

MINE-OWNERS TO FIGHT THE TRUST

Montana Mining Men Propose to Build Smelter of Their Own.

SENATOR CLARK TO HELP

Advance in Rates by Trust Causes Revolt—Independents Expect to Raise \$1,500,000 Before February Opens.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 17.—That an independent smelter is to be erected in Helena by the mine owners of the state of Montana seems an assured fact. After perfecting a temporary organization today to be known as the Montana Mining Men, the leading mine operators tonight raised \$100,000 and one member, M. L. Howitt, temporary president of the organization, agreed to secure an additional \$100,000 within one week for the erection of the proposed smelter in this city. The operators, it is said, are also assured that ex-United States Senator William A. Clark will subscribe to a large block of stock.

The personnel of the executive committee, named today, is pointed out by the mineowners, in a certain guarantee that the movement in this state to operate the mines without, in the least, relying upon the American Smelting & Refining Company to handle the ores, will be a success. The chairman, M. L. Howitt, one of the most extensive mine operators in the United States; A. E. Spriggs, H. L. Frank, ex-United States Senator; William A. Clark; Benjamin E. Phillips and F. H. Linderman. Mr. Howitt tonight said:

Montana leads all states in its mineral output and the mine operators determined not to be hampered by the arbitrary action of the smelting trust. We are determined to erect an independent smelter, and reasonable rates, there would even then be far more than the East. In view of these conditions an independent smelter will certainly be established at Helena. The mine owners of Montana can raise \$1,500,000 for the establishment of the independent smelter by February 1st, and a permanent organization will be completed.

Selling Agent Necessary.

Secretary J. F. Calbreath, of the American Mining Congress, addressed the meeting on the special benefits of co-operation among the Western states, saying that a selling agent would be necessary as well as independent smelters to deal with the situation. He told of the five months' investigation made by his organization into the affairs of the American Smelting & Refining Company, pronouncing it a monopoly and in a fair way to become the mother of the trusts.

In order further to increase the membership of the body and make it more general, the convention this afternoon adopted the report of the permanent organization committee to the effect that another meeting be held here a month hence and that temporary organization continue until that time.

Exorbitant Rates Charged.

Resolutions of great importance to the mining industry in Montana were adopted and in conformity with them committees to make investigations were appointed. Alleged exorbitant rates, entries upon forest reserves and the classification of mineral lands, by which it is alleged, the Northern Pacific Railway secured the best tracts of mineral land, were dealt with at length. A committee was appointed to investigate the classification of land and adjournment taken until February 17.

CHINOOK CLAIM BASELESS

Garfield Says Agreement to Buy Their Land Never Ratified.

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Public Building for Bellingham.

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UTAH AGITATING SILVER

Memorial Asking for Changes to Be Given to Congressmen.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 17.—The following address on the silver question, which proposes Congressional enactment having for its purpose a relief of the financial stress, was approved by the board of governors of the Commercial Club

yesterday and sent to the Utah delegation in Congress. With the address was a personal letter to each of Utah's representatives in Congress, asking that they do all in his power to support the legislation suggested.

First—A law amending the present law governing greenbacks to authorize the Government expense for the succeeding four months, amounting to perhaps \$5,000,000 per month, to be paid in a new issue of greenbacks.

Second—A law authorizing National depositories and National banks to purchase or loan money from individuals, firms or corporations upon bonds of the United States when presented and deposited for such sale or loan; the United States Treasury to supply such depositories and banks with special treasury notes for that purpose.

Third—A law requiring the purchase and immediate use in subsidiary coin and silver certificates of \$5,000,000 ounces of silver.

Fourth—A petition to Congress asking that body to authorize and indorse the calling of an international conference by the President to consider and if possible to agree upon the remonetization of silver on a fair ratio with gold; the appointment of a commission favorable to remonetization and authorizing such commission to negotiate for such remonetization when a majority of the leading powers consent.

