

MAY BE A STRIKE
R. & N. Operators Have for
Month Been Trying to
Adjust Grievances.

NEW SCALE OF WAGES
HAS BEEN PROPOSED.

Expenses Advancing—Self
Protection Forces Workingmen to
ask an increase of Salary—Pros-
pect of Railroads Will Justify an
Advance.

Portland, Dec. 27.—The members of
the Order of Railroad Telegraphers,
division No. 80, of the O. R. & N.
are on the verge of declaring war
against their employer. The order is
composed of operators and station
agents from Portland to Spokane and
Emmonsville and unless the new ar-
rangement which have been
agreed upon are signed by January 15,
the probabilities are that either a
strike or boycott will be declared
against the big corporation immedi-
ately after that date.

For the past month a committee
representing the telegraphers and
composed of W. J. Bohon, of Hunting-
ton, C. W. Dority, of La Crosse,
Wash., and J. Swart, of Athena, Or.,
has been conferring with O. R. & N.
officials relative to the new scale of
wages adopted by the organization.
Further than an offer to compro-
mise, which was rejected, no results
have been obtained.

The new scale as arranged means
an increase of about 20 per cent in
wages over that of the one now in ef-
fect.

The organization has about 140
members and the present scale of
wages runs from \$57.50 to \$125 per
month. They ask that the minimum
be \$62.50 per month and the maxi-
mum \$135.

"We are merely asking for the
scale to be replaced where it
was prior to the panic in 1893," says
Swart, operator at Athena, "when
wages were reduced to its present form."
The new scale as good as they were
before the panic, but the members of
the organization are not faring nearly
well as we did then. Our wages
are lower and rents and cost of liv-
ing are much higher. With the way
things are advancing all along the
line, we thought it high time that we
were doing something for self protec-

The agents and operators along
the Northern Pacific and Great North-
ern will present a similar agreement
outs on January 19."

TO HONOR MITCHELL.

Sanapols Plans a Remarkable Re-
ception When He Arrives to Can-
vass the Votes.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The plans
and contributions received indi-
cate that a remarkable reception will
be given to John Mitchell when he
arrives here to receive the canvass
of the votes cast by locals for the of-
fice of the United Mine Workers.
The time of Mitchell's arrival is still
uncertain, but the canvass of votes
will be on Monday.

SLAVS CELEBRATING.

Not Return to the Mines Until
New Year's—Many Families
Suffering for Fuel in Coal Region.

Wisebarre, Pa., Dec. 27.—Many
families in the heart of the coal re-
gion are suffering for want of fuel.
The force of miners this morning was
reduced so that now 65 per cent are
working. Those still celebrating the
holidays are Slavs who say they won't
return to work until after New
Year's.

Zeisler Sails for Home.

London, Dec. 27.—Fannie Bloom-
field Zeisler, the Chicago pianist, is
among the passengers on steamships
sailing for New York today. During
the past two months Mme. Zeisler has
traveled with marked success in con-
certs in Vienna, Paris, London and
other capitals of Europe. Leading
musical critics on this side of the
Atlantic predict for her a great fu-

Arctic Club's Annual Dinner.

New York, Dec. 27.—Great prepara-
tions have been made for the annual
dinner of the Arctic Club tonight.
Professor William H. Brewer, of Yale,
will preside and the notable guests
will include Admiral Schley and Gen-
eral Greely.



AMERICAN HISTORY.

Historians and Professors Gather at Philadelphia in Annual Session.
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27.—Histori-
ans and professors of history from
many parts of the country filled Hous-
ton hall this morning at the sessions
of the American Historical Association.

American history was the general
topic of discussion. Among the pa-
pers presented were the following:
"A Neglected Point of View in Ameri-
can Colonial History," Professor Wil-
liam McDonald, of Brown University;
"American Business Corporation Be-
fore 1789," Judge Simeon E. Baldwin,
of Connecticut; "Antecedents of the
Declaration of Independence," Profes-
sor James Sullivan, of the High
School of Commerce, New York City;
"American Constitutional Principles
in the Constituent Assembly," Profes-
sor Henry E. Bourne, of Western Re-
serve University.

