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Smoking Jackets

ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO smoke to feel comfortable in a Smoking Jacket.

When you are invited out to dine a Tuxedo Coat and Vest is the proper caper.

But when you have supper at home, put on a Smoking Jacket and your Slippers; chances are that you'll feel so comfortable you won't go out.

WE HAVE THEM AT

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Of course, there are lots of cheap ones made, but we sell only "good ones." They are the cheapest in the end.



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Are arriving and will be ready for inspection in a few days. We will, as usual, have the largest and newest stock of Holiday goods in the city.

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Our Prices Cannot Be Beaten, Quality Considered

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BEE HIVE STORE NEWS

Special Prices This Week on

Ladies' and Children's Furs

Girls' White Aprons

In Eight Different Dainty Styles

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They are the Prettiest Aprons We Have Seen

Ladies' White Muslin Underwear.

Lace Corset Covers

50c to \$1.50

Our \$1 Kid Gloves

For the Holiday Trade Are Guaranteed

The Very Best

Our Customers All Indorse This Statement

Ladies' and Men's Slippers In High Novelties

Ladies' and Children's Coats Cheaper Than Elsewhere

STEAMER BLOWN UP BY EXPLOSION

Eleven Men Are Missing and Others Fearfully Maimed and Injured.

AN OIL TANK EXPLODES

Besides the Crew Many Mechanics Were on Board Busy at Work—Flames Add to the Horror.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—While the steamer Progresso was lying at the wharf of the Fulton Iron Works at Harbor View this morning an explosion occurred, as a result of which 11 men are missing, a score were more or less seriously injured and property to the value of \$200,000 was destroyed.

THE MISSING:

- SPARKS, first assistant engineer.
- JOS. E. BEX.
- CHAS. GLENN.
- HOWARD DOWE.
- DAN CAVATT.
- DAN GALLAGHER.
- JOE MAGUIRE.
- F. NELSON.
- C. C. MCGREGOR.
- JACK STRAND.
- JACK ASHTON.

First Engineer Sparks, Chas. Glenn and Howard Dowe, members of the crew of the Progresso, were shipped only this morning.

THE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED:

- Henry Coanua, aged 18; arm amputated.
- Robert Gibson, both legs broken.
- A. Kama, fractured leg and foot.
- R. Rucoll, fracture of the left wrist.
- George McNeerney, severe burns.
- J. Morgan, injured about the arms and legs.
- T. McGill, severely burned.
- Willie Van Tarset, contusion of the hip.
- Petr Hansen, fracture of the right leg.

The disaster occurred at 9:24 o'clock, while 40 men of the iron works and 20 employees of the ship were on board. Below the decks mechanics were busy completing the work of converting the vessel from a coal burning coal carrier to an oil burning oil carrier, when suddenly one of the oil tanks blew up. Men were hurled against the steel walls and a sheet of flame came sweeping into their faces.

On the upper deck men were hurled into the air or thrown into the water. Three sailors engaged in washing paint outside of the pilot house disappeared as a cloud of black smoke came up from the ship and were seen no more.

Following the explosion the ship sagged in its center showing she had been broken in two. In the office of the iron works, 30 feet away, every window was shattered and flying glass cut the faces and hands of many. A stream of burning oil running from the tanks spread out until the ship lay on waves of fire. As the ship was built of steel, the fire was nearly all below decks. There were 14 oil tanks containing about 400 barrels of oil in all, and despite the efforts of the fire department this continued to burn fiercely for hours after the explosion. Numerous minor explosions due to the fire going from tank to tank occurred at short intervals.

Superintendent Spiers of the Fulton Iron Works, tonight stated he believed three or four names would be added to the list of 11 victims when all of the workmen were checked up.

REED'S CONDITION SERIOUS

Is Somewhat More Comfortable, But Not Out of Danger

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Doctors Gardner and McDonald had a visit tonight to ex-Speaker Reed, issued the following bulletin giving Reed's condition at 10 p. m.

"Temperature, 104; pulse, 80; retains nourishment. Is much more comfortable in every way."

Mrs. Reed and Miss Reed, wife and daughter of the ex-speaker, arrived here this evening from New York.

Dr. Gardner tonight reiterated the statement made by him during the day that all cases such as that of Reed are to be regarded as serious, but adding that he could not say he saw any immediate danger that need be apprehended.

GUilty OF PERJURY.

