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Bishop Charles S. Mc- Transportation Companies on Great Governmental Salaries to Cabe Dies of Apoplexy.

GREAT MORAL FORCE

Wife and Neice Hasten from Philadelphia to His Bed Side, Remaning Till the End.

THREE SCORE YEARS & TEN

Was Notable Figure During War of Rebellion-Distinguished Always and Died Full of Honors-Fine Executive.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Bishop Chas. C. McCabe, Bishop of the Methodist Man., says: Episcopal Church, died in the New York Hospital at 5:20 today. Death was due to apoplexy, with which the bishop was stricken several days ago while passing through this city on his way to his home in Philadelphia. Mrs. McCabe and the Bishop's niece, who have been with him almost constantly since he was stricken, were at the bedside when the noted clergyman

Bishop McCabe was stricken when about to leave this city on December 11. The night before he had delivered his famous lecture on "The Sunny Side of Life in Libby Prison," at Torrington, Conn., and was passing through this city, on his return to his home in Philadelphia. Accompanied by Dr. George P. Mains, publishing agent of the Methodist church, the bishop had reached the West 23rd Street terminal of the Pennsylvania Railroad and was about to step upon a ferry boat, when he staggered and fell unconscious. He was carried into the Ferry house and as soon as an ambulance could be summoned, was removed to the New York Hospital, where he received treatment. Meantime the bishop had regained consciousness and the indications of the 24 hours following were that the shock had been a slight one. At that time his condition gave promise of speedy recovery and the former health of the patient encouraged this hope. Just before the attack he had walked briskly and carried a grip weighted with books and papers without apparent fatigue.

Bishop McCabe, however, early realized the seriousness of his illness and his first words upon returning to consciousness were:

"Please notify my wife that I am very ill and ask her to come at once. That night Mrs. McCabe and his niece, who was also his secretary, arrived from Philadelphia, and have

since remained at the hospital. The condition of the patient did not change materially until early Saturday last, when he lapsed into unconsciousness. From then on the bishop failed gradually and on Monday the physiclans in attendance said that the out-

come was no longer in doubt.

Bishop McCabe was born at Athens O., October 11, 1836. He entered the Ohlo conference of the Methodist church in 1860 and two years later be- ing is imminent. came chaplain of the 122nd Ohio infantry. He was captured in the battle of Winchester and spent four months in Libby prison. His experiences as a prisoner of war were later recounted on the lecture platform. For more than thirty years he was popularly known as "Chaplain McCabe," and the title clung to him even after the general conference of the Methodist Church in 1896 made him a bishop.

Following the war he became pastor of a church at Portsmouth, Ohio, and later was associated as assistant secretary with the board of church ex-

While engaged in church work he

originated the rally cry. "We're building a church every day."

the Methodist Missionary Society. which post he was elected in 1884, he added half a million dollars to the annual income of the society. He was a singer and his songs were a feature of his pleas for funds. He was chosen chancellor of the American University at Washington, December

LAKE RATE PROFITS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.-Never before was so much money paid for carrying freight in lake vessels as during the season just closed. A rough estimate places it at \$61,000,000 for coal, ron ore, grain and lumber. The profits to the vessels were perhaps the largest in the history of the Lakes. Careful computations based on the

parnings of typical steamers show a net profit on steel ships of about 13 per cent. On wooden ships of between 3,000 and 3,500 tons capacity, the profits have ranged as high as 30 per cent with an average of more than 25 per cent on their insurance valuation. The cause of this great prosperity was the demand of the country for Iron and steel. The total movement of Iron ore was 37,513,379 tons, an increase of 4 036 685 tons over 1905.

Grain from Duluth moved in a larger volume than ever before. There was shipped from the head of Lake Superior \$1,608,000 bushels as compared with 59,676,000 bushels in 1905.

ANOTHER EXPERIMENT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.-A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Winnipeg,

By an overwhelming majority Manitoba yesterday voted in favor of government ownership of long distance telephone lines and municipal ownership of local exchanges. Hon. D. P. Roblin, premier of Manitoba, states he has already instructed the public works department to order supplies for the construction of one thousand miles of telephone line, which will be commenced as soon as possible.

### JAPANESE LINER FINED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19 .- Collector of the Port Frederick Stratton yesterday imposed a fine of \$1,000 the Nippon Maru, which brought five passengers from Honolulu, it being contrary to the law for a boat of foreign register to carry passengers besuch cases the agents had to pay the fine. Among the passengers brought on the Nippon Maru was Frank P. Sargent, commissioner of immigration. It is said, however, that his payment will be remitted when he reaches Washington.

