

OPERATORS STRIKE.

The Dispatchers and Operators on the Atlantic and Pacific Go Out.

PREMIER OF ONTARIO SPEAKS.

He Gives His Ideas on the Reciprocity Question.

A HARD TIME FOR RUSSIA.

She is Visited With Small-pox--Work in the Senate--The Chinese Went Show.

Boston, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Albuquerque, New Mexico, says: "Every dispatcher and operator in the employ of the Atlantic & Pacific, from this city to Mojave, California, has quit work and all its trains are at a standstill. The strike began at 10 o'clock this morning, but it is not yet known how many men are actually out. There are from 600 to 800 operators on the Southern Pacific system, but it is not known what proportion of that number are members of the telegraphic brotherhood.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Up to noon today the strikers were reported out at San Miguel, Sanardo and Surlock, California, and at four points in Nevada and one in Utah, on the Central Pacific.

The Premier of Ontario Writes a Letter.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Oliver Morvial, premier of Ontario writes an open letter to Alexander Mackenzie, veteran premier of the dominion, in which he discusses at length, unrestricted reciprocity, and British connection. Morvial declared he is in favor of unrestricted reciprocity without impeding Canada's loyalty to Great Britain. He ridicules the annexation movement as of a few malcontents.

The Russians Having a Hard Time.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—To the horrors of famine are added those which arise from a visitation of smallpox which is carrying off large numbers of the impoverished people. In two small villages two hundred people are down with the disease and fifty deaths have already occurred. In addition to this, typhus fever is carrying off numerous victims in the various provinces.

Work in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In the senate today the vice-president announced the appointment of Merrill as regent of the Smithsonian institute to fill a vacancy.

Among the bills introduced and referred were the following: For the purchase of a site for a building for the supreme court of the United States; for a bronze statue of Christopher Columbus in Washington; and to promote and encourage display of the flag of the United States.

We Can Get Along Without Them.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A Washington special says: "The Chinese empire has officially notified the state department that it will take no part in the world's fair. The emperor's grounds for declining to send exhibits are that the United States is discriminating against the citizens of that empire."

The Strike Liable to be General.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—A. D. Thurston, grand chief of the order of railway telegraphers said today: "If we cannot settle our trouble with the Southern Pacific and Atlantic and Pacific, we will involve every railroad in the United States."

The Strike is Said to be a Failure.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Colonel Clowry, general superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company, received advice today that the strike of the telegraphers on the Southern Pacific railroad has proved a failure.

Financially Troubled.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 15.—Julius Voelter, an extensive cattle dealer and pork packer of East Liberty, is financially embarrassed. He estimates his liabilities at eighty thousand dollars and assets at one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Went Effect Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 15.—The strike of the Southern Pacific telegraphers does not effect this division as none of the operators are members of the order.

Field Recovering.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Cyrus W. Field has improved rapidly. There was a marked change for the better experienced yesterday and it continues today.

Don't Want the Office.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 15.—In an interview last night M. S. Quay said that he is not a candidate for re-election to the United States senate.

Has Declared a Dividend.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The Oregon Railway & Navigation company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, payable January 2nd.

Went to the Wall.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Conover Brothers company, piano manufacturers, became insolvent and Geo. W. Cotterall was appointed receiver.

The Revenue Cutter Rush.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The United States revenue cutter Rush arrived this morning, being nine days out from Ounulaska.

A RELIGIOUS CRANK.

Scheme of the Man Arrested for Announcing President Harrison.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 14.—Inquiry at Homestead, a suburb of Pittsburgh, shows that Charles Henry William Hogg, who was arrested at Washington last Friday for annoying President Harrison, is a crank of very large ideas. He came to Homestead last spring and remained until September. He did not seek employment, and seemed to have enough money on which to live comfortably. He sought the society of the clergymen of the town and unfolded to them the scheme which was uppermost in his mind. He said that all religious societies at present in existence are founded on wrong ideas, and that peace will not come to the world until all the churches are destroyed, and one grand central edifice erected with branches of the same kind in every town. He said he had been appointed to be master architect, and that all who assisted in the enterprise would be saints. He left for Washington with the express purpose of interesting President Harrison in his project. While at Homestead Hogg conducted himself as a gentleman, and was considered harmless.

