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## OFFICERS AND STRIKERS HAVE A DESPERATE BATTLE

Several Are Killed and Many Wounded at Stearns, Kentucky, Yesterday.

EXCITEMENT NOW GROWING INTENSE

Posse Searching the Mountains For the Wounded Who Are Lost.

(By Associated Press.)  
LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 26.—Excitement is intense today at Stearns, Whitley county, where two pitched battles occurred yesterday between deputy United States marshals and miners connected with the strikers there. A posse is in the mountains today searching for the dead and wounded. Officer Ryan, who became separated from his companions during the fight of yesterday, is wandering in the mountains if not captured or killed by the strikers. Berry Simpson, who owns the hotel in which the fight occurred, escaped into the mountains and is being protected there, it is thought, by his friends. He is alleged to be the leader of the strikers. The hotel was destroyed and it is believed that five men were burned to death. The men killed yesterday were Officer Mullins and a miner named Richard Ross. Ten miners are believed to be wounded in the two fights.

## JOHNSON IS THE WINNER

Defeats Burns in the Big Fight Christmas Day at Sidney.

(By Associated Press.)  
SIDNEY, Australia, Dec. 26.—Jack Johnson who defeated Burns in the fourteenth round Christmas Day, was up early today and none the worse for his battle. Sam Fitzpatrick, the manager for Johnson, has been receiving telegrams from different parts of the world challenging the champion heavy-weight.

## SANTA CLAUS CATCHES FIRE.

Penn College Student's False Whiskers Set Afire by a Lamp.  
OSKALOOSA, Ia., Dec. 26.—Clarence Pickett, a student of Penn college, escaped serious injury only through the prompt action of the Rev. Ellison R. Purdy and Frank Elz, superintendent of schools. Pickett personified Santa Claus at a college entertainment, his beard caught fire from the lamp, and the flames were communicated to the clothing and hair. The men sprang from the audience when the flames started and smothered the fire with their coats, which they removed as they ran. Pickett was not seriously burned.

## JURY FAILS TO AGREE

Nine Would Acquit Hargis and Three Wanted to Convict.

(By Associated Press.)  
IRVINE, Ky., Dec. 26.—The jury in the case of Beach Hargis charged with the murder of his father, Judge James J. Hargis, was unable to agree and was discharged. The jury stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction.

## FEAR PLOT OF THE ROYALISTS

President Fallieres of France, Attacked But Is Not Badly Injured.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Dec. 26.—While President Fallieres, accompanied by his secretary and colonel Lasson, military attaché of the Palace, was taking his morning stroll, a poorly clad individual who evidently had been lying in wait, suddenly jumped on the president from behind and put arms about M. Fallieres neck in an effort to seize his beard. Lasson and the secretary dragged off the assailant and turned him over to the detectives. The president's cane was broken in the struggle but beyond a scratch on the ear, the president was uninjured and insisted upon resuming his walk. The assailant was searched and a number of royalist documents were found. He boasted of being a royalist and said he had done his duty by making the assault. There are rumors of a royalist plot but serious evidence in this direction is lacking and more likely it was a case of a cracked brain individual seeking notoriety.

The entire press of Paris with the exception of such reactionary newspapers as La Libre Parole, and L'Action Francaise, consider the attack of yesterday on President Fallieres by an unemployed waiter named Mattis, a fanatic's act without political importance. The incident was discussed at today's meeting of the Cabinet and it was decided "by energetic action to prevent any recurrence of similar outrages."

## SHOOTS IN SALOON.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 26.—Florence Varves, a Mexican, entered a saloon and without provocation shot and killed Angela Baffel, and shot Batista Philippe in the arm and also Joe Multidi. Varves was arrested.

## MEAD COMES BACK HARD

Makes a Defense Against Washington Being Termed Haven For Criminals.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 26.—Governor Fort today made public a long letter from Governor Mead, of the state of Washington, explaining why he did not honor the requisition for Elliott Archer, wanted in this city on the charge of forgery amounting to \$70,000. Besides declaring there was no evidence except the requisition itself Mead wrote that Detective Godfrey of Newark, had no other evidence and that Detective Tuite of Newark was in no condition to submit any if he had it. In defending the state of Washington from the allegation that it had become "A haven for criminals" Mead wrote that "It has not been necessary to call upon the national guard of this state to enforce laws since I was governor, neither has there been any lynching or general demonstration against the supremacy of the law."

## DYNAMITE BUILDING.

(By Associated Press.)  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—A three story brick and steel building upon which non union steel workers were employed was damaged by dynamite yesterday to the extent of one thousand dollars. It is believed hot headed union men were responsible. No one was injured.

## HAVE FIERCE BATTLE AT MOSCOW

Revolutionists and Officials Come Together and Chief of Secret Police and Many Others Killed and Wounded.

(By Associated Press.)  
MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—Baron Cotte, chief of the Secret Political Police, was killed and Colonel Muraki wounded in a fierce encounter yesterday with revolutionists who were entrenched in a suburban villa. During the fight several policemen were killed and others wounded. Troops were summoned and a regular battle ensued, the artillery being employed to bombard the villa before the revolutionists subdued. The occurrence is the most serious since December of 1905. The losses sustained by the revolutionists is not known but are undoubtedly heavy.

## SUFFOCATED IN THE CITY PRISON

Frightfully Crowded Condition in "Drunk Cell" at Portland Causes the Death of Young Robert Burns.