### RAILROADER EXPLAINS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19 .- During the in-Interstate Commerce Commission today, A. B. Starr, general superintendent of the freight traffic of the Pennmands.

### STARVATION NEXT!

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 19,-Coupled with reports of fuel famine in the Northwest, comes still another report of suffering, the shortage of food supplies. Inadequate service has been interrupted by the coal shortage and blizzards, and now there are towns which are not only suffering from want of fuel, but even from the very necessities of life. A telegram today from Ambrose, N. D., states that the town is without coal and food, and suffer-

### GLORY BE!

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.-An imperial ukase will be issued this week fixing the date for the meeting of the provincial electoral colleges throughout the empire. Elections to parliament will take place on February 19. The convening of parliament March 5. and the preliminary elections of members to the electoral colleges will begin February 5.

### BAD NEWS FROM MUKDEN.

MUKDEN, Dec. 19.-American Consul-General Nelson Fairchild shot and His success as a money-raiser was killed himself today. It is believed the remarkable and later as secretary of shooting was accidental.

Be Advanced.

**GETTING INTO THE SWIM** 

Cabinet Officers, Senators Representatives All Subject to "Lightning".

RESPONSIBLE

Is In the Congressional Air and Quite Likely to be Put in Practical Shape During the Present Session, if Possible.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 .- It would seem that Congress has at last gotten its courage up to the point of increasing the salaries of senators and representatives. It is seriously proposed that their compensation shall be raised from \$5,000 to \$7,500 a year, and that instead of \$1,200, their clerks shall receive \$1,500.

It has long been the alreast unanimous belief at the capital that members of Congress should have larger salaries; but Congress has feared that such unanimity of opinion did not exist among the voters; hence Congress has hesitated to act. Now that the increased cost of living has become so manifest, and compensation for private activities having been enhanced, conviction is growing that the public would look leniently upon an increase of congressional salaries.

The movement to increa aries of all government employes tween American ports. As is usual in likely to have a generous reception also in Congress. The lawmakers could not well increase their own salaries and refuse increases to those in the executive departments.

The question of a larger salary for the President, members of the Cabinet and of the diplomatic corps has long been agitated. Numerous bills have been introduced to give the President \$100,000 a year, with corresponding increases to other high officials vestigation of the car shortage by the The necessity is regarded as especially urgent in the case of ambassadors and ministers at the foreign capitals, An American ambassador receives synvania lines, west of Pittsburg, said \$17,500 a year, which looks to the unhe favored a law compelling the rail- informed like a pretty good salary, but roads to supply equipment sufficient when consideration is given to the to meet its traffic needs. Car factories, enormous amount of entertaining a he said, are producing nearly 100,000 diplomat is called upon to do, especars less per year than the traffic de- cially at the principal European capitals, it is very easy to understand at which a man could well accumulate wealth. It has come to such a pass that there are mighty few places in the diplomatic service a man could afford to take, unless possessed of an independent fortune.

To hold a Cabinet portfolio is almost as bad. A few men come to Washington as Cabinet ministers and save money, but most of them spend several times the governmental salary Of the members of the present cabinet Secretary of Agriculture Wilson probably is the most thrifte, Mr. Wilson has broken all records for length of service in the Cabinet, and it is said that each year he has put aside a tidy sum out of his \$8,000 a year stipend. John D. Long, while Secretary of the Navy, also lived very modestly in Washington, and it is estimated that at least half of his salary was

Postmaster General Cortelyou has no independent fortune and undoubtedly lives within his salary, but it is not likely he is able to put much aside. Most, if not all, the other members of Mr. Roosevelt's Cabinet are men who can afford to pay something for the sake of serving their country in places of honor and distinction.

put aside for a rainy day.

SOME FISTIC FACTS.

TONOPAH, Dec. 19.-Manager Riley the shortage.

of the Casino Athletic Club today decided that Jeffries shall referee the Gans-Herman fight.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.-James J. Jeffries today declared he was willing o meet Tommy Burns, if a \$50,000 purse is hung up. He said he would not make a match with Jack Johnson. colored, for any sum.

STEAMER BLOWN UP.

Rare Accident on Mississippi River These Days.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.-The steamer Scovil is just reported blown up on the Mississippi river with the loss of al lon board.