Dispatches From Emin Pasha.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Private dispatches are received from Africa, which state that Emin Pasha had several bloody conflicts in the lake districts, and that his position is precarious. Those advisers, however, do not agree with reports from other sources regarding the movements of Emin, which stated Emin was received with the greatest enthusiasm by the troops who had served under him when he was governor of the equatorial province. It is said further when the news of Emin's movements reached Uganda, a British officer with 1000 troops, started to oppose his further advance. It may be this force came in conflict with Emin's soldiers, and it is to these engagements the Paris dispatch refers.

Columbus, Ohio, Afflicted.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 15.—At no time since la grippe first made its appearance here has it claimed more victims than just now. The mild weather, with considerable precipitation, seems to have furnished just the conditions the epidemic requires to flourish in, and all the physicians say the amount of sickness in Columbus now is almost unprecedented; the schools show irregular attendance, due to the epidemic, but among the children it has rarely proved fatal. It is with the older people, and especially the aged, that it is most to be feared. Even though they survive the first attack, la grippe is rarely eliminated from the system, and often develops into some other malady that eventually proves fatal.

A Brazilian Revolution Squelched.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 15.—There is a revolutionary movement in the province of Sao Paulo. The object is to depose the governor of the province. Up to the present time the insurgents have only succeeded in ousting a number of local officials. Later reports state that the revolt was suppressed by the government troops, and quiet now prevails throughout the state.

A Russo-Turkish Alliance.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—The Novosti publishes an article today urging an alliance between Russia and Turkey. The paper declares that the Russo-Turkish war, resulting as it did in the liberation of slaves, rendered an alliance between the two powers possible by removing all pretext for new conflicts.

The Wine Crop of France.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Official statistics of the wine season of France show a yield of 4,000,000 hectolitres above the yield for 1890. In Algeria the yield is doubled. Allowing for the increase in raisins and wine for sweetening, the total production shows an increase of 1,500,000 hectolitres.

An Engineer Drops Dead.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—Colonel William E. Merrill, United States engineer in charge of the Ohio river and all its navigable tributaries, dropped dead this evening on the Ohio & Mississippi train, near Edgfield, Ill., while going to Shawnee town on business.

Washed Overboard and Drowned.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Her majesty's steamer Anson, flagship of the Channel squadron, while cruising in the vicinity of Gibraltar, encountered a terrific gale, in which several men were washed overboard and drowned.

A Young Physician Killed.

RICHLAND, Tex., Dec. 15.—Dr. Allen, a young physician, was shot and killed here today by Matthew Dunlevy, one of the wealthiest stockraisers in the state. Dunlevy was arrested. He asserts Allen made disparaging remarks about his daughter.

Deposed by the Pope.

ROME, Dec. 15.—Monsieur Foichl has been deposed by the pope from the office of vice chancellor of the apostolic chamber, owing to faults in his administration.

THE POLITICAL POT.

The Nomination Will be by Acclamation

This Time.

NO CHANCE TO DECLINE.

The Striking Operators Will be Taken Back Again.

KILLED IN A RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

The New District Judges--Thousands of Dead Seals--Another Bank Goes Broke.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 16.—Col. Conger, a member of the republican executive committee in an interview today, speaking of the coming convention said: "The committee proposes that the whole field shall be looked over and the strength of the various candidates carefully considered, then a decision will be made and a man will be named by acclamation by the convention."

There will be no contest on the floor of the convention. There will be no attempt to put down public sentiment, but the whole matter will be informally understood and acquiesced in detail before the convention gets down to work. In regard to the letter of declination from Blaine, Col. Conger said there is nothing in it. There is no reason why Blaine should write a letter now, he continued, or until the nomination is tendered him, and in that event, under the plan of the committee proposed the work he certainly could not decline, neither could Harrison or any other man who may be selected. The colonel said that Blaine is feeling better than he had in many years. As to whether Blaine would run again he declined to be quoted. He thought the defeat of Mills had settled Cleveland's chances. Iowa, he said was republican on the national issue.

The Strikers Will Be Taken Back.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—There were no developments in the railroad telegraph operators strike this morning beyond the fact that one man left his station at Spadra, Los Angeles county. General Manager Towne, of the Southern Pacific, states that of the two men who struck on the Salt Lake division but one has been reinstated at his own application. Manager Towne says all the men who make application and agree to conform to the rules of the company will be taken back.

