



BE A STRIKE

N. Operators Have for Month Been Trying to Grievances.

SCALE OF WAGES HAS BEEN PROPOSED.

Expenses Advancing—Self Forces Workingmen to an Increase of Salary—Prospect of Railroads Will Justify an

land, Dec. 27.—The members of the division No. 80, of the O. R. & N. on the verge of declaring war on their employer. The order is issued of operators and station men from Portland to Spokane and unless the new agreement which has been agreed to be signed by January 15, the probabilities are that either a strike or boycott will be declared after that date. A committee of the telegraphers and the O. R. & N. has been formed, and J. Bohon, of Huntington, W. Dority, of La Crosse, and J. Swart, of Athena, Or., are conferring with O. R. & N. relative to the new scale of wages. The offer, which was adopted by the organization, further than an offer to compromise which was rejected, no results were obtained.

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

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 maximum \$135.

The agents and operators along the Northern Pacific and Great Northern will present a similar agreement on January 15.

TO HONOR MITCHELL.

St. Paul, Dec. 27.—The plans for a remarkable reception will be given to John Mitchell when he comes here to receive the canvass of the United Mine Workers. Mitchell's arrival is still expected, but the canvass of votes will be held on Monday.

LAWS CELEBRATING.

The return to the mines until the New Year—Many families are suffering for fuel in Coal Region. Cambria, Pa., Dec. 27.—Many families are suffering for fuel in the heart of the coal region. Those still celebrating the New Year are Slavs who say they won't work until after New Year.

Zeisler Sails for Home.

London, Dec. 27.—Fannie Bloomer Zeisler, the Chicago pianist, is expected to sail for New York today. During her two months' tour in Europe, she has met with marked success in concert. She is expected to visit Vienna, Paris, London and other capitals of Europe. Leading critics on this side of the Atlantic predict for her a great future.

Club's Annual Dinner.

London, Dec. 27.—Great preparations have been made for the annual dinner of the Arctic Club tonight. The dinner will be given at the Grosvenor Hotel, and the notable guests include Admiral Schley and Gen. Peary.

AMERICAN HISTORY.

Historians and Professors Gather at Philadelphia in Annual Session.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27.—Historians and professors of history from many parts of the country filed Houston hall this morning at the sessions of the American Historical Association.

American history was the general topic of discussion. Among the papers presented were the following: "A Neglected Point of View in American Colonial History," Professor William McDonald, of Brown University; "American Business Corporation Before 1789," Judge Simeon E. Baldwin, of Connecticut; "Antecedents of the Declaration of Independence," Professor James Sullivan, of the High School of Commerce, New York City; "American Constitutional Principles in the Constituent Assembly," Professor Henry E. Bourne, of Western Reserve University.

Papers on "The West and Nationality," by Professor John L. Stewart, of Lehigh University, and "Party Politics in Indiana During the Civil War," by Professor Woonburn, of Indiana University, occupied the afternoon 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 freezing 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. Considerable 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.—Scientists from all parts of America—representing chemical, geological, mathematical, engineering, botanical, microscopical, astronomical, psychological, and kindred societies—are gathering in Washington to attend the annual convention of the American 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 reception of the visitors. No business of the convention will be transacted until Monday.

The program for the week is an extensive one, and includes a number of matters of importance. Monday there will be addresses by the vice-presidents 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 Sedgwick Minot, of Boston, the retiring president of the association.

On succeeding days the various sections 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 arranged throughout the convention week. Among the papers will be one on "Volcanoes of the West Indian Islands," by Professor Angelo Hellprin, 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 practically amounts to a lock-out has been inaugurated at the manufacturing plant of the Gilbert Hunt Company in this city. Fifteen employes of the company, some few molders, of whom are affiliated 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 also 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 Accepted President Roosevelt's Proposition.

QUEEN GIVES DINNER TO SOLDIERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

Remains of the Arch Bishop of Canterbury Buried in the Cloisters of Cathedral—Officially Stated That Balfour is Better.