VICKSBURG, Dec. 19.—The steamer W. T. Scovil, plying in the Vicksburg and Davis Bend trade, was destroyed tonight by an explosion and between ten and sixteen persons lost their lives, and a like number were injured. Four of the dead are whites, and five whites are injured. The number of dead and injured negroes cannot be stated at this time, but of the crew and a passenger list of fifty, about onehalf are missing.

The accident occurred at Gold Dust Landing, seventeen miles south of here. The steamer was at the landing when suddenly the explosion occurred, many timbers of the boat being thrown hundreds of yards. The boat was so badly damaged that she began to sink immediately. Pilot Daugherty had a miraculous escape. He was blown several hundred feet out into the water, but despite a dislocated shoulder, managed to swim back to the bank.

### ALL ACCOUNTED FOR.

TACOMA, Dec. 19 .- The special investigation committee, appointed by Governor Mead to look into the coal shortage, met here today and listened to a number of dealers and shipping men. I. B. Winsor, of the Carbon Hill Company, the only witness representing an independent coal mine, said that owing to a scarcity of cars, the Carbon Hill output in the last 16 days had been curtailed 6,800 tons. The manager of the Evans Creek Coal Co., on the other hand, stated that the Northern Pacific had supplied all the cars needed. Operations of the Roslyn, Cleelum, Milmont and Ravensdale mines are not being interfered with, but 500 additional miners are needed. The substance of the testimony of other witnesses was that the unprecedented coal scarcity was due, principally, to the withdrawal of Northern Pacific coal from this market, and the failure of the railroad to furnish cars to the independent companies Suggestions of combination were indignantly denied. The shortage of wood was caused by the scarcity of labor.

## GOING FOR METCALF.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19 .- According to an interview given to the press by Secretary Leffingwell of the board of education, today, Secretary Metcalf has made some erroneous statements in his report on the Japanese question. Leffingwell says that many of Metcalf's assertions are surprising, to say the least. He says that when the secretary asserts that the Japanese and Korean Exclusion that an ambassadorship is not a job League directed the board of education to enter a ruling concerning the Japanese, he utters, "what we say is error; members of the board of education were especially careful to explain the origin of the matter to Metcalf. The board acted upon to own initiative and merely proceeded to enforce the state law."

### HILL BEARS WITNESS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 19 .- The Interstate Commerce Commission adjourned its hearing on the car shortage in the west, tonight, to reconvene totoday was brought forward in the testimony of President Elliott of the Northern Pacific, during which Commissioner Lane and Elliott had a lively tilt on reciprocal demurrage. Elliott remained immovable from his position as opposing reciprocal demurmove freight faster. He said the railroads collected demurrage for the purstand this afternoon, was a disappointment as a witness. He came to the hearing fortified with a mass of figures, to prove his statement, that conditions outside the control of the railroads, were, alone, responsible for

Insignificant Resolution Gets in the Way.

HOLDS UP BIG BUSINESS

Champ Clark Sneers At Christmas Holidays-Mondell Has a Back-Set.

HANSBROUGH ON SHORTAGE

Presents Bill Providing Against Con gestion of Freight Traffic That Has the President's Unqualified Ende sement.

WASHINGTON, Dec 19 .- The House unexpectedly ran up against a snag today, in an effort to increase the clerical force in the office of the enrolling clerk, the Democrats, lead by Clark of Missouri, opposing the passage of the resolution. The resolution reported from the committee on accounts was adopted, giving the committee on enrolled bills an additional clerk. There was little or no debate on this reso lution, but when it was followed by another still further increasing the force in the enrolling clerk's office, a very determined discussion arose. The absence of a quorum was disclosed when the House divided on the passage the resolution. Representative Clark, who had invelghed against the "senseless Christmas, holidays," insisting that a quorum should be present if the resolution was to be acted upon. in the hour. Speaker Cannon saw how useless R

and adjournment, at 1 o'clock, fol-Previously to the taking up of the resolution, Littlefield endeavored to secure consideration of a bill requiring all corporations engaged in interstate commerce to make returns to the interstate commerce commission, but Clark objected, and it went over. Mondeil had the same experience with his bill to extend the time in which homemay make final residence.

At a meeting presided over by Secretary Root, at the state department, Bureau of American Republics elected net all that time. John Barrett, of Oregon, at present American Minister to Colombia, to be a director of the Bureau, to succeed William C. Fox. of New Jersey, who was today nominated to be American Minister to Ecuador.

Senator Hansbrough who has tuken a very active interest in the car shortage problem, particularly in the Northwest, has prepared the outlines for legislation which he believes, if enacted into law, will tend to prevent a recurrence of the present congestion. These have been shown to the President, at whose suggestion the senator's ideas were put into shape, and to Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

They contemplate legislation along the following lines: Giving the Intermorrow in Chicago. The feature of state Commerce Commission the power to inquire into the equipment capacity, under stress of extraordinary requirements, of all interstate railways, so as to judge of their ability to move traffic under extraordinary conditions; giving the commission authority to require shippers, holding rage, on the ground that it did not cars in demurrage, to unload and load such cars within twenty-four hours after the cars had beenE80\$N..N..N.. pose of facilitating the moving of ter the cars have been placed in a pofreight. President Hill, who took the sition to be unloaded; making it a misdemeanor for a common carrier to compel trainmen to attempt to move house on Prospect Avenue tonight. The trains containing tonnage in excess of other occupants had narrow escapes. the registered tonnage capacity of the The building is flatiron shaped and had engines hauling such trains; authoriz- narrow, winding hallways, in which the ing the commission to inquire into the victims, confused by flames and smoke, temporary use of the idle equipment of lost their way and were overcome.

one road to supplement the over-taxed equipment of another road,

Senator Kittredge expressed the opinion, today, that the coal famine is due to the amended law requiring railroads to give thirty days' notice of

a change in rates. The senator said: "About the first of October the railroads gave notice of a twenty per cent reduction in the rate on coal. The retall dealers, in order to take advantage of this rate, allowed the entire month of October to pass before ordering their coal. The result was the railroads were not able to ship it fast enough."

President Roosevelt's message, dealing with his action in dismissing from the army of the negro troops of three companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry furnished the one topic of interest in the Senate today. A lively debate followed the reading of the message as to what should be done with it, Foraker wanted it sent to the Military committee, with instructions to make further investigations should the committee deem it necessary. He said that in reality much that sppeared to be testimony was not really testimony, as much of it was not under oath. Under objection from Clay the Senate postponed action un-

The pension calendar was cleared by the passage of more than 200 bills. At the suggestion of Senator Lodge, President Roosvelt's message will be re-printed for the Senate in "normal"

The Interstate Commerce Com sion has postponed its investigation into the Harriman system of railroads until January 4.

HAS CLOSE SHAVE.

Prominent St. Louis Physician, Badly Involved, Escapes.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.-Warren F. McChesney, contractor and politician, aged 69, dropped dead today of heart disease, in a tailoring shop in this

In his pockets were documents purporting to be receipts dated in November, 1905, acknowledging the recelpt from McChesney, of amounts totalling \$1,500, for preliminary expenses in connection with a bill authorizing the construction of the St. Louis Electric Railway, to be introduced in the municipal assembly at the earliest possible moment. They were signed by Dr. A. H. Ohmann Dumesnil, a well known physician. Dr. Dumesnil was summoned before the grand jury with-

After being closeted with District would be to direct a call of the House. Attorney Sager for more than an hour, the dector left the Four Courts. Sager said he had no evidence to present to the grand jury, as he believed the receipts grew out of the visionary schemes of the promoters of the bill. Dr. Dumesnil stated later he had never received any money from McChesney; that he wrote out the receipts at the request of McChesney, on his letterheads, but they represented no monetary transaction. McChesney told steaders on the Shoshone reservation Dumesnil he wanted the receipts to show to others that he had expended money in railroad schemes. Dr. Dumesnil said he had known McChesney for fifteen years, and he had the "eletoday, the executive committee of the vated railroad bee" buzzing in his bon-

### PLUCKY SPOKANE KID.

SPOKANE, Dec. 19 .- Pressing a rerolver close to the side of Wesley Eichelberger, an express driver unloading a wagon of the Great Northern Express Company in an alley at the rear of the company's office in this city, an unknown highwayman told the boy to be quiet. Eichelberger pulled his revolver and fired three shots, none of which took effect. One shot, fired by the robber close to the boy's abdomen, made a slight wound. The highwayman escaped without being seen, although it happened about six o'clock, when the streets were thronged,

MADE GOOD HAUL.

SPOKANE, Dec. 19 .- A Tekon, Washington, special to the Spokesman-Review, says the safe in the jewelry store of Toyer & Engle, was dynamited by burglars last night and trays holding \$2,500 worth of fewelry and watches were carried away.

### QUINTETTE CAUGHT.

BUFFALO, Dec. 19 .- Four persons were killed, and one fatally injured in a small fire in the Zenobia apartment