The address further declares that "between 1873 and 1893, because of the demonetization of silver, miners of the West lost quite \$350,000,000."

The memorial concludes with the statement that the "decision of the Cabinet after the vote in 1893 no more settled the question than it did the tariff question."

NOISY WOMEN IN PRISON

SUFFRAGISTS IN DISASTROUS DEMONSTRATION.

Assemble at Residence of Premier Campbell-Bannerman and Five Arrests Made With Difficulty.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The arrival of the industrialists at Downing street today to attend the first meeting of the Cabinet before the assembling of Parliament was made the occasion of a public demonstration by the women suffragists. The police anticipated trouble and a large force was present, but the women succeeded in making their way inside the residence of Premier Campbell-Bannerman and five arrests were made before order was restored.

Some of the demonstrators adopted a novel manner to prevent being carried off by the police. They had attached to their belts stout chains, which, when they saw the police about to lay hands on them, they quickly threw around the iron railing in front of the building. The police had to take these chains by force before they could get the women away.

The suffragists subsequently were arraigned in the Bow Street Police Court. They refused to give securities for their good behavior and were sent to prison for three weeks.

SOVEREIGN BANK FAILS

Large Canadian Institution With 76 Branches Goes Under.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 17.—The Sovereign Bank of Canada has gone into liquidation and the Bankers' Association will take charge of the assets tomorrow. The bank has 76 branches in Ontario, Quebec, the Northwest and the maritime provinces.

The Sovereign Bank was organized in Toronto in 1864 with a capital of \$1,500,000, which was increased in 1906 to \$4,000,000. When the Dresdener Bank of Germany took \$2,000,000 of its stock in June last the bank's reserve account of \$1,250,000 was wiped out, together with \$1,000,000 of the capital, and the bank was reorganized with the following officers:

Ancelus Jarvis, president; J. H. Dunn, representing the Dresdener interest, vice-president, and F. G. Jennett, general manager, succeeding Manager Stewart.

Since the reorganization deposits have fallen off \$3,000,000.

The Bankers' Association held a meeting which lasted long into the night, discussing the bank's affairs. It was stated at midnight that an arrangement had been perfected whereby all the branches of the bank will be taken over by other banks in the association and business will be continued as usual. Depositors will lose nothing, but holders of shares in the bank probably will not fare so well.

The bank's losses, which led to the reorganization last year, were summarized in a statement given out on June 11 as follows:

Bad debts, \$700,000; unsatisfactory assets, \$1,000,000; depreciation of securities, \$150,000; doubtful debts, \$241,000.

WALKER ENTIRELY IMMUNE

Cleared of Any Criminal Connection With Wrecked Bank.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Upon motion of Assistant District Attorney William Hoff Cook, Superior Judge Dunne this morning dismissed the charge of embezzlement against David F. Walker, president of the wrecked California Safe Deposit & Trust Company, in connection with the disappearance from the bank of the Colton estate securities, valued at \$200,000.

The Assistant District Attorney stated that after a thorough investigation it was found that there was no evidence showing a criminal act on the part of Walker, adding, however, that there was criminal culpability in failing to investigate the affairs of the bank and take action upon learning of the loss of the securities is uncontroverted.

The latter statement brought a sharp protest from W. H. Chickering, attorney for Walker, who was not satisfied with the dismissal of the criminal charge against his client with this reflection upon him by the District Attorney.

Walker was not the kind of man to be president of this bank, or of any other, retorted Mr. Cook. "There can be no question of his criminal culpability when he did not know of the condition of the bank and failed to make an investigation when he learned of the disappearance of the securities."

This action of the District Attorney was predicted when President Walker made a voluntary statement regarding the affairs of the bank and afterward testified against Barnett and Brown before the grand jury.

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THE VICTOR

Talking Machine \$1 Down, \$1 a Week

Come in and Hear the New Records at Our Victor Hall.