Papers on "The West and National-
ity," by Professor John L. Stewart,
of Lehigh University, and "Party Pol-
itics in Indiana During the Civil
War," by Professor Woodburn, of In-
diana University, occupied the after-
noon session.

COLD IN FLORIDA.

**Considerable Fruit Damaged—Eight
Degrees Below the Freezing Point
at Jacksonville Last Night.**

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 27.—The
thermometer was 8 below the freez-
ing point last night. It is feared that
the young orange trees are seriously
hurt as the previous warm weather
kept the sap in the limbs. Consider-
able fruit was also damaged.

NOTABLE SCIENTISTS GATHER

**THE ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF AMERICA'S ASSOCIATION.**

**Scientists From All Parts of America
Are Gathering in Washington for
the Advancement of Science—Will
Open Monday.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Sci-
entists from all parts of America—
representing chemical, geological, mathe-
matical, engineering, botanical, mi-
croscopical, astronomical, psycho-
logical, and kindred societies—are
gathering in Washington to attend
the annual convention of the Ameri-
can Association for the Advancement
of Science. The convention will hold
daily sessions through the whole of
next week. Today being the opening
day was given over mainly to the re-
ception of the visitors. No business
of the convention will be transacted
until Monday.

The program for the week is an ex-
tensive one, and includes a number
of matters of importance. Monday
there will be addresses by the vice-pres-
idents of the sections of mathematics
and astronomy, geology, anthropology,
zoology, botany and economics. On
the same day will be heard an address
by Professor Simon Newcomb, the
president of the Astronomical and
Physical Society of America, and the
annual message of Charles Sedg-
wick Minot, of Boston, the retiring
president of the association.

On succeeding days the various sec-
tions are to hold daily sessions for
the reading and discussions of papers
of scientific interest. Addresses and
lectures, smoking receptions and a
number of dinners have been arrang-
ed throughout the convention week.
Among the papers will be one on
"Volcanoes of the West Indian Is-
lands," by Professor Angelo Heilprin,
who made a tour in St. Pierre and
Martinique shortly after the recent
volcanic eruptions in those islands.

STRIKE AT WALLA WALLA.

**Molders of the Gilbert Hunt Company
Ask for a Nine-Hour Day.**

Walla Walla, Dec. 27.—What prac-
tically amounts to a lock-out has been
inaugurated at the manufacturing
plant of the Gilbert Hunt Company
in this city.

Fifteen employees of the company,
some few molders, of whom are affil-
iated with the Tacoma branch of the
International Iron Molders' Union,
have asked for a nine-hour day with
no reduction in wages they have been
receiving for 10 hours' work. This
has been denied by Mr. Hunt and he
has closed the factory.

Mr. Hunt will start the foundry in
about 10 days and declares if the
men do not return to work according
to the old system he will employ new
molders. The machine shops are al-
so closed at the present time, but Mr.
Hunt says it is just the usual holiday
shut-down.

Blizzard in Texas.

Fort Worth, Dec. 27.—A blizzard is
raging in the Panhandle. Four feet
of snow is reported to have fallen.

**GOOD NEWS
FROM LONDON**

**England Has Formally Accept-
ed President Roosevelt's
Proposition.**

**QUEEN GIVES DINNER TO SOL-
DIERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS**

**Remains of the Arch Bishop of Can-
terbury Buried in the Cloisters of
Cathedral—Officially Stated That
Balfour is Better.**

London, Dec. 27.—The queen this
afternoon gave a dinner to 2000 wid-
ows and orphans of the victims of the
Boer war.

The remains of the Arch Bishop of
Canterbury were buried today in the
cloisters adjoining the cathedral.

England has formally accepted
President Roosevelt's proposal to re-
fer the Venezuelan affair to the
Hague arbitration, this afternoon.

It is officially stated that Balfour
is convalescent.

Germany Accepts.
Berlin, Dec. 27.—Germany has
agreed to accept The Hague as arbit-
rator in the Venezuelan affair.