Principal Witness in Murder Case Will Go to Penitentiary.

ELDORADO, Kan., Dec. 3.—The jury today returned a verdict of guilty against J. G. Brownfield, principal witness for the defense in the case of

Miss Jessie Morrison for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle, who was charged with perjury. The penalty is not less than seven years in the penitentiary. An appeal was taken.

COMMISSION RESUMES WORK

NO AGREEMENT YET REACHED BUT THERE IS STILL TALK OF SETTLEMENT.

SCRANTON, Dec. 3.—The anthracite coal companies and their employees having failed to come to an agreement during the Thanksgiving recess of the strike commission, the hearing of the miners' side of the case was continued today and unless something is done by the lawyers on both sides to curtail matters, the proceedings will surely run into next year.

With the re-assembling of the commission today, however, there was a revival of the settlement "out fit" court.

Nothing definite has been done and neither side has approached the other so far as can be learned, regarding further negotiations, but as one prominent attorney expressed it: "There is something in the air."

Lawyers on both sides have heard rumors, but profess to know nothing about it. Chairman Gray, speaking for the commission today, again expressed hope that efforts would be made by both sides to agree on many points as possible and that the commission was ready to lend any conciliatory help to bring about that end.

SYSTEM OF PENSIONING ADOPTED BY RAILROADS.

After Being in the Service for 20 Years or Incapacitated Because of Age Employees Will Derive Benefits.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 3.—Following close upon the announcement that the Union Pacific would pension its old employees General Manager Hancock of the Oregon Short Line today issued a circular stating that by January 1 the Oregon Short Line will establish a pension system.

The fund will be provided for the purpose by the road, the benefits of which will accrue to those employees who have been in the service for 20 years continuously and who have reached an age necessitating retirement.

PHYSICIANS SAY ASSASSINATION

Fitzgerald Came To His Death By Fire In Rear.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—According to the New Orleans correspondent of the Record Herald, a letter has been received by J. A. Snyder from Henri Barthels in Guatemala City, a number of the firm of Snyder and Barthels, managers of the Central American Improvement company, in which Dr. Godfrey Hunter is supposed to be interested, stating that at the coroner's inquest held on the body of William Fitzgerald, who was shot and killed last Friday week, by Godfrey Hunter Jr., the physicians decided that the shots were fired from behind and that Fitzgerald came to his death by assassination.

NEW LINE PROPOSED

System of Steamers to Ply Between New York and Orient.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Five English shipping firms are combining to form a new line of steamers to ply between New York and the far east, says a London dispatch to the Tribune. The service will be known as the American and Oriental Transport line. Although the combine will be English in regard to the tonnage employed, the business will be with American mercantile houses.

GREAT JOURNALIST ILL

Julian Ralph Has Hemorrhage and May Die.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 3.—Julian Ralph, the well known newspaper man, war correspondent and author, is critically ill at the Southern hotel from the effects of a sudden and violent hemorrhage. His physicians state that a repetition of the attack would probably prove fatal. The attack occurred last night and Mr. Ralph is resting easier tonight.

MESHIPMAN ILL.

Son of Famous Commander Takes Typhoid In Infectious Country.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Midshipman Richard Wainwright Jr., son of Commander Wainwright, U. S. N., has been taken to San Juan hospital, says a Herald dispatch from San Juan. He is suffering from a fever supposed to be typhoid.

Wainwright has been in charge of a working party from the battleship Indiana, engaged in digging a small canal at Culebra island.

SENATE SETTLES DOWN TO WORK

Substitute to Bill to Make Oklahoma and Indian Territory State.

EXPENSES OF COMMISSION

Benton, Gentleman From Missouri, Argued Arbitrators Were Appointed Without Authority.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The senate today began the real work of disposing of the business before it, although the session lasted only an hour and a half. Nelson from the committee on territories reported a substitute for the omnibus statehood bill to take a recommendation that Oklahoma and Indian Territory be added to the Union as one state under the name of Oklahoma.

The house today passed a bill appropriating \$50,000 to defray expenses of the anthracite coal commission and then adjourned until Friday.

There were two hours of discussion on the commission bill, during which the president's course in creating the commission was highly commended except by Benton, a Missouri democrat, who contended that the commission was created without authority of the law of the constitution.