Killed in a Railroad Accident.

LIMA, Ohio, Dec. 16.—The westbound passenger train on the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago road, left the track this morning near Lima, because of a broken rail and crashed into the engine of a freight train standing on a siding. The pullman and dining cars rolled down an embankment and E. J. Manuel, a cook, was instantly killed, and Edward Neff, fireman, was fatally injured, and about five others were badly hurt. Among the injured is F. S. Dunn, of Seattle, Wash., who had his hip smashed.

The New District Judges.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The president today sent the senate the following nominations to the United States circuit judges as provided in section 1, chapter 517 United States statute. At large, Wm. L. Putnam, of Maine, for district circuit, Nathaniel Shipman of Connecticut; second—George M. Dallas, Pennsylvania; third—Nathan Goff of West Virginia; fourth—Wm. H. Taft of Ohio; fifth—Wm. A. Woods of Indiana; seventh—Warren Truitt of Oregon, district judge for the District of Alaska.

Lots of Dead Seals.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Ounulaska advices up to December 5th, state that with the departure of the seals southward, an opportunity was given of inspecting the rookeries at Seal Islands, and that more than ten thousand young seals were found dead, apparently from starvation. The indiscriminate slaughter of seals without regard to sex it is contended, deprived the young seals of their dams, and their natural sustenance. The last known sealer has left the Behring Sea.

Another Bank Breaks.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 16.—The Irwin bank at Irwin, Pennsylvania, failed to open this morning. Poole and Son, proprietors, made an assignment. They say the bank could not recover from the shock caused by former suspension. It is said that between \$75,000 and \$100,000 was drawn out within the past week. Poole claims that every dollar of the deposits will be paid up.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Wheat, buyer, '91, 1.75; Season 1.85 1/2.

Favors Mills' Appointment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—McMillan, one of the new members on the rules committee, is prominent as a tariff re-

former, and was one of the most active members of the ways and means committee. He says, however, that he is in favor of the appointment of Mills as chairman of the last-named committee.

Treated as Democrats.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The democratic caucus committee today completed its labors in the assignment of the minority representatives upon senate committees. It is understood that the new senators have been well cared for.

Kyle and Irby, alliance senators, were treated as democrats, while Senator Peffer was left to the republicans to care for in arranging their lists.

Looking Over the Ground.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 16.—Chairman Clarkson of the National Republican committee and the members of the committee spent today looking over the exposition building and consulting with the architect as to its remodeling to meet the needs of the convention.

The First Car of Tin.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 16.—What is supposed to be the first car load of pig tin ever mined in the North America continent arrived here. It came from Durango, Mexico, and is the property of the Pittsburg & Mexican tin mining company.

The Vessel and Crew Lost.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—It is reported that the steamer Prince Satyloff from Barry for St. Nazacca, was wrecked off Brest, and everyone of her crew drowned. Only one person was saved from the steamer which was the captain.

In the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the house the speaker announced the appointment of a committee on rules as follows: the speaker, chairman, Messrs. McMillan, Hutchings, Reed and Burrows. The house then adjourned till Saturday.

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Representative Mills condition is slightly better today.

Secretary Foster is still improving in health.

Won Their Fight.

DENVER, Dec. 16.—The Atlantic & Pacific Railroad company conceded to all the striking operators' demands.

Death of a Prominent Physician.

AGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 16.—After ten months' illness, Dr. Henry F. Campbell died at 11 o'clock last night. He was born in Savannah, Ga., sixty-seven years ago. He graduated as a doctor from the medical college of this city when only 18 years old. He held the chair as professor of surgery in that college for fifteen years. He was president of the American Medical association in 1885, and belonged to nearly every medical association in the country, and known by reputation throughout Europe. He leaves an invalid wife and one daughter.

Probably Bound for Chile.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The flagship San Francisco, Admiral Brown, is expected down from Mars Island today. Her destination is believed to be Valparaiso. She has sealed orders, and it is anticipated that her stop in the stream will be a short one, and that she will proceed to sea as soon as possible.

Fatal Accident on a Panama Road.

PANAMA, Dec. 16.—News reached here today that a fatal railroad accident occurred between Puerto, Eimon and San Jose. George W. Calliphus, of Amsterdam, chief engineer of the Rive Plate Loan & Trust Company, and one other passenger was killed. Many persons were injured.

