested and locked up, and the jail heavily guarded to prevent a threatened lynching. He became angered at a reprimand from his father.

Naturalists in Session.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The 20th annual meeting of the American Society of Naturalists began today at the University of Chicago. Several papers on scientific subjects were read today.