\$25 Suits, \$11.85

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75 Women's Suits of cheviot, broadcloth and fancy imported suitings, in plain black and navy, and smart gun-club checks in various effects. Jackets are in the always popular Prince Chap and military effects, trimmed with silk, braid, velvet, etc. Values to \$25.00; on sale for **\$11.85**

69 Coats, in all lengths, sizes and colors, only a few of each style, in LONG Coats and JACKET styles—light, medium and dark shades. Some extraordinary values. Regularly sold to \$18, **\$6.98**

150 famous Heatherbloom Taffeta Petticoats—the kind that wear twice as long as ordinary taffeta and cost half as much. Made of rustling, lustrous black Heatherbloom taffeta, with extra deep flounce in three sections, trimmed with hemstitching. Regular \$3.50 values and equal to **\$2.58** a \$10 petticoat, sale.



All Dress Goods Remnants Half

That woman who bought twenty-two of these remnants the first day, and that other who traveled ten miles from the country and was the second customer to reach here evidently believed that now is the time to buy.

Their remnants of the very best goods—only the best dress goods become remnants. And there's a wonderful assortment, because we do the greatest dress goods business in Portland.

There are 4000 remnants of Black, Cream and Colored Dress Goods, all wool and silk and wool; all lengths up to six yards in broadcloths, serges, chevots, mohair, panamas, voiles, crepe de Paris, henriettes, shadow and Scotch plaids, challies, batistes, albatross, brilliantines, cravettes, tailor suitings, poplins and imported novelties. Marked for Clearance at

HALF PRICE

Men's Neckwear, Values to \$1 at 39c

Most Sensational Values Ever Given by a Portland Store

These superb rich silk four-in-hand ties have always sold for 50c, and there are some among them that have sold as high as \$1.00. They come in an infinite variety of designs and in every conservative and popular shade and coloring. An unusually good quality of silk makes them easy to tie correctly. There are:

- Sweet Double Plaids.
- Dainty Embroidered Figures.
- Polka Dots and Coin Dots.
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Easy to adjust for the smartest large or small knots, as you prefer. The variety is so large that every taste can be suited, whether you prefer a tasteful black or a smart wine or garnet shade. **39c**

Goods Reduced in Every Department

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Jump or Fall From Third Floor.

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SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 17.—Four girls were killed, ten seriously injured and a score or more slightly hurt in a fire in the Imperial Knitting Company's mill in Scranton, Pa., on the central part of the city today.

MARIE BECKLEY, aged 19 years, neck broken by jumping from third story window.

CATHERINE GRIFFITH, aged 20, skull fractured by jumping from window.

JENNIE RATCHFORD, aged 22, jumped from window, died in hospital.

KATHERINE MANNING, aged 18, jumped from window and died in hospital.

Seriously injured:

Anna Ryan, aged 22 years.

Florence Watrous, 19 years.

Ernestine Kohl.

These girls jumped from the third floor and received internal injuries and broken limbs.

Eighty-five girls were at work on the third floor when fire broke out on the ground floor where some men were varnishing furniture in a warehouse. It quickly ascended the elevator shaft and drove the girls panic-stricken to the window opening on the fire escape. The girls on the upper part of the fire escape crowded those in front. With the flames enveloping them, half of them jumped from the third floor before the firemen arrived.

There was only one exit, a narrow hallway, beside the fire escape and this hallway was cut off by fire and smoke.

The fact that many of the girls fainted further blocked the narrow fire escape and added to the difficulty of rescue.

The financial loss is \$53,000.

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So many funerals are to be held today, tomorrow and Sunday that the borough authorities found it necessary to keep at work all night. Today found this part of the work almost completed. A large number of funerals were held today, and many sad scenes were enacted as one or more members of a family were laid to rest in the hurriedly prepared graves.

The largest number of funerals will take place tomorrow. The coroner placed the number of dead at 112.

The unidentified dead will be buried in a trench. Each unidentified body will be placed in a separate coffin.

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