Two Men Killed.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 16.—A collision occurred on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad near Alderson, West Virginia, this morning, between a freight and a passenger train. Fireman Lyons and Postal Clerk Burnett were killed, and seven other persons were injured.

Will Pay a Good Portion.

COLUMBIA, Tenn., Dec. 16.—The creditors' committee of the bank of Columbia and Columbia Banking company, now insolvent, reported this morning that the banks will pay 60 or 70 cents on the dollar certain, with a probability of more.

A Chance for Allen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—It is stated upon good authority that Senator Allen, of Washington will be appointed circuit judge to succeed the late Judge Lorenzo Sawyer.

The Influenza in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The influenza is raging throughout the state. Mills and schools are suffering and every workshop store and profession is affected.

Ex-Governor Stafford Dead.

TARPAN SPRINGS, Dec. 16.—Ex-Governor Stafford, of Arizona, died at his home here yesterday morning, after an illness of over a year.

He Killed Two Men.

WHARTON, Tex., Dec. 16.—Last evening Frank Sparks killed J. G. De Long and Denton Duke at East Barnard. The men had quarreled.

Chicago Wheat Market.

CHICAGO, December 17.—Close, wheat, steady; cash, 90 1/2 @ 1/2; January, 91 1/2; May, 96 3/8 @ .97.

Portland Wheat Market.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—Wheat, Valley 1.62 1/2; Walla Walla, 1.57 1/2.

HARRISON IS IN IT.

President Harrison has Decided to Take

a Hand in Reciprocity.

THE STATEMENT UNAUTHORIZED.

Conger is Said to Have no Authority

For his Promise.

STATE SECRETARY GONE WRONG.

The Steamer Charles W. Wetmore Released--Arrested on Suspicion-- Labor Resolutions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—President Harrison, according to a Washington special, has decided to exercise the power vested in him in the reciprocity clause of the McKinley tariff bill and issued a proclamation restoring the duties on sugar, coffee, teas and molasses, from countries that do not enter into negotiations for reciprocity treaties with our government. Only the countries that concluded reciprocity treaties with the United States and will consequently not be included in the proclamation. These are: Brazil, Cuba, Porto Rico, San Domingo and the British West Indies.

The Statement was Unauthorized.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 17.—Henry J. Payne has just returned from Minneapolis, where he went with the members of the executive committee of the national republican committee. When asked about the report, credited to Conger, that there would be no contest for the nomination for president in the convention, and that the committee should select a man before the convention was called to order, he said: "Neither Conger, nor any other member has any authority to make such a statement."

State Secretary Gone Wrong.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 17.—At midnight Secretary of state Daniel E. Soper tendered his resignation to take effect immediately, to Governor Winans, who accepted it. The resignation is the outcome of charges filed by Mayor Johnston of this city. They charge malfeasance in office. When confronted with the charges by the governor, Soper acknowledged the truthfulness of each of them.

Furnished Bonds for the Vessel's Release.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—The agents of the whale back steamer Charles W. Wetmore, today furnished a bond of two hundred thousand dollars with W. S. Ladd, and Captain W. R. Williams, both of this city, as bondsmen. The vessel has been ordered released from custody and as soon as the necessary repairs can be made, she will proceed to her destination.

Arrested on Suspicion.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A man whose name the police refuse to give was arrested today on suspicion of being concerned in the robbery of the United States mail wagon, on Wednesday.

The national prohibition committee met this afternoon for the purpose of deciding upon the time and place for holding the next national convention to nominate candidates for president and vice-president of the United States.

Federated Labor Resolutions.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 17.—The convention of the federation of labor in this morning's session passed a resolution in favor of the re-establishment of a republican form of government in the district of Columbia, governmental central telegraphs, and protesting against the action of the Chicago police in breaking up public meetings.

May Be Guilty After All.

MERCED, Dec. 17.—The detectives who have been following up the case of the murder of the wealthy rancher, John Juett, for which crime August Olsen, (Juett's brother-in-law), was recently tried and acquitted, claim they have found new and sufficient evidence to convict Olsen of the crime.

The Governor of the National Soldiers' Home is Dead.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 17.—Col. Nathaway, governor of the National Soldiers' Home, died this morning on home grounds. He suffered three strokes of apoplexy during the night.

