

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Bills Introduced of Local Interest.

SENATOR ALLEN SPEAKS.

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THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—David E. Hill, Senate-elect from New York, took the oath of office today.

Among the petitions presented and referred were several in relation to the lands of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

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On motion of Cockrell he was excused from service on the committee on immigration.

Person from service on the committee on territories, Colquitt on that on interstate commerce and Voorhees on relations with Canada and Hill was appointed to those places.

Gorman was also excused from service on relations with Canada and Colquitt was appointed in his place.

The resolution offered yesterday by Morgan, instructing the committee on foreign relations to inquire the condition of Nicaragua.

Allen then addressed the senate in support of the Nicaragua canal project.

After some further debate the resolution was agreed to and a bill was introduced to revise the grade of Lieut. General in the army.

The bill to amend and enlarge the act of June, 1868, for the distribution of the Mexican award, was made a special order for Monday next.

Speaker pro tem McMillan in the chair. The following bills were introduced: Defining land and imposing tax on manufacture compounds of land.

Proposing constitutional amendment providing for a uniform law for marriage and divorce.

Fixing minimum rate of pension at \$6 a month.

To equalize taxation and impose income tax.

For free coinage of silver.

Crisp had a restless night and is reported to be much better today. He is still confined to his room.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—It is stated this morning that Secretary Blaine is expected to be at the department tomorrow.

When on November 10 last year Attorney-General Miller made the announcement before the supreme court of the United States that a basis for the settling of the Behring sea difficulty had been reached he was saying what was at that time strictly true.

The agreement seemed to have been arrived at to the different questions to be submitted to the arbitration tribunal.

What Attorney-General Miller then announced has all now been upset by the demands on the part of Lord Salisbury for further modification of the agreement reached in November.

Indeed they suggest in an unpleasant manner the policy of delay which has characterized Lord Salisbury's conduct throughout these negotiations.

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Naval Attaché of Great Britain Visited the United States. Captain Eggar's Dignity in Earnest in the Eyes of Chilians.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—Whether Great Britain is or is not using her influence with Chili to bring about a satisfactory settlement of the Baltimore outrage is as yet a matter of speculation, but there is abundant evidence that she is showing the deepest interest in the preparations for war which our country has been making.

Our naval officers have not failed to discover that two naval attachés of the United States in this city, Captains William H. Way and G. C. Langley, have been watching every movement of the navy department since the talk of war with Chili first commenced.

These officers have learned, of course, been duly communicated to their government, and the reports have doubtless been the means of convincing the British authorities that the United States is in sober earnest in her demand for reparation.

It is noticeable to those who have watched the developments of the Chilean controversy that the English influence in the direction of peace commenced just after the naval attaché began familiarizing themselves with our naval activity.

These attachés have made personal visits to different places throughout the country where work on war materials is in progress.

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Among Other Bad Things She Confesses to Having Committed. Lived with a Schoolhouse and Committed Other Depredations.

COLUMBUS, Wis., Jan. 11.—Lydia A. Walker, of Catawago, 17 years old, was caught setting fire to a barn yesterday.

She tried to run away, and when her pursuer had nearly overtaken her she drew a large knife and defied arrest.

Two blows from a club were necessary to compel her to surrender. When put in jail in Juneau she confessed to 15 depredations in three months, including the mutilation of livestock, the burning of a school house and the destruction of other property.

It is thought she is insane. The Interstate Commerce Commission Rejected Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—The United States supreme court today in the interstate commerce case, Charles Hitecock, applicant, vs. Frank Hitecock, marshal of the United States District court, decided that witnesses cannot be compelled to testify in any criminal cases where their answers might tend to incriminate them in any way.

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He Also Declares That the Reigning House of Russia Will Be Wiped Away Forever—England Has the Territory She Wishes.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Speaking of the destiny of the American republic, Sir Edward Arnold said: "The United States will govern the entire continent of South America. I have never been below the equator, despite my somewhat extensive travelling, yet I believe it to be the land of the future states, the American told me that the great mass of the world would eventually live below the equator. The people of the north have been people of mighty intellect; that will change some day, they will leave the cold and snow and blizzard, England will not grudge it because it is rightfully ours."

"England," he continued, "has all she wishes; India always will be ours. Two men will always oppose a war over the country, the Zar of Russia and the prime minister of Russia, whoever he may be. Still, just such a war is inevitable, although it may not come for many years, when, from unavoidable causes, these countries come in conflict, the Romanoff dynasty will be wiped away forever. Every Russian throat east of the Caspian will be cut, and the remnants of the retreating Russian army will face at home a revolution which will overthrow the reigning house. There is no truth in the talk of our small army; we can place more than 2,000,000 men in the field."

The Government Express Trouble Soon at the Tongue River Agency.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, Jan. 11.—Further advice received by Dr. McMill from the Tongue River agency, where an uprising among the Indians is expected soon, are as follows: Troops of cavalry are being mobilized at this point (Lame Deer, Montana), and are building barracks. The sheriff of this county, however, is expected to arrive in two weeks in which to arrest Walks Nights, the unruly buck, who is at St. Paul, desired for a time, to give the general a chance to place more troops here to protect the settlers.

