

## THEY'LL ARBITRATE

Authoritatively Announced  
That President Roosevelt  
Will Act for Allies.

## MEMBERS OBJECT TO HAGUE TRIBUNAL.

Arbitration Proposals Do Not  
Interfere With the Block-  
ade—Italy Will Participate and Has  
Ordered Ships to Venezuela.

Washington, Dec. 22.—It is authoritatively announced this afternoon that President Roosevelt will act as arbiter in the Venezuelan difficulty, the foreign powers have announced their objections in matter of giving that power to a Hague tribunal, it seems certain Roosevelt will arbitrate.

Announce the Blockade.  
Washington, Dec. 22.—Minister Grew informed the state department this morning that he had received an announcement of the Venezuelan blockade, issued by Germany. Ambassador Meyer, at Rome, also called Italy had announced that it would participate in the naval blockade and had ordered forward

## "HELL ROARING JAKE."

Hanna Thinks He is a Much  
Abused Man.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The state department this morning was advised of the election to the presidency of William McKinley.

Hanna is interesting himself to induce President Roosevelt to appoint General Smith, retiring active list to fill the vacancy existing in the rank of brigadier general. He has brought the matter up before Secretary Root. He regards "Hell Roaring Jake" as the abused man.

## ENCOUNTERED A STORM.

En Route to Africa With  
Lumber, Loses Several Sailors.

Barbara, Cal., Dec. 22.—The lumber schooner arrived here en route to Africa with lumber from Harbor, Wash. She reports several of her crew in a recent

## ALL TAKE A VACATION.

Will Receive No Callers  
Between Christmas and New Years.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt announced this afternoon that he would have no regular callers between Christmas and New Years.

## May Take Street Railways.

Ill., Dec. 22.—The ordinance providing for the taking over of street railways by the city of Chicago for special consideration of the city council to take effect provides a new method of financing the financial obligation of the establishment of a special fund into which the receipts from the sale of the lines may be placed, and the execution of a mortgage, in trust, to a 20-year franchise security for the buyers of the lines. In case the council approves the bill it will be placed before the state legislature without delay. Influences are already at work to defeat the measure and the council is awaited with interest.

## Feathered Stock Display.

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preparations have been com-  
for the annual exhibition this  
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## Arkansas Teachers.

Smith, Ark., Dec. 22.—Members of the Western Arkansas Teachers Association are gathered here in numbers for their annual meeting. A two day program of more interest has been arranged for the convention. Several papers of note will be heard and will be open discussions of questions relating to education in all its branches.

## SECRETARY OF WAR.

Governor Taft Stated to Follow Root,  
Who Will Retire in the Near Future.

Washington, Dec. 22.—It is generally the accepted belief with high officials that Secretary Root will retire immediately after the settlement of the Venezuelan question. He will be succeeded by Governor Taft.

## TO DECIDE POLITICAL FIGHT.

Colorado State Canvassing Board to  
Decide on the Contests.

Denver, Dec. 22.—The state canvassing board expects to give a decision this afternoon on the contested states in the state house of representatives. On it depends the election of United States senator.

## BACK IN WASHINGTON.

President and Family Return From  
Their Visit in Virginia.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt and family arrived this morning from their southern trip. The President shook hands with the engineer and fireman when the train pulled in at Washington.

## COMING HOME.

Admiral Wildes of the Asiatic Squadron is Sick.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The navy department received a cable saying that Admiral Wildes second in command of the Asiatic squadron, has been notified by his physicians that he must leave Manila on account of ill health. He sails for home Friday.

## Fire at Knoxville.

Knoxville, Dec. 22.—The fire which started last night is now under control. The loss will amount to nearly \$500,000.

## DIRECTED AGAINST UNIONISM

MANUFACTURERS SEND  
OUT FOUR CIRCULARS.

Saying That it is Time to Organize  
Against the American Federation of  
Labor—Afraid of the Socialists.

