



MINE OWNERS JUBILANT

Assert They Can Carry Every Point.

GOVERNOR UNDECIDED

Governor Sparks Seeking Information on Subject of Session.

NEWLANDS HAS TELEGRAPHED

Senator Expresses Opinion That Legislature Should be Called and Make an Application to the National Government for Armed Protection.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 28.—Captain Cox, the representative of Governor Sparks, tonight declared he had received from the Governor a telegram saying the Governor was endeavoring to learn the sentiment of the people of the State on the subject of a special session of the legislature. The mine owners are jubilant over the new turn of affairs and while refusing to say what their program will be openly assert they are now in a position to carry every point they have contended for. Vice-President Mahoney of the Western Federation states the going or staying of the troops will have no effect on the plans of the union miners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Senator Newlands today sent Governor Sparks a message expressing the opinion that in order to justify the National government in using its armed force to protect the state against domestic violence it is necessary under the constitution for the application to be made by the legislature when it is possible to convene that body; therefore it is necessary, Newlands says, for Sparks to convene the legislature and obtain its decision whether an application be made to the President for protection, or to pass an adequate law for the organization of a state peace force which will maintain order and protect life and property. Individually, Newlands thinks the later course should be followed and the good name of the State of Nevada be preserved.

CARSON, Nev., Dec. 28.—Having been given five days by the President in which to call a special session of the legislature, in order to keep the troops at Goldfield, Governor Sparks is deliberating what course to pursue. The injunction suit of the Goldfield mineowners, against the union miners, to dissolve the union, has been taken under advisement until January 3 in the United States court.

RENO, Dec. 28.—Governor Sparks said tonight he had not decided to call a special session of the legislature.

JAPANESE TACTICS.

Manner of Mikado's Soldiers in Manchuria is Uncivil.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Times from Peking calls attention to the great number of Japanese soldiers still in Manchuria though the country is perfectly tranquil and records complaints of their incivility to railway passengers. The dispatch also gives instances of the Japanese forbidding railway construction into Chinese territory west of the Liau Valley and claims that it is not with any national interpretation of the open door policy.

In an editorial on the Oriental immigration problem the Times deprecates the breaking up of the Indian Congress to justify the exclusion of Indians as well as other Oriental races from the colonies, and advocates the calling a convention representative of all the

colonies in India and the mother country for a preliminary investigation to assist the next imperial conference to deal with the subjects. It suggests that the evidence taken before such a commission might convince some of the colonies of the impossibility of banning against Oriental immigration, and thinks that certain parts of the British territories most suited to Orientals and least suited to the white man's habits might be especially reserved for Oriental immigration. The editorial concludes: "At present the Oriental races realize our difficulties but a swarming in-rush of even unarmed paupers cannot be resisted forever."

NEW MINING LAW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Among the important bills which the house will consider shortly after the holiday recess is that of suspending for the year 1907 the requirement that \$100 worth of labor shall be done on mining claims in course of being perfected in Colorado, California, Oregon, South Dakota, and Idaho, providing the claimant or claimant or claimants shall cause to be recorded in the location, where a location notice or certificate is filed on December 31, 1907, notice that they intend in good faith and intend hold and work the claim. The bill was passed by the Senate last Saturday.

VILLAGE BURNS.

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Dec. 28.—Message from Richards Landing says that village was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is \$200,000. Only three business buildings are left. Details are not obtainable. The population is nearly 1000.

AN ENORMOUS BILL

New York Woman Presents Account for 93 Septillions.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT DEBTOR

Italian Banking House Loaned Money to King Edward III and the Principal and Interest Have Accumulated for Seven Hundred Years.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The biggest bill which the world has ever known or is likely to know is one held by a New York woman against the English government. Compared to its incredible total the national debt becomes but a drop in the bucket, and all the wealth of the richest man in the world would not pay the interest on it for a week. Its total as set forth in the latest accounting and demand for payment is \$93,799,400,028,100,000,000,000,000 or more than 93 septillions of American money. To pay it would ruin Great Britain and in fact if it should be paid the whole British empire would become the private property of Miss Eastaphieve, the claimant, who could then without missing it present the British Isles to Father Knickerbocker as a playground. As a matter of fact there is not money enough in the whole world to settle this obligation and it therefore has a very slim chance to being paid: Most of the amount is interest on the claim which is an inherited one and dates back nearly 700 years. During the hundreds of years war between England and France the Italian banking house of the Peruzzi, from whom the present holder of the claim is descended, financed the campaigns of King Edward III. For the money thus advanced a bill has been presented to the British government every 10 years and it is largely the interest which has been piling up enormously during seven centuries which now gives the account its unbleivable total. Curiously enough the bill has never been repudiated, it has simply been "neglected." But whether or not it is valid, it certainly is not collectible for the simple reason that there is not enough money in existence to pay it. A settlement on a basis of even one dollar on every million would still mean a payment of more than nine quintillions of money.

LITTLE ONES ARE BURNED

Holocaust in Seattle Children's Home.

BRAVE WOMEN BATTLE

Awakened in Early Morning Matron and Nurse Fight Flames.

NO FEAR OF PERSONAL PERIL

Two Little Tots Incinerated and Matron and Nurse Badly Burned in Fire Which Destroyed Washington Children's Home—Blaze Starts From Clothing.

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—Awakened at 2 o'clock this morning by the dread cry of fire, two women in charge of the Washington Children's home battled alone with the flames, rescued 28 babies and received injuries which will probably prove fatal. Two of the little ones were incinerated and several others severely burned. The dead are Iris Crabtree, aged 3 months, and Hazel Lee, aged 3 years.

Mrs. Myers, matron of the home, and Agnes Hill, a nurse, were the heroines of the tragedy. Alone these two women fought the fire, keeping it under control until 28 of the 30 little ones in the building had been saved. Undaunted by personal peril the two women ignored the flames which licked about their skirts, breathed smoke, until they were nearly suffocated, but paid attention to nothing but their duty, the saving of the precious little lives which were in their care.

Some clothing was left too near a stove at the home last night. About 2 o'clock this morning it caught fire and soon the frame building was ablaze. Mrs. Myers was awakened by the shrieks of one of the children. Accompanied by Miss Hill she dashed into the blazing room and catching up two sleeping infants carried them to a place of safety. The flames were drawn to the stairway within an incredibly short time and the plucky women saw that it would be impossible to save more of the youngsters in that way.

Miss Hill stationed herself on the ground below an open window while Mrs. Myers groped about through the smoke laden rooms, clutching one after another of the orphan babies from their cribs and dropping them outside into the waiting arms of the nurse below. All but two of the little ones were saved in this way. These two were near the stove where the fire originated and were dead when aid reached them.

The burned home was located seven miles south of Seattle. There was no fire protection and the bravery of the two women alone was responsible for the rescue of the 28 children. Ten minutes after the fire broke out 20 men reached the scene to aid in fighting the flames. They were too late. The children had been saved by Mrs. Myers and Miss Hill.

It is feared that the two nurses will be unable to survive their injuries. It was several hours before they were given medical attention and their burns were severe. The home is isolated and there is no means of communication with Seattle, except by telephone. The telephone line was in trouble at the time of the fire and several hours elapsed before physicians appeared on the scene to dress the burns of the injured ones.

The oldest of the 30 children at the home at the time of the fire was but 14 years. The youngest but six weeks. Nearly all of the little ones are orphans who are rendered homeless as a result

of the fire. Kind-hearted Seattle people are caring for the children until a suitable abode can be prepared for them.

AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The first attempt at an aggressive suffragist campaign in New York will be made on next Thursday evening. It is planned to hold at that time an open air meeting in Madison Square, at which the principal speaker will be Mrs. Boorman Wells, an English woman, who has been sent to this country by the "Suffragettes" of England, to secure the moral support of American women. It is her plan to establish a campaign similar to that in England during the progress of which dozens of women have been arrested and imprisoned on charges of disturbing the peace. Mrs. Wells will have the Harlem Equal Rights League behind her at this meeting and it is announced that several other women will speak. Leading women suffragists will not have anything to do with the aggressive movement, not being in sympathy with the manner with which English women have attempted to force their claim to the ballot. Among those who have declined are Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. De Rivera, Mrs. John S. Crosby and Mrs. Harry Hastings, all well known in the American suffrage movement.

MEDICOS RESOLUTE.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—The council of administration of the Kansas Medical Society adopted a resolution last night commending Surgeon-General Rixey for his demand on the President to give the medical corps of the navy actual control where it has actual responsibility.

MYSTERY IN DEATH

Young Woman Found in Pond is Identified.

WAS BROOKLYN HOUSEKEEPER

Several Persons Call at Morgue and Identify Body of Woman Found at Harrison, N. J., and Relate What They Know About Her.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The veil of mystery enveloping the death of the young woman found half submerged near Harrison, N. J., on Thursday, is being rapidly lifted. Mrs. Margaret Wright, who conducts an employment bureau at Monclair, N. J., identified the woman as Annie Nevins. Late today Mrs. Wright's identification was practically corroborated by Detective Draybell, of Orange, who said the woman's name was Annie O'Keefe and that two years ago she was employed in the home of Thomas Nevins, a contractor, of Orange. Mrs. Wright recalled little about the woman further than that she said she had been acting as housekeeper for two young men in Brooklyn. Thomas Flanagan, an elevator man of a Newark department store, visited the morgue today, after which he declared he saw her in the store on Christmas Eve. He later met the woman in a Chinese restaurant.

TESTIMONY FALSE.

Burns Confess Brought From Sing Sing and Will Be Questioned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Bruno Cordea is in the Tombs having arrived from Sing Sing prison on order of Judge Foster, who will examine him before sentencing Pietro Giannone, who was recently convicted of attempted murder. Cordea in the trial testified that Luigi Favatta, after Giannone was convicted, Cordea is said to have made affidavit that his testimony in the case was false and that he had been induced to tell an untruthful story by the promises of Favatta and a detective of the district attorney's force. Judge Foster will examine Cordea on Monday and if he denies the story he told on the witness stand, Giannone will doubtless be given a new trial.

DECLINES TO PAY BONDS

Tax Bonds of North Carolina Repudiated.

FOREIGN POWER TO SUE

Governor Says They Were Concealed in Sin and Brought Forth in Iniquity.

HOLDERS URGE SETTLEMENT

Bonds Were Made During the Reconstruction Period and the State Got Nothing for Them as the Agent Failed to Make Proper Return to the State.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, in a letter received today, replying to the communication of Edward L. Andrews, who represents holders of \$11,000,000, special tax bonds, which matured three years ago, declares the state will not pay for bonds "conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity." Andrews urged settlement, stating arrangements are being made to donate \$3,000,000 of the bonds to a foreign government for the purpose of suit, since under the law an individual cannot sue the state. The bonds were made during the reconstruction period and the state got nothing for them. Payment was declined because it was urged the agent who disposed of them had failed to make a proper return to the state.

MORE UNDERNEATH.

BUTT, Mont., Dec. 28.—A special to the miner from Missoula says that James Gibson, a freighter, was shot and killed by Weimer White, in the employ of Gibson, at Taft, Friday night. White is a boarder at the Gibson home. Gibson had been drinking and, according to White, came home and began beating Mrs. Gibson and threatening him with a pocket knife when he fired at close range. The officers are not satisfied with White's tale and are holding him. Mrs. Gibson will not talk of the tragedy.

TRAINING SCHOOL DEDICATED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The newly completed Mary Crane Nursery the latest gift of R. T. Crane and family to Hull House and the Chicago Relief and Aid Society, will be dedicated today. The new nursery will also be used as a training school for mothers of the Ghetto district. The building, which is a replica of the old home of former Vice-President Hobart, represents an expenditure of about \$70,000.

POWERS' JURY INSTRUCTED.

GEORGETOWN, Dec. 28.—Judge Morris delivered the instructions to the Powers' jury this afternoon. They are almost identical with those delivered by Judge Robbins at the third trial of Powers, to simply deal with the existence of the conspiracy to kill Goebel. If the jury believes beyond a reasonable doubt that Powers was an accessory as charged, Judge Morris instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of guilty. After the reading of the instructions the court adjourned until Monday when the argument begins.

WILL SEND SIGNAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The naval observatory this year will send out the usual signal during five minutes before the expiration of the year marking the instant beginning of the new year.

STOLE FOUR DOLLARS.

Postoffice Employee Couldn't Live on Salary Received.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—John J. Healy, for 20 years an employ in the Chicago postoffice and the father of ten children, was arrested yesterday for the theft of a letter containing \$4. "I didn't make enough to take care of my family," said Healy as he was being led away to jail. "I took it for them."

When the inspectors reached Healy's house last night there was no coal in the stove and the place was damp and chilly. There was so little food that if the ten children had all asked for some there would not have been enough to go around. Their clothing was old and worn. Postmaster Campbell ordered the Bureau of Charities notified. Healy was unable to furnish bonds and was lodged in the county jail.

CONTROVERSY SETTLED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Peace has at last been made between the Amateur Athletic Union and the International Skating Union, terms of agreement under which each union recognizes the other in its own branch of sport having been signed. Under this agreement the International Skating Union is to control all ice and roller skating in America, and the Amateur Athletic Union is to recognize its rulings, disqualifications and suspensions. On the other hand the skating union recognizes the Amateur Athletic Union as in control of other branches of amateur athletics and recognizes all its rulings, disqualifications and suspensions. By this agreement, which has been ratified by a mail vote, the controversy which has lasted for a year, has been settled.

STARVES FOR BABES

Mother Gives Up Her Life and Dies Happy.

SAVED FOOD FOR LITTLE ONES

Widow Taken Ill is Too Proud to Ask Charity and When Found by Officers is Too Weak to Survive Lack of Food.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Happy that her children, for whom she had sacrificed everything, even the last scrap of food, had at last found friends, Mrs. Phyllis Prisco died at a Brooklyn Hospital of starvation. Mrs. Prisco's husband has been dead some months and with four little ones, the eldest four years, the youngest four months old, to care for, she labored day and night until she was taken ill. Her pride prevented her from asking for aid, so she saved food. The last bits of crusts went for her little ones, while she gradually grew weaker and weaker from the lack of food. The last bits of crusts went for the children's Christmas dinner and then in the morning neighbors heard the crying of the little ones in the unfurnished room in which the mother and children lived. They entered and found Mrs. Prisco dying and the children weak from the lack of food and from the cold. The police removed the mother to a hospital and the Children's Aid Society took care of the little ones.

CABINET LARGE ENOUGH.

Roosevelt Doesn't Believe in Having Any More Cabinet Officers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The committee of 100 on the national health announced today that at the meeting of the members a letter had been read from President Roosevelt in which he opposed the national department of health to be under the direction of cabinet officers. The President believes it is advantageous to have the board of health under one of the existing departments but the addition of another cabinet officer would be a disadvantage.