"The sheriff gave the Indians' agent two weeks in which to arrest Walks Nights and in case of failure he will notify the war department three days ahead of time that he is to leave Miles City to make the arrest. The sheriff says that when he starts to arrest Walks Nights he will take with him enough men to sweep the whole tribe. He told the agent that it was his intention to march on the Indian camp at the agency and if they refused they would suffer the consequences."

"Things look ugly and I expect there will be several whites and Indians killed inside of three or four weeks. Walks Nights carries a knife, a revolver and rifle with plenty of ammunition."

Ship Arrives at New York Reporting Four Deaths.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The steamship Moorish Prince arrived in quarantine yesterday morning. The captain reported to the health officer that Chief Officer Hughes and William Fusch were taken with yellow fever while the ship was at Rio Janeiro and both died. The second engineer, James Curran, died on Nov. 11, and the third engineer, Robert Richardson, died on Dec. 24 and died a day later.

Since leaving Rio Janeiro there has been no sickness on the Moorish Prince. The health officer has charge of the ship and will not allow her to come to the city until he is certain all danger of a fresh outbreak of the malady has passed.

Convicted of Causing a Girl's Death—Life Ended by Morphine.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 9.—Dr. Thomas P. Walker, a well-known physician of Dunbar, Fayette county, was found dead in his office this morning. Lida Lawrence, a typewriter of Uniontown, died last August. Dr. Walker and other evidence among her effects led to Dr. Walker's conviction of causing her death. A new trial was asked for, but no decision has been handed down. While the argument was pending in December the doctor got on a spree, which exhausted his system.

His death was due to a dose of morphine. Whether taken with suicidal intent or not is unknown. Walker had a nervous system and a weak constitution, but of late he had been dissipated, and lost most of his patients. He was about 45 years old and leaves a widow, but no children.

A Claim That They Have Authority to Condemn Private Property.

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 9.—Judge Hart of the District court, has rendered a decision valuable as a precedent in street railway cases. He decided that the Duluth Street Railway Company had no right of eminent domain, and no authority to condemn private property for street railways. No case involving this question has ever come up in Minnesota before, so far as is known.

The Stepfather of Mary Anderson in a Critical State of Health.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 9.—Word has been received here by his relations that Dr. Hamilton Griffin, Mary Anderson's stepfather, is in a very precarious condition of health. When he came over here some months ago after his brother's death, he was a sick and feeble man; a long rest here, a trip by water to Pittsburgh and another rest in New York improved him considerably, but since his return to England another decline has set in.

John T. Blair Very Ill.

He Has Been Married Twice and His Second Wife Has Died From the Children of the First Wife—She Has Gone to Iowa—He Will Follow.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 11.—Alfred Thomas, of Walla Walla, arrived in town Friday, looking for his runaway wife and four children. Mrs. Thomas arrived here the middle of last month with her four children in a destitute condition. She applied both to the police and to the Masons for assistance, representing herself as the wife of a Mason, and secured help from that fraternity and a temporary home. She wrote to a brother in Iowa of her condition and on the 28th of last month she received \$50 from him and at once took the train for the East. Thomas arrived and proceeded Friday to hunt up his wife and was directed to the place where she was staying by the Masons who had assisted her, but not reaching the place, he ascertained that she had fled until the police had made a thorough search through the city and informed him that she was gone. Thomas is an old man, who is said to be a wealthy citizen of Walla Walla. He stated that the woman was his second wife and in some way which he could not explain, attributed her flight to a scheme of his children by his first wife to gain a big slice of his property.

Royal Commission Will Inquire Into Charges Against Mercier.

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 11.—The royal commission to investigate the many charges of malfeasance in office made against the Mercier government was appointed yesterday. They are all non-creators. Judge Mathew of the supreme court, Donald McMaster, Q. C., and Damaz Mason, merchant. The commission which will issue tomorrow will be based upon a report to the council from the provincial attorney general, the Hon. E. C. Casgrain. The appointment of the commission by the conservative government is the outcome of charges made in the press accusing the Mercier government of illegally disposing of over \$5,000,000 of the public money.

The South Atlantic Squadron.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The navy department is informed that the United States steamer Chicago, Admiral Wilkes' flagship, arrived at Montevideo this morning. The other vessels of his squadron, the Atlanta and Bennington, were last reported at Bahia. They are expected to join the Chicago at Montevideo. Their future movements will be governed entirely by circumstances. They were ordered to proceed to Montevideo and await further orders. In case of necessity they will be ordered to Chili, but unless such necessity arises they will remain on duty in South Atlantic.

Exemplary Clerk Dead.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—John Sparks, chief clerk of the Court of General Sessions and Oyer and Terminer, died suddenly yesterday afternoon of heart failure. He was 67 years old and had been connected with the criminal court in this city for 40 years. He was chief clerk for the last 29 years. He was a man of exemplary habits, industrious and frugal, and was regarded by all the judges as being the most efficient clerk in New York.

A Boy of Sixteen and a Woman of Thirty-Three Elop.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Helen Dyckman, a dashing brunette of 33, and Nathaniel N. Seabury, the 16-year-old son of Mrs. Nettie Seabury, a student at