Indianapolis, Dec. 22.—"It is time to organize," is the key note of four circulars that are being sent to manufacturers throughout the country by D. M. Parry, of Indianapolis, president of the National Association of Manufacturers. He has found his text in various resolutions of the recent American Federation of Labor convention at New Orleans.

The circulars are directed more against organized labor in general than against the eight-hour bill, which Mr. Parry has attacked in circulars recently. Referring to the Max Hayes resolution, adopted by the federation, Mr. Parry says:

"John Mitchell's United Mine Workers' organization cast 1080 votes solidly for this resolution. This is the organization that evoked so much maudlin sentiment and brought the whole country to its knees in the anthracite strike. It is confidentially prophesied that the socialists will be in full control of the trades unionist movement in the United States by the next American Federation of Labor convention."

The charge is made that the Hayes resolution means an attack on the productive wealth of the country, and that the socialists intend to take possession of all the money and private properties.

## SHORTAGE OF TURKEYS.

Farmers of Walla Walla Valley Have  
Few to Sell.

Walla Walla, Dec. 22.—With the price of eggs, chickens and turkeys jumping skyward, the people of this section realize that Christmas is near. Every merchant in the city is short of eggs and efforts to secure them prove futile, although a price of 35 and 40 cents is offered readily. Turkeys are in strong demand, and the supply is short, causing the price to go upward as the days go by. At the local markets an effort is being made to secure poultry enough to supply the demand, but it is doubtful if that can be done. At Thanksgiving time large shipments of turkeys and chickens were made, and the farmers were offered such good prices that many of them sold instead of waiting for the holidays as is the usual custom.

## MILITARY BALL.

Negro Soldiers Will Celebrate Christmas at Fort Walla Walla.

## MET DEATH IN COLLISION

Owl Train Struck by Stockton  
Local and One Passenger  
Car Telescoped.

## TWENTY-THREE PASSENGERS ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC KILLED

South-bound Los Angeles Train Stops  
to Exchange Engine—Stockton Flyer  
Pays No Attention to the Signals  
and Dashes into the Train  
Standing at Byron Station.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Twenty-three persons are dead and several others will die as a result of a collision between the south-bound Los Angeles "owl" train and the Stockton flyer, Saturday evening at Byron.

It was a rear-end collision, the engine of the local plowing its way through the last coach on the owl, which was filled with Fresno people. The passengers who escaped instant death were hurled to the fore part of the coach, crushed between the mass of debris, their sufferings and danger intensified a hundredfold by the clouds of scalding steam that poured out on them from the shattered boiler of the Stockton engine.

The "owl" left the Oakland Mole about 5 o'clock, and on the way to Byron it was noted that there was a leak in the flue of the engine. This increased to such an extent that it was deemed advisable to stop and take up a freight engine for relief. The train officials knew that No. 84, the Stockton local, was following a half hour behind and a flagman was sent back down the track to give warning of the presence of the "owl."

It is said that the Stockton train, in charge of Engineer Maguire and Fireman Joyce, got the warning signal in due time and gave the usual response with whistle blasts.

On came the train with apparently scarcely any diminution of speed, and the Fresno coach was completely telescoped. So forcibly did the local meet the rear of the "owl" that the end of the second car, the dining car, was smashed in and all of the three cooks were seriously hurt.

Relief came quickly to the passengers who were penned in the wreckage, axes and saws being brought into play, and passengers and train crew lending eager aid. Messages were sent to Byron Hot Springs, a short distance away, and Dr. Bird, of Fresno, who was a guest, came quickly to the station. A trained nurse accompanied them and first aid was given to the mangled, bruised and scalded sufferers, who were lying near the track.

None of the passengers of No. 84 were injured, and all of the crew of the "owl" escaped unhurt. Of the 10 killed outright it was impossible to identify but one person. The others were not known to their fellow passengers, and up to a late hour nothing was found on their persons to furnish a clue to their names or residence.

Since then 13 of those injured have died and there are yet others so badly injured that their recovery is impossible.

