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INSURGENTS GIRD LOINS

Progressive Members of Republican Party Prepared for Series of Battles.

'LAY ON MACDUFF' CRIES 'UNCLE JOE'

Efforts of Rebellious Congressmen Will be Directed Against Cannon and Aldrich—Will Fight Organization in Both Houses—Speaker Cannon Has Balance of Power in His Control of Committees—Aldrich Leads in Senate.

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tor from Rhode Island. They are going to make a big effort to deepen these dents and make a few more.

MURRAY WILL BE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Baltimore, Dec. 9.—According to reports current today, President Oscar G. Murray of the Baltimore & Ohio, will be re-elected at the meeting of the board. It was recently rumored that Murray would announce his retirement at today's board meeting, but he has declared positively that he will be re-elected. It is certain that he has no opposition on the board, and that when he retires his action will be voluntary.

Further than stating that he would be re-elected, President Murray has not committed himself. From sources it is learned that, yielding to importunities, Mr. Murray probably will consent to a re-election, but whether he will serve out his term is another question. It is considered more likely that some time before the expiration of the term for which he probably will be chosen, he will relinquish the presidency. In order to retain him in a responsible position there is talk of creating the place of chairman of the board, installing Mr. Murray in the office.

Several well known railroad men have been mentioned in connection with the presidency if Mr. Murray resigns. J. F. Loree, whom Mr. Murray succeeded, and who is now president of the Delaware & Hudson railroad, is among them, also George L. Potter, vice president and general manager of the Baltimore & Ohio.

LABOR MEN CREATE POLITICAL ISSUES

PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION ENTERS THE ARENA

Will Seek to Abolish State Constabulary—To Fight Court Injunctions—Will Draw Up Legislation Labor Platform.

Harrisburg, Dec. 9.—To take action for the perpetuation of political and industrial freedom is the announced purpose of an extraordinary convention of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, opened in Grand Army Hall today. The union labor men of the state expect to accomplish their purpose by taking an active part in politics, especially in the legislative election throughout the state.

One of the issues, declared a labor leader today, will be the abolition of the state constabulary, which is held a menace to union labor inasmuch as the principal duties of the officers is to patrol districts in which strikes are in progress. It is asserted by the union leaders that, while the ostensible purpose of the constabulary is to "preserve the peace," the constabulary is always to be found fighting on the side of the wealthy mining and manufacturing companies and against the strikers. It is proposed to force all candidates for legislative honors to pledge themselves to vote for the abolition of the constabulary.

Another matter under consideration is a plan for amending laws now in force, which permits court injunctions and prohibiting labor day celebrations in boroughs.

The latter complaint has grown from the orders of the burgess of Vandergrift, Pa., who refused labor leaders from out of town last September the right to hold a labor day parade because, as he said, it might endanger the peace of the community where there were no unions.

The convention will draw up a legislative labor platform which the State Federation will carry into every legislative district both at the June primaries and at the next November election when members of the 1911 legislature are chosen. Among other subjects that the labor federation at this early stage is preparing to inject in the legislative fight are child labor measures, factory inspection laws and employers' liability bills. It is also possible that the sentence of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison will be a subject for bitter discussion by the convention, as the call denounces "government by injunction and judges-made law."

WAGE WAR AGAINST TENDERLOIN BALL

Chicago, Dec. 9.—United States District Attorney Sims today took a hand in the fight being waged against the famous first ward ball, an annual tenderloin event conducted by Alderman "Hinkey Dink" McKenna, and "Bathhouse John" Coughlin. The dance is scheduled to be held Monday night and Sims announced he will have agents on hand to watch for evidence against the "White Slave traders." A large number of postal cards advertising the ball, were suppressed by postal authorities today.

BANK OF ENGLAND REDUCES RATE OF MINIMUM DISCOUNT

London, Dec. 8.—The Bank of England today reduced its minimum discount rate from five to four and one half per cent.

CHARGE PEONAGE IN N. W. ROADS

Members of Switchmen's Union Allege Railroads Force Strikebreakers.