London, Dec. 27.—The queen this afternoon gave a dinner to 2000 widows 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 refer 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 arbitrator in the Venezuelan affair.

THOUGHTFUL GENEROSITY.

Widows and Orphans of British Soldiers Given a Free Christmas Dinner.

London, Dec. 27.—Hundreds of women and children—widows and orphans 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 announcing the queen's intention, the bereaved, 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 Alexandra Trust Restaurant, of which the queen is president, and which was founded in March, 1900, by Sir Thomas Lipton for the benefit of the poor. During the afternoon, their majesties escorted by Sir Thomas Lipton, looked in upon the feast and were heartily received by the many women and children present.

GRATEFUL TO ROOSEVELT.

French Paper Thinks That the President's Name Will Be Handed Down to History for Compelling the Nations to Arbitrate Their Differences.

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

If the tribunal in the future becomes 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 Fusillade.

Union, Mo., Dec. 27.—A gang of robbers last night blew open the vaults of the bank at Union and secured \$15,000. It required four explosions, 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 program of the president's New Year's reception. It provides for the usual rules of precedence, the members of the cabinet and diplomatic corps being first received, members of the judiciary, 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 Philadelphia 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 Removed.

London, Ont., Dec. 27.—A head-on collision occurred last night at Wamestead, 40 miles west of this city, between the Pacific Express and a fast east-bound freight train on the Sarnia division of the Grand Trunk railroad.

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 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 debris were so badly mangled that identification was almost impossible. Superintendent McGulgan, of the Grand Trunk, says the operator whose blunder 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 injured 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 Instantly 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 accident to the owl train occurred this morning at Tropic, 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 Venezuelan Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The state department positively denies that this country is participating in the formulation of the preliminary protocol 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 arbitration has yet to be learned here.

PRESENTS CREDENTIALS.

New Ambassador to America Officially Recognized by the President.

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

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by the Coo Commission Company—L. C. Major Local Manager, Room 4, Association Block.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—		
Wheat—	Opened.	Closed
December	74 3/4	75
July	74 1/2 @ 3/4	74 1/2
May	77 1/4 @ 1/2	77 1/4

Corn—		
December	45 1/2 @ 3/4	45 1/2
July	42 3/4	42 3/4
May	43 1/2 @ 3/4	43 1/2

Oats—		
December	32	32
May	33 3/4 @ 3/4	34

Pork—		
January	1720	1720
May	1660	1645

Minneapolis, Dec. 27.—		
Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
July	75 3/4	75 3/4
May	75 1/4	75 1/4

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, decrease, \$3,234,000. Legals, increase, \$1,214,300. Deposits, decrease, \$1,902,400. Circulation, increase, \$40,700.

Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Wheat—74 3/4 @ 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.

Cenicerie at Paris Made Ready to Receive the Smooth Swindlers—Baricades Erected to Keep Away the Curious.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The preparations at the cenicerie 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 approach 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 concluded to keep him here a few more days before sending him his way.

Shockley is suffering with a peculiar 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 balance 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," caused by drink. This afternoon Dr. McFaul 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 because he imagined they were going to kill him.

Sportsmen's Tournament.

The Pendleton Sportsmen's Association have their program almost completed for their coming tournament. The shoot is to be pulled off on the 25th and 26th of January, and many outside crack shots are expected 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 Attorney-General to Investigate 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 Illinois to investigate the charges made against the railroads entering Chicago of holding coal in their yards, although the city was suffering from a fuel famine. It is generally understood 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 Endolson, 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 today owing to the lack of coal. There is barely enough to supply the prison.

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 declination 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 policeman was killed and two were seriously injured in a collision between a patrol wagon and trolley car this morning.

Commander Dyer Transferred.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 27.—Commander George L. Dyer, U. S. N., commander of ships at the Naval Academy and chief of the department of modern languages, was detached from the academy today. He will be transferred 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 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 Gahagan at Hartman Abstract Office, Pendleton, Ore.