THOUGHTFUL GENEROSITY.

**Widows and Orphans of British Sol-
diers Given a Free Christmas Din-
ner.**

London, Dec. 27.—Hundreds of wo-
men and children—widows and or-
phans of British soldiers who fell in
the recent South African war—were
made glad today by the thoughtful
generosity of Queen Alexandra. In
response to the proclamation an-
nouncing the queen's intention, the be-
lieved, many in desperately poor
circumstances, gathered for a free
Christmas dinner and after they had
eaten their fill were sent home laden
with packages containing food and
clothing.

The dinner was given at the Alex-
andra Trust Restaurant, of which the
queen is president, and which was
founded in March, 1900, by Sir Thom-
as Lipton for the benefit of the poor.
During the afternoon, their majesties
escorted by Sir Thomas Lipton, look-
ed in upon the feast and were hearti-
ly received by the many women and
children present.

GRATEFUL TO ROOSEVELT.

**French Paper Thinks That the Pres-
ident's Name Will Be Handed Down
to History for Compelling the Na-
tions to Arbitrate Their Differences.**

Paris, Dec. 27.—The Journal Des
Debats, commenting on the Venezue-
lan affairs, says that Europe owes
President Roosevelt a debt of grati-
tude for insisting upon The Hague
arbitration.

If the tribunal in the future be-
comes of real worth Roosevelt will be
handed down in history as the one
who compelled the world to take it
seriously.

ROBBERS SECURED \$15,000.

**Vault of Bank at Union, Mo., Blown
Open—Citizens Terrorized by Fu-
sillade.**

Union, Mo., Dec. 27.—A gang of
robbers last night blew open the
vaults of the bank at Union and se-
cured \$15,000. It required four ex-
plosions, completely wrecking the
front of the bank. Several citizens
witnessed the deed. The robbers
kept up a fusillade on the streets and
terrorized the inhabitants.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

**Official Program Issued—Provides
the Usual Rules of Procedure.**

Washington, Dec. 27.—Secretary
Cortelyou today issued an official pro-
gram of the president's New Year's
reception. It provides for the usual
rules of precedence, the members of
the cabinet and diplomatic corps be-
ing first received, members of the ju-
diiciary, senate, house and officers of
the navy and army to follow.

Jockey Reiff in America.

New York, Dec. 27.—Jockey Reiff
arrived on the American liner Phila-
delphia this morning. He says he will
visit California and then return to
France in February.

**WRECK ON THE
GRAND TRUNK**

**Head-End Collision Occurs
Between the Pacific Express
and a Fast Freight.**

**MANY OF THE INJURED
WERE EXPOSED THREE HOURS**

**Ten Bodies Removed From the Debris
Were so Badly Mangled That They
Could Not Be Identified—Blunder
of Operator Caused Collision—
Thirty-eight Bodies Have Been Re-
moved.**

London, Ont., Dec. 27.—A head-on
collision occurred last night at Wam-
stead, 40 miles west of this city, be-
tween the Pacific Express and a fast
east-bound freight train on the Sar-
nia division of the Grand Trunk rail-
road.

From meager reports at hand it is
learned that five persons were killed
and 15 or 16 injured. The engineer
of the freight and the fireman of the
express train are among the killed.
The other three dead were passengers
on the passenger train. A special
train left here at midnight with 15
doctors for the scene of the accident.

Another Report.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 27.—A special
train to the Enquirer says that the deaths
in last night's wreck on the Grand
Trunk railway have been increased to
24 and that 18 were injured. The
doctors say the death list will reach
30.

Bodies Badly Mangled.

Ten bodies removed from the de-
bris were so badly mangled that iden-
tification was almost impossible. Su-
perintendent McGuigan, of the Grand
Trunk, says the operator whose blun-
der caused the collision was one of
the most trusted men ever employed
by the road. He has been with the
company 25 years. Many of the in-
jured in the hospitals will probably die
of the exposure which followed the
wreck. They were exposed for three
hours in zero weather.

Later—38 Dead.

The death list in the Grand Trunk
disaster is now 38. That many bodies
have been removed.

WRECK IN KENTUCKY.

**Fast Passenger of Illinois Central Ran
Into a Work Train—Three Men In-
stantly Killed and Two Seriously
Injured.**

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 27.—The fast
passenger train of the Illinois Central
crashed into a work train, 84 miles
south of here this morning. Three
men were instantly killed and two
seriously injured. The wreck was
caused by a mistake in orders.

THE ILL-FATED OWL.

**Second Accident to the Finest Train
on the Southern Pacific Lines.**

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—A second ac-
cident to the owl train occurred this
morning at Tropico, where the Coast
limited ran into the owl on a siding,
smashing two cars. The engineers
both jumped, and the passengers were
shocked only.

DECLINED IN SPIRIT.

**This Country Will Not Participate in
Any Way With Settlement of Vene-
zuelan Affairs.**

Washington, Dec. 27.—The state
department positively denies that
this country is participating in the
formulation of the preliminary pro-
tocol providing for arbitration between
the allied powers and Venezuela.
They also state that Roosevelt is
declining to arbitrate, declined in
spirit as well as letter. Whether the
blockade will continue during the ar-
bitration has yet to be learned here.

PRESENTS CREDENTIALS.

**New Ambassador to America Official-
ly Recognized by the President.**

Washington, Dec. 27.—Von Henger-
var, of Austria-Hungary, has been el-
evated from the rank of minister to
that of ambassador to America. He
was officially recognized in that ca-
pacity by President Roosevelt this
morning. Secretary Hay accompa-
nied him to the White House, where
his credentials were presented.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by the Coo
Commission Company—1, C. Major
Local Manager, Room 4, Associa-
tion Block.

Chicago, Dec. 27.	Opened.	Closed.
Wheat—	74 1/2	75
December	74 1/2	74 1/2
July	74 1/2	74 1/2
May	77 1/2	77 1/2
Corn—		
December	45 1/2	45 1/2
July	42 1/2	42 1/2
May	43 1/2	43 1/2
Oats—		
December	32	32
May	33 1/2	34
Pork—		
January	1720	1720
May	1660	1645
Minneapolis, Dec. 27.		
Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
July	75 1/2	75 1/2
May	75 1/2	75 1/2

Bank Statement.

New York, Dec. 27.—
Reserves on all deposits, decrease,
\$1,544,000. On all deposits other than
United States, decrease, \$546,000.
Loans, decrease, \$539,000. Specie, de-
crease, \$3,234,000. Legals, increase,
\$1,214,300. Deposits, decrease, \$1,
992,400. Circulation, increase, \$10,
700.

Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Wheat—71 1/2 @
75 per bushel.

Wheat in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Wheat—
\$1.33 1/4 @ 1.38 1/2 per cental.

ARE PREPARING THE PRISON

**FIVE CELLS SPECIALLY
FURNISHED FOR HUMBERTS.**

**Cencergerie at Paris Made Ready to
Receive the Smooth Swindlers—
Barricades Erected to Keep Away
the Curious.**

Paris, Dec. 27.—The preparations at
the cencergerie for the imprisonment
of the Humberts recall those made
for great prisoners of state in former
times. Barricades have been erected
around the walls to prevent the ap-
proach of the multitude. Five cells
have been specially furnished with
all the comforts of home.

In an Ice Jam.

Toledo, Dec. 27.—The big steamer
Hopkins, loaded with coal, is being
crushed in an ice jam off the main
channel here. Nine men are aboard
the vessel.

SHOCKLEY EXAMINED.

**Was Not Adjudged Insane But Will
Be Held a Few Days Longer.**

The man Shockley, arrested a few
days ago as being dangerous to run
at large, was examined today by Dr.
McFaul, but not adjudged insane. Dr.
McFaul says Shockley is undoubtedly
out of his head slightly, but he con-
cluded to keep him here a few more
days before sending him his way.

Shockley is suffering with a pecu-
liar mental derangement. His trouble
is thought to have been brought on
by drink. He says he has written the
Declaration of Independence but has
never received any pay for his work.
He also expresses regret that he made
several mistakes in the writing of the
declaration and if he had it to do
over he would make the faults good.
If he does not regain his mental bal-
ance within the next few days he will
be sent to the asylum.

Delirious From Whiskey.

A man named Powell, a ranch hand,
is in the county jail suffering with a
very bad case of the "jim-jams," caus-
ed by drink. This afternoon Dr. Mc-
Faul examined him for insanity, but
concluded that he was only suffering
from the effects of heavy drinking,
and he was again locked up in a cell
and given medicine to quiet his
nerves. Powell imagines that he is
going to be killed. He is apparently
sensible enough otherwise, only he
begged to be locked away from the
rest of the inmates of the jail be-
cause he imagined they were going to
kill him.

Sportsmen's Tournament.

The Pendleton Sportsmen's Associa-
tion have their program almost
completed for their coming tourna-
ment. The shoot is to be pulled off
on the 25th and 26th of January, and
many outside crack shots are expect-
ed to be here to participate. Already
those in charge of the event have
the promise of at least 50 marksmen
who will take part. Three hundred
dollars in prize money will be given
away to the best scores. No other
prizes will be given. Everything will
be sweepstakes.

CAUSE OF SHORTAGE

**Illinois Executive Directs At-
torney-General to Investi-
gate Charges.**

RAILROADS ARE HOLDING

THE COAL IN THEIR YARDS.

**It is Generally Understood That the
Roads Entering Chicago Have Coal
Enough in the Yards to Supply That
City the Remainder of Winter—
Holding for Higher Prices.**

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—Acting
Governor Northcott today officially
directed the attorney-general of Illi-
nois to investigate the charges made
against the railroads entering Chic-
ago of holding coal in their yards, al-
though the city was suffering from a
fuel famine. It is generally under-
stood that the roads have coal enough
in the yards to supply the city the
remainder of the winter season, but
are holding it to compel higher prices.

SAN PEDRO BURNED OUT.

**Fire Still Raging in the California
Town—Three Men Burned to Death
—Loss Over \$1,000,000.**

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—The fire
which started last night at San Pedro
is still fiercely raging at noon. The
town will be almost wiped out at a
loss of over \$1,000,000.

The following have been burned to
death:
Joseph Swift, of Los Angeles.
Vic Silver, of Wilmington.
James Endolisen, captain of the
steamer Caspar.

OFFICES CLOSED.

**Barely Enough Coal to Warm the
Prisoners of the Lake City.**

Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—All the
county and city offices are closed to-
day owing to the lack of coal. There
is barely enough to supply the pris-
ons.

THINK IT A SNUB.

**Germany Thinks She Has Been Badly
Treated by Roosevelt.**

Berlin, Dec. 27.—There is a decided
inclination here to receive President
Roosevelt's declaration to arbitrate
the Venezuelan affair as a snub to
the Anglo-German diplomacy.

ONE KILLED, TWO INJURED.

**Patrol Wagon and Trolley Car Collide
With Fatal Results.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—One police-
man was killed and two were serious-
ly injured in a collision between a
patrol wagon and trolley car this
morning.

Commander Dyer Transferred.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 27.—Command-
er George L. Dyer, U. S. N., com-
mander of ships at the Naval Acad-
emy and chief of the department of
modern languages, was detached from
the academy today. He will be trans-
ferred to the Asiatic station.

Philadelphia's New Stock Exchange.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27.—The
new home of the Philadelphia Stock
Exchange, at Third and Walnut
streets, was formally opened today.
Many visitors inspected the handsome
new quarters of the exchange and
were received by President Horace H.
Lee.

Heavy Frosts in the South.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The weather
bureau predicts a killing frost
throughout Central Florida tonight.

Twenty-six common drunks were
arrested in Portland on Christmas
day.

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 dol-
lars.

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 rises.

See Gahagan at Hartman Abstract
office, Pendleton, Ore.