BIG STRIKE COLLAPSES ON MONTANA ROADS

Minnesota Labor Commissioner Investigates Charge That Strike Breakers Are Prevented from Joining Strikers by Armed Guards—Switchmen Return to Work at Livingston, Montana, Indicating Gradual Collapse of the Strike.

Minneapolis, Dec. 9.—State Labor Commissioner McEwen is today investigating the sweeping charges of peonage filed against the northwest roads by E. D. Carr of Toledo, an official of the switchmen's union, and J. B. Wilson, of Duluth, a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Carr and Wilson allege that "the roads are keeping imported strike breakers who took the places of switchmen who are striking under an armed guard to prevent their joining the strikers."

Strikers Return to Work.

Butte, Dec. 9.—The collapse of the switchmen's strike in Montana on the Northern Pacific road is indicated by the return to work today at Livingston of switchmen ordered out by President Hawley of the Switchmen's Union.

The decision to return to work followed a conference yesterday with the division superintendent, indicating a rapid restoration of traffic to normal conditions. Strikers are also returning to work at Laurel, another terminal.

State Care for Insane.

Baltimore, Dec. 9.—To arouse sentiment in favor of state care for the insane in Maryland is the purpose of a joint session today of the Psychological Society, the Neurological Society and the State Lunacy Commission. Mayor Michael and many legislators have interested themselves in the project, which contemplates the erection of three state hospitals for white and one asylum for colored people. Prominent physicians declare that Maryland is far behind all other states in caring for the insane, and mentally afflicted. Baltimore has a city hospital for the insane, but owing to lack of funds, the patients cannot be given adequate attention and comfort.

South's Big Crop.

Washington, Dec. 9.—According to figures just compiled the value of the south's agricultural products for 1909 is in the neighborhood of \$2,400,000,000 out of a total of \$3,200,000,000 for the farms of the entire country. Of the south's total between \$600,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000 represents the crop of cotton, with its seed, now coming upon the market, an increase of between \$150,000,000 and \$200,000,000 over 1908, though the number of bales this year will probably be more than 2,000,000 less than last year's crop. In the value of crops cotton ranks second to corn, with wheat and hay following.

COLD WAVE CLAIMS VICTIMS IN COLORADO

Denver, Colo., Dec. 9.—Two men are dead and two others are dying as a result of the cold wave sweeping over Colorado. The stage driver between Hannu and Lee, Wyoming, and his only passenger were found dead near the latter place. Both bodies were frozen stiff. Early today two men, unconscious from the cold were found on the streets and most probably will die.

GREAT COAST STORM ABATES

Terriific Gale Which Raged Along Pacific Line Has Spent Its Force.

WHIPPED SEA INTO MOUNTAINOUS WAVES

Great Storm Assumed Hurricane Proportions—Wind Blew at 50 Miles an Hour in San Francisco—Along Oregon Coast Reached Velocity of 70 Miles—Street Car Traffic and Telegraphic Communication Demoralized.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—After raging for fourteen hours the fierce gale that swept the coast from San Diego to British Columbia showed signs of abating early today. According to the local weather officials the storm spent its force at early dawn. In this city the wind blew at the rate of 50 miles an hour last night, while off Heads it reached a velocity of sixty miles. Reports from the Oregon coast stated that the storm assumed almost hurricane proportions there and that a 70 mile gale was whipping the sea into a succession of mountainous waves. The storm delayed the street car traffic here and several lines were prostrated. Telegraphic communication throughout California was demoralized.

FREIGHTER BURNS AND PART OF CREW PERISHES

Cleveland, Dec. 9.—Two seamen are dead and 12 are missing following the burning of the Anchor Line freighter Clarion, off Point Pelee, Ontario, at midnight. Six members of the crew, who were taken from the burning ship by the steamer Hanna, brought the news to Cleveland at daylight.

The Clarion was a wooden steamer 240 feet long with 26 foot beam. The fire started soon after the Clarion passed Amherstburg, Ontario. A gale was blowing and immense waves swept the decks of the doomed vessel. The snow was so thick that it was impossible to see any distance, and on this account the Point Pelee lifesavers did not see the distress signals displayed by the Clarion.

DUCK HUNTERS LOSE LIVES IN SQUALL

Oakland, Dec. 9.—Search was instituted today for the bodies of two of the three duck hunters who lost their lives off Point Richmond last night. The body of Deputy Sheriff J. J. Burrows of Contra Costa county, has been recovered. The other two, Richard C. Casabonne and an unknown companion are still under water. A squall capsized their boat.

FIVE MEN DROWN IN WRECK OF STEAMER

Fuffalo, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The steamer W. C. Richardson went on the rocks three miles off this morning and five men are reported drowned. Rescuers have brought fourteen men to this city.

37 VARIETIES OF CHEESE.

Dairymen of Oregon and Washington Exhibit Products.

Portland, Dec. 9.—Fifty-seven varieties of cheese, from all parts of the world, and of all brands, peddlers, ages, sizes, shape and degrees of strength, ranging from the tame and domesticated Oregon cream cheese to the rampant and war-like Limburger from Germany, are on exhibition today. The occasion is the

annual meeting of the dairymen of Oregon and Washington. Dairy machinery is shown in operation and is run by cheese power. Exhibitors found difficulty in securing specimens sufficiently large and strong to confine some of the more violent specimens. A panic was almost caused by the exhibition hall when one particularly husky cheese, said to have been sent by Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany from his own private menagerie, escaped from its bonds and ran amuck through the building, shouting "Hoch der Kaiser!" It was captured after an exciting chase, and a lion cage was secured from the local zoo, in which it was confined. The foreign cheeses are shown to the dairymen as horrible examples of what to avoid. The American cheeses are ladylike in demeanor and show none of the violent characteristics of the imported article.

MEET TO DISCUSS CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

New York, Dec. 9.—The civil service reformers met in New York today to take up their annual task. The session is the twenty-ninth in the history of the National Civil Service Reform League, and was opened with a meeting of the council at the University club. A public session will be held at the City club, and the third session at Mendelssohn hall. The convention will be continued tomorrow. President Charles W. Elliot will deliver his annual address this evening.

CUNNINGHAM MEN WERE AFTER TIMBER

TESTIMONY IN INQUIRY PROVES PINCHOT'S CHARGES

Entrymen Filed on Claims in Forest Reserve and Cunningham Considered Timber Thieves—A Big Asset—Latter Was Big Promoter.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 9.—Legal agents of the forestry service learned today in the inquiry of the Cunningham coal cases that the entrymen had designed on the forest lands and had actually taken possession of four claims in the forest reserve, besides grabbing valuable water rights. Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, had charged this against the Cunningham claimants over a year ago, when the coal claims came up for patenting in Washington, but the assertion was denied by the general land offices, with the claim that there was no timber on the lands. The evidence of Henry White of Wallace, Idaho, heard today, shows that Clarence Cunningham figured the timber holdings of the syndicate as a valuable asset.

The progress of the inquiry goes to strengthen the contention that the Cunningham coal entrymen felt they were safe with the general land offices, and that patents would be issued regardless of any action they might take. The testimony shows Cunningham to have been a promoter on a large scale and besides timber lands had secured possession of the only available route for a railroad, an ocean harbor, a townsite and a waterpower site each proposition being separate but with the same stockholders and composed of the original coal entrymen.

TACOMA RESIDENT WAS FROZEN TO DEATH

Tacoma, Wa., Dec. 9.—The body of Robert J. Heale, an aged carpenter and wealthy resident of Tacoma was found today near the residence of Asbury Smith, where it had lain for more than a week. Investigation today showed that Heale who called on Smith on the evening of Dec. 1, must have fallen in the yard overcome by cold. The snow which fell that night to the depth of several inches, and completely covered his body. The snow has lain so thick on the ground during the subsequent freezing weather, that not until today did it thaw sufficiently for the body to be seen.

CAPTAIN OF ALGO LOSES HIS LICENSE

Portland, Dec. 9.—Carelessness and negligence in attempting to cross the Tillamook bar in ebb tide on November 24, is the reason given by local inspectors for suspending the license of Captain Levi Snyder, master of the wrecked steamer Algo, for twelve months. The decision was made public today, and for the next year Captain Snyder will not be allowed to take command of another steamer.