LODGE INTRODUCES BILL

Measure to Make United States Currency Philippine Legal Tender.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Senator Lodge, chairman of the senate committee on the Philippines, today introduced a bill for regulating the currency in the Philippines by providing that currency in the United States should be made legal tender in the Philippines and makes a gold dollar the unit of value, but it authorizes the coinage of silver pesos of 416 grains, which is to be paid in sums of less than 100 pesos when demanded.

The Philippine government is authorized to take such measures as it considers necessary to maintain the parity of peso with the currency of the United States at the rate of two pesos for one dollar.

AGE OF NAVAL STUDENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Senator Hale today introduced a bill fixing the age of admission to the naval academy between the age of 17 and 20 years. The present limit is 15 to 21 years.

FROM CHICAGO TO PACIFIC COAST

Through Chair Car Service Will Be Operated Across Country.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 3.—The traffic arrangements between the Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Short Line railroads, composing the Harriman system, and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad were concluded at a protracted meeting held here today between the general operating officials of the system interested. It was announced after the meeting by President A. J. Farling of Milwaukee that on and after January 1, the Milwaukee road would operate through chair cars and sleepers from Chicago to the Pacific coast, the new service to be operated on an agreement similar to that which existed for years between the Chicago and Northwestern and the Union Pacific systems.

LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR DIRECTORS WILL INVITE

States West of the Mississippi to Take Part in the Exposition.

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—The board of directors of the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition this evening decided to invite every state west of the Mississippi to participate in the centennial.

Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, California and Nevada will be urged to make appropriations for that state exhibits while other western states will be asked to transfer their exhibits from St. Louis in 1904 to the Lewis and Clark exposition. Congress will be asked to appropriate two million dollars.

CORNELL WILL NOT RACE.

Obnoxious Rule Causes Dissension of Crews.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—It seems likely that Cornell will drop, for the present, all plans for sending a crew to England to engage in the Henley regatta, says a Tribune special from Ithaca, owing to the rule under discussion

by the regatta stewards which would bar from competition all crews coached within a month by professional trainers.

"We are not so anxious to win the cup," says the Cornell Sun, "that we would enter into any controversies or quarrels with our English brethren, and should the rule in question be adopted, it would be best probably to drop further discussion on the project."

TEXA MASONS OBJECT TO NEGRO RECOGNITION

Refuses To Restore International Relationship With Washington Until Position Is Abandoned.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 3.—The Masonic grand lodge of Texas has declined to restore international relation with the grand lodge of the state of Washington until that grand body shall have abandoned its position recognizing negroes and others regarded by the grand lodge of Texas as "clandestine."

CONSOLIDATION IN ENGLAND

Iron and Steel Industries To Be Incorporated and Enlarged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Work of consolidation and amalgamating the various firms engaged in the iron and steel industry in this country is proceeding steadily, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune. It is officially announced that Lloyd and Lloyd of Birmingham, have been absorbed by Stewart and Menzies of Glasgow, which company possesses the largest iron and steel tube works in Great Britain.

MAHER KNOCKED OUT.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—Kid Carter tonight knocked out Peter Maher in the second round at the Pennsylvania Art club.

SNOW IN KANSAS.

TOPEKA, Dec. 3.—Kansas is experiencing the first bad snow storm of the winter.

EUROPEAN POWERS PREPARE FOR WAR

Venezuela May Become Involved in Conflict With England and Germany.

SQUADRONS IN READINESS

Financiers in London Anxiously Wait Note From Washington That Will Effect a Settlement.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Great Britain and Germany, according to official statements made here have commenced punitive measures against Venezuela.

German war vessels, it is stated, are already on the scene of contemplated action and Great Britain expects to have a squadron there soon capable of coping with any resistance that Venezuela might offer.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press correspondent is informed that no definite answer has yet been received from Washington by financiers here who wish to bring about a pacific settlement. An important communication one way or other is expected from Washington tomorrow.

REVOLUTIONISTS STILL ACTIVE

President Castro Seems Unable To Quell Revolt.

PORT OF SPAIN, Island of Trinidad, Dec. 3.—Notwithstanding the recent successes of President Castro against the revolutionists, plans are afoot by which the revolutionary party of Venezuela has hopes to stem the tide.

Instead of withdrawing from the revolution, General Matos has pledged an expenditure of more money for the prosecution of the movement.

JUST IN

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- Tobacco Pouches
- Opera Bags, Table Covers
- Shopping Bags

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