Southern Indiana's Plans.  
Evansville, Ind., Dec. 22.—The Louisville & Nashville is to have a connection with Southern Indiana at Evansville, where the Louisville & Nashville has established extensive new terminals. Surveys have been completed for the Southern Indiana's new line between Terre Haute and this city, and President James R. Walsh, of the Indiana line is having plans prepared for an extension to Chicago, which it is claimed will save 15 miles of distance from Evansville to Chicago. The new Terre Haute-Evansville line will run through a rich coal and stone quarry region.

Bishop O'Connor's Anniversary.  
Newark, N. J., Dec. 22.—Special religious and other services were held today in St. Patrick's cathedral in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Bishop J. J. O'Connor. The participants included a large number of laymen of the Newark diocese, together with prelates and priests of prominence from New York, Trenton, Philadelphia and other places.

## Statuary Hall Opened.

New York, Dec. 22.—The new central building and statuary hall of the Metropolitan Museum of Art was formally opened today. Mayor Low and other city officials, together with a large number of prominent artists and critics, attended the opening ceremonies. The new structure, which is to serve as the main entrance to the museum was finished last spring, at a cost of \$1,940,000.

The great fire in the tules on Lower Klamath Lake, can be seen at Ashland, 70 miles distant.

## C. S. DARROW FOR MAYOR

Counsel for Miners Chosen  
Labor Candidate for Mayor  
of Chicago.

## DEFENDED EUGENE V. DEBS IN GREAT '94 STRIKE.

Elected to the Legislature of Illinois  
by Large Majority—Famous Argument in Oshkosh Conspiracy Case  
Circulated as Campaign Literature.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—It was unanimously decided at a meeting of the central committee, of the Union Labor party, today, to tender Clarence S. Darrow, attorney for the United Mine Workers, the nomination for mayor of this city.

The able and energetic manner in which Mr. Darrow has discharged the delicate task given him by President Roosevelt, when he gave him the appointment as counsel for the miners, has endeared him to the public. The labor party of Chicago has watched with delight the strong sentiment of public approval of Mr. Darrow's actions, throughout the anthracite strike investigation, and without a dissenting voice agreed to name him as a candidate for mayor.

First Public Recognition.  
The nation at large first became acquainted with the name of Clarence S. Darrow during the famous trial of Eugene V. Debs, the leader of the great American Railway Union strike of 1894.

His identification with the Debs case placed him permanently before the public, as a leading attorney in the cause of organized labor.

Oshkosh Conspiracy.  
In 1898, when William I. Kidd, general secretary of the Woodworkers International Union, was indicted, with George Zentner and Michael Troiler, for conspiracy in the Oshkosh woodworkers' strike, Mr. Darrow was at once retained as chief counsel for the defendant.

The argument he made in behalf of his clients attracted national attention. Some of its sentiments have been quoted in every labor platform and many of the most eloquent labor speeches since that day.

Elected to Legislature.  
Last month Mr. Darrow was elected to the state legislature from the 17th district of Illinois. He ran as an independent public ownership candidate, and was elected by a majority without parallel in the history of that district.

The only literature circulated by his friends during the campaign was copies of the Oshkosh conspiracy argument, a pamphlet of 80 pages. Its fiery eloquence and hard-hitting truths so stirred the laboring people that his opposition was overwhelmed.

The Book That Elected Him.  
The Oshkosh conspiracy case grew out of a strike of the Oshkosh woodworkers, after vainly attempting to have four demands accepted by the large contractors and lumbermen of that city. The four points covered by the workmen were, an increase of wages, abolition of women and child labor, a weekly pay day and recognition of their organization.

The grand secretary of the organization was arrested for conspiracy to injure the large contractor and lumber companies.

The opportunity for impassioned and fervent expression was unequalled and Darrow arose to the occasion. In the course of his argument he used the following language which has been widely quoted:

"You may argue as you please about the minor details of this case, but deep in your heart, and in mine, deep in the minds of every man who thinks, is the certain knowledge that this drama in which you play such an important part, is but a phase of the burning social question that moves the world."

Honored by Roosevelt.  
The greatest tribute that has yet been paid to Mr. Darrow, either as a lawyer or champion of organized labor, is his appointment by President Roosevelt to be counsel for John Mitchell and the United Mine Workers, in the anthracite investigation. His selection by the labor forces for mayor, further proves the high esteem in which he is held by the people of his home city.

## MAY EFFECT RECONCILIATION.

Young Vanderbilt, Who Married a  
Poor Girl and Was Disinherited, Receives Long Cablegram From His  
Mother.

New York, Dec. 22.—It is believed that a reconciliation is taking place between Cornelius Vanderbilt and his family. A long cablegram was received from his mother in London today. Physicians this morning say his condition is critical, but have hope of his recovery.

## EMBEZZLES \$500,000.

High Official of Austria Flees to  
America After Stealing From Noblemen.

Vienna, Dec. 22.—Chevalier Oczoski, a high official in the office of the secretary of state, has fled to America after perpetrating frauds which are reported to reach \$500,000. His principal victims are prominent Austrian noblemen.

## With Military Honors.

Washington, Dec. 22.—General Wager Swayne was buried with military honors this morning. The honorary pallbearers were Justices Harlan and Shiras, Generals Breckenridge, Davis, and Gillespie, ex-Senator Thurston and Judge Maury.

## Sentenced to Death.

New York, Dec. 22.—Thomas Tobin, who butchered James Craft in the Empire hotel, was today sentenced to be electrocuted Monday, February 9.

## Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat—74 1/4 @ 75c per bushel.

## Wheat in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Wheat—\$1.37 1/2 per cental.

## HELPER ENGINE GOES WILD

TWO FIREMEN KILLED  
TWO ENGINEERS INJURED.

Engine at Liberty, Ind., Dashed into  
a Freight—Became Reversed and  
Gained a Speed of 70 Miles an  
Hour—Struck an Incoming Freight.

Liberty, Ind., Dec. 22.—A helper engine of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton this morning got beyond control, the machinery refusing to work, and dashed through town. It collided with a freight train, demolished the freight engine, became reversed in some unknown way, ran back from the demolished freight through town, gained a speed of 70 miles an hour and struck another incoming freight, hauled by two engines. All three locomotives were smashed, the two firemen were killed and the two engineers were seriously and possibly fatally injured.

## Jenkins and Bothner to Meet.

New York, Dec. 22.—For lovers of wrestling a treat appears to be in store at the Grand Central Palace tonight when Tom Jenkins, the catch-as-catch-can champion, and George Bothner, the lightweight wrestler, come together on the mat. Jenkins has undertaken to throw his opponent four times in one hour. The articles of agreement call for a contest at catch-as-catch-can, pin falls only to count, and with the strangle hold barred. Jenkins realizes that he has undertaken an arduous task, but he is confident that he can put the "Little Wizard" to the mat four times inside the time limit. Both appear to be in superb condition and a fierce contest is expected to be the outcome.

## NEW ACADEMY BUILDING.

Work is Progressing Slowly—Two  
Weeks' Work Yet to Be Done.

Work is progressing slowly on the new academy building. It was expected that the building would be ready for occupancy by the beginning of school after the holidays, but it will not. The painters will be busy for two weeks before they will have their work completed and then the finishing touches will have to be put on and the furniture installed. This will take the time of the completion of all arrangements necessary for moving into the building almost to the first of February.

## HOPPER CAPTURED.

Sheriff of Walla Walla County on His  
Way Home With Prisoner.

Deputy Sheriff Painter, of Walla Walla county, was a guest of the Golden Rule Sunday on his way home with a Hopper, wanted on the charge of forgery. Hopper forged a check in Walla Walla last summer which was cashed. He came to Pendleton and registered at Hotel Pendleton under the name of Willie Good. From here he was traced to Boise City. Arrested there Topper attempted suicide by stabbing himself with a pen knife. He was unsuccessful in ending his life, but the Walla Walla officers were unable to get him, as he was held by the Idaho authorities on another charge and they would not give him up.

## Drunk and Disorderly.

A Umatilla brave donated \$5 to the city's exchequer this morning at the request of Police Judge Fitz Gerald. He was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

## GREAT PROSPERITY

Community of Interest Has  
Brought Railroad Mileage  
Under Control.

## RATES UNEQUALLED ON AMERICAN RAILROADS.

Railroad Officials Generally Agree  
That the Rate Situation in All  
Sections of the Country is Better  
Than Ever Before.

New York, Dec. 22.—The prosperity which the railroads throughout the country are now enjoying is in one respect different from any period of prosperity which railroads have enjoyed in the past. Railroad officials generally agree that the rate situation in all sections of the country is in a better condition than ever before. The scheduler tariffs are being almost universally maintained, while there is practically no cutting of rates by any of the railroads. Never before has the rate situation throughout the country appeared so perfect, and this is generally considered one of the main reasons of the excellent showing of earnings which the railroads have made during the last year. The railroads have enjoyed many periods of prosperity in the past but in practically every instance this prosperity has been interrupted by rate disturbances. Since 1895 there has been a steady improvement in the rate conditions throughout the country, until at present it is reported by railroad officials in several sections of the country as being almost ideal. Discriminations in rates have been almost wholly abolished, and the scheduled tariffs are being maintained as never before. This is considered not only one of the main causes of the excellent earnings, which the railroads are now reporting, but one of the strongest means for the belief that the prosperity of the railroads are enjoying will continue, with temporary reactions, for an indefinite period.

There are a number of causes for the excellent rate conditions. One of the reasons why rates are being so uniformly maintained is the large amount of traffic offered the railroads which gives no incentive for cutting rates. The community of interest movement, whereby the greater portion of the railroad mileage of the country has been brought under the control of a few groups of financiers, also has been a powerful factor in clearing up the rate situation. Through this movement many of the smaller and weaker roads, which were continually cutting rates in the attempt to secure traffic from their stronger competitors, have been absorbed.

Another important factor is that during the last few years there has been little or no competitive building. While the new mileage that has been constructed has aggregated a considerable amount it has been composed almost wholly of short branches and extensions.

While it can hardly be hoped that rate disturbances have been forever eliminated from the railroad industry it is believed by many prominent railroad officials that the developments pointed out have wrought such a revolution that any such general disturbance of rates as occurred in 1891 and 1896 have been made impossible in the future so strong are the allied roads which are against the practice.

## Poultry Show at Albany.

Albany, Ore., Dec. 22.—The poultry show which opened here today is pronounced by expert fanciers to be one of the best ever given in Oregon. The display comprises nearly a thousand high-bred chickens, geese, turkeys, ducks and pigeons, together with a choice assortment of rabbits, guinea pigs and other pet stock. The exhibition will continue three days and from present indications the attendance will be of record-breaking proportions.

## New England Society's Banquet.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 22.—The New England Society of Cincinnati and vicinity has completed preparations on an elaborate scale for the annual Forefather's Day banquet, to be given tonight at the Queen City Club. The speakers for the occasion are to be President William G. Frost, of Berea College; Professor Merritt Whitcomb, of the University of Cincinnati, and Rev. Levi Gilbert, editor of the Western Christian Advocate.

## CRACKER CREEK FACTS

North Pole mine was offered for sale three years ago for \$600,000. It has 5000 feet on the mother lode. It is now worth twenty million dollars.

The South Pole mine adjoins, has 4941 feet on the same lode, has six tunnels, amounting to 2200 feet, all in ore. We expect within less than three years' work to have a mine as valuable as North Pole is today.

South Pole stock is selling at 15 cents until about January 1st. Buy before the price raises. See Bahagan at Hartman Abstract office, Pendleton, Ore.