To Honor Justice Peckham.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 9.—A memorial meeting to commemorate the life and services of the late Justice Rufus Peckham, of the United States Supreme court, will be held this evening in the assembly chamber, under the auspices of the New York State Bar association. Addresses will be made by several speakers of prominence.

Earl Dudley of Athena, is in the city today.

CLAIMS COOK'S DATA IS FAKED

New York Insurance Broker Says Doctor Paid Him and Another for Job.

ALLEGES COOK FAILED TO KEEP AGREEMENT

George H. Dunkle Insists Explorer Hired Him and Captain A. W. Loose to Prepare Polar Data—Turas on Employer Upon Refusal to Pay—Danish Scientists Say They Can Discover if Observations are Fraudulent.

New York, Dec. 9.—George H. Dunkle, an insurance broker, today reiterated his charges that he and Captain A. W. Loose had prepared the data for Dr. Frederick A. Cook, with which the explorer hoped to prove his claim that he had discovered the north pole. Dunkle said he "turned" on Cook because the physician had failed to pay him a balance of \$3,480 due from the alleged price of \$5,000 for the faked observations. He said he gave the story to the paper which published it this morning.

Scientists Can Tell.

Copenhagen, Dec. 9.—If Dr. Frederick A. Cook's data in support of his claim that he discovered the north pole was "faked" by Captain A. W. Loose, a retired engineer, and George H. Dunkle, a New York insurance agent, Danish scientists will discover the fraud. This is the only statement obtainable at the university today regarding the cable from New York to the effect that two men hired by Cook had faked the data. Authorities here discredit the statement about Loose and Dunkle.

GIRL STUDENT HAS BODY PAINTED RED

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 9.—Following the hearing of Miss Hattie Taylor of Elkins, W. Va., a student in the state normal school of this city, the board of regents today instituted a rigorous investigation to learn the identity of the frolicers who are alleged to have given the young woman a bath in ice water and to have streaked her body with brilliant red paint. The trouble between Miss Taylor and her tormentors followed the football game between the normal and a team from Elkins, during which the girl cheered for the lads from her home town.

KALAMAZOO ALMOST DESTROYED BY FIRE

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 9.—Damage aggregating \$500,000 was done by fire starting at midnight and which for a time threatened the destruction of the entire city's business district. Twenty stores were destroyed with the Burdick house and twenty other business houses were demoralized. The reports of loss of lives are unconfirmed.

'RED TAPE' BLOCKS RELIEF WORK AMONG SUFFERERS

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Mayor Busse today began an official investigation into charges made by officials of the United Mine Workers to the effect that the relief work among the widows and orphans of the Cherry mine disaster is being delayed by too much adherence to "red tape" and that many survivors are suffering from a lack of nourishing food.

BELIEVE KIDNAPPERS ABDUCTED MISSING GIRL

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 9.—The police are making every effort today to find Alma Kellner, daughter of J. F. Kellner, the wealthy brewer, who is believed to be being held by kidnapers for a ransom. She disappeared yesterday morning while en route to mass at the St. John's church.

FICKERT WILL TAKE UP CALHOON CASE

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—The trial of Patrick H. Calhoun, the millionaire magnate, was today continued until January 19 when it will be resumed by the incoming district attorney, Charles M. Fickert. Fickert will have a clean sweep case. During his recent political campaign, Francis J. Heney, the famous graft prosecutor, charged that Fickert was the personal candidate of Calhoun. Since his election, Fickert has declared his firm intention to prosecute the graft cases.

ALL-STARS WILL PROBABLY LOCK HORNS WITH MULTNOMAH

enthusiastic local fan would journey to the metropolis to see the contest. The following is from the Journal: Multnomah Undecided. Whether or not Portland football fans will see a club-college, a club-club or a high school football game New Year's day is still an indefinite matter. There are now three propositions to be considered for the holiday attraction. First in the list is the game proposed between the Englewood high school team of Chicago and the

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