In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—In the senate today, resolutions for the appointment of a select and a standing committee was adopted. The credentials of Senator Elett Hill of New York, were placed on file. Turpen then proceeded to address the senate in support of the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of United States' senators by a direct vote of the people of the several states.

The Waterways Convention.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 17.—The Waterways convention was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning. The call of the convention was read and the address of

welcome delivered by Mayor Pender. Thomas W. Palmer, temporary chairman, then made an address. There were delegates present from Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and New York.

Indians Don't Count.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 17.—In the case of the Yankton Indian, indicted for adultery, Judge Edgerton decided it was not intended by congress to make the Edmunds law applicable to Indians on a reservation, and discharged the defendant.

A NIGHT OF TERROR.

Adventures in the China Sea on Board a Merchant Vessel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—George Merchant, mate of the ill-fated schooner Pearl, that was run down in the China sea August 5 by a large steamer, is in the city, on his way to visit his brother at Fresno. He says the Pearl was a small schooner employed in trading around the Philippine islands, but on the last voyage was bound to Hong Kong from Panay. The schooner carried a crew of six. When within about eighty miles of her destination, on the night of August 5, it was blowing a strong gale and the schooner was hoisted to. Merchant and a seaman named May were on deck when the lights of a large steamer were seen coming straight for the Pearl. May ran to the cabin hatch and got a flare, but before he could light it the steamer crashed into the schooner, nearly cutting her in two. May's arm was broken and he was badly hurt internally. The rest of the crew were asleep and were no doubt killed in their bunks. Merchant succeeded in cutting the only boat adrift, and by almost superhuman efforts got it over the rail into the water. The two men had barely time to get into the boat when the schooner went down head first. They shouted frantically for aid, but the steamer kept on her way and the two castaways were left to their fate. They had neither food nor water and only a single pair of oars. May died at daylight and Merchant soon became delirious and insensible. He was rescued by a Chinese junk and taken to Hong Kong, proceeding thence to Victoria by the steamer Empress of China. He fell overboard during the voyage, but was quickly rescued.

Thinks Field is Insane.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—E. M. Field is still at the Vernon house, Mount Vernon, where he was taken a few days after the collapse of the firm. Dr. Grainger is of the opinion that he is insane. He is most of the time in bed and takes food sparingly, fearing that it is poisoned. The relatives of his partner, Wiechers, who gave him the \$600,000 which Mr. Field squandered, are on their way to this country to demand an explanation and a settlement. It is said that Mr. Field lost most of Wiechers' money in the corn deal three months ago.

Offering a Pardon for Robbery.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15.—A compromise is said to have been effected with the robbers who recently stopped a San Francisco train out of this city and robbed the express-car of \$100,000. The robbers are said to have returned most of the money after being promised safe conduct out of the country. R. W. Goode, an attorney, admitted that one of the robbers communicated with him and asked him to try and effect a compromise, but will say nothing more.

A Fiend Remanded for Trial.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The man, Wood, who assaulted and killed a 5-year-old girl at Brighton a few days ago, was examined in court today, and remanded for a week in order to give time for the public prosecutor, who has taken charge of the case, to obtain evidence. The people of Brighton are still highly wrought up over the atrocious crime and Wood has to be strongly guarded, for fear of an attempt to wreak popular vengeance on him.

Her Feelings Were Depressed.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Eight inmates in a home for indigent widows and single women, in this city, have died within the past few days from complaints aggravated by grippe. This morning Miss Mary McGraw, also an inmate, suffering with grippe, who was greatly depressed by the death of her companions, committed suicide by cutting her throat.

The American Federation of Labor.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 16.—The convention of the federation of labor this morning adopted a resolution condemning the conspiracy laws of Pennsylvania and the decision of the secretary of the treasury in allowing foreign musicians to come into the country as artists. Congress was petitioned to put trade-union labels on a legal footing with trademarks.

Effect of the Copyright Law.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Further interviews regarding the working of the recent copyright legislation were secured by the Associated Press. The consensus of opinion seems to be the act is not effecting any change in the commercial relations of English and American publishing houses, but a difference of opinion exists as to whether literary efforts are stimulated by it.

Weather Forecast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Forecast for Oregon and Washington: Scattering rains on immediate coast and in Eastern portions.

Five Men Drowned.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The fishing smack Osprey was wrecked in Firth-of-Tay during a snow squall, and five men were drowned.