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Robert Burns, a young steam-fitter, was found dead in the "Drunk Cell" of the city prison yesterday. He had been smothered to death. With

## OLD SETTLER PASSES AWAY

William Klahn, On Bay Since 1866, Dies at Home in Empire.

William Klahn, one of the old settlers of Coos Bay, died Christmas Day at his home in Empire, aged 66 years. He had been ill for quite a while and paralysis was the cause of death. Mr. Klahn was born in Neustadt, Holstein, Germany, and came to Coos Bay in 1866. In the early days he was a raftsmen on the bay and for a number of years was in business at Empire. About two months ago he sold out his business interests and went away for his health but not being benefitted, returned home. Mr. Klahn is survived by four children. They are Hermann, a pattern maker living at North Bend, Mrs. Maggie Woodruff of New York, Sidney Klahn of Portland, and Mrs. Lillie Johanson residing at the Coos Bay life-saving station. Mr. Klahn was a member of the A. O. U. W. The time of the funeral will be announced later. The funeral services will take place from the residence at 2 p. m., Sunday. Steamer Reta will leave Marshfield for Empire City at 12 o'clock noon. Interment I. O. O. F. cemetery, Marshfield, on the arrival of steamer Reta from Empire City. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

## WILL CONTEST ELECTION.

Trouble Ahead for Lieutenant Governor of Washington.  
(By Associated Press.)  
SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 26.—It is stated by the friends of A. C. Edwards, the defeated candidate for Lieutenant Governor that he will contest the election of M. K. Hay, for that office on the ground that he had abandoned his residence at Wilbur, Lincoln county, and had not resided in Spokane long enough to acquire a voting residence.

## HENRY W. POOR HAS ASSIGNED

Prominent Banking Firm of Wall Street Has Gone to the Wall.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Henry W. Poor, trading as Henry W. Poor and Company, 33 Wall street, assigned today for the benefit of his creditors. Poor is a member of the Banking House of H. W. Poor and Company of this city and Boston.

## CLAUS SPREGKELS DIES AT HOME IN SAN FRANCISCO

He Was One of Most Prominent Men On the Pacific Coast. MADE A FORTUNE IN THE SUGAR BUSINESS

And Was Interested in Railroads and Many Other Big Properties.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 26.—Claus Spreckels, the famous sugar refiner, died at his residence in this city Christmas day. Pneumonia was the cause of death. He was one of the most prominent men on the Pacific coast. He was the father of John Spreckels, the publisher of the San Francisco Call, and Rudolph Spreckels.

The late Mr. Spreckels was the owner of steamboats and railroads and was known in the business world throughout the country. He made his fortune mostly in the sugar business. He had, however, many other interests. He was connected with the construction of the Santa Fe railroad and introduced the sugar beet business in this country.

John D. Spreckels was the man who formerly owned the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern railway in this county and the Spreckels money was used in several ways in the development of Coos county in the early days.

## TAFT WILL BE URGED

Congress Wants a Special Session Following Inauguration to Revise the Tariff.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—If the leaders of the congress of both parties are able to bring sufficient influence upon Taft, a special session to revise the tariff will be called almost immediately after the inauguration. The purpose will be to cut the session as short as possible to secure adjournment before the extremely hot weather sets in.

## CANNOT INTERFERE.

President Has Nothing to Say in Gompers Case.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 26.—An official statement was made at the White House in regard to presidential interference in the case of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, under sentence for contempt of court. It is said the matter is still before the courts and no matter what the president's opinion may be he cannot take action looking to pardon or express any opinion of the merits of the case.

## TRAINMEN IN BAD ACCIDENT

Breakman Killed and Several Others Injured by Breaking of Water Gauge.

(By Associated Press.)  
LA PORTE, Ind., Dec. 26.—The bursting of a water gauge in the case of an engine running at fifty miles an hour, resulted in the death of the head brakeman, the probable death of the fireman and the slight scalding of the engineer. The fireman is seriously injured.

## CELEBRATE AT CAPITAL

Business at Washington Is Suspended Christmas Day.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Christmas at the National Capital was marked by a complete cessation of business, both official and private. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt gave a large family lunch with a few intimate friends and at night dined with Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles.

## BANK ROBBED OF \$29,000

Discovered that Vaults of California Institution Have Been Looted.

(By Associated Press.)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—The fact has just been made public that the First National Bank of Monrovia, Calif., was robbed of a sum said to amount to \$29,000 last Monday night. The detectives have no clue and no arrests have been made. Officers of the banks refuse to discuss the matter. Whether the money was taken out of the cash when counted Saturday afternoon or taken Sunday by some one in possession of the combination is not known. The missing money was in currency.

## ANOTHER BAD ACCIDENT.

Second Auto Collision in Oakland May Prove Fatal.

(By Associated Press.)  
OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 26.—A collision of an automobile and a train in the heart of the business district today was preceded by the running down of two pedestrians by the same machine. One person was perhaps fatally injured and three others more or less badly hurt. The injured were Sam Kulla, the chauffeur perhaps fatally, and John Petty and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riley. The machine dashing down Broadway at a furious speed carrying to the hospital Albert Gross who had just been injured by a trolley car. Petty was also an occupant of the automobile. Just before the machine struck the train it ran down and struck the Rileys crossing the street. At Seventh and Broadway the machine collided with a local train injuring the chauffeur and Petty. The four victims were taken to the hospital in a police patrol.

## CONGRESSMAN DEAD.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 26.—Congressman Robert C. Davey, of Louisiana, died yesterday after an illness of several months. He was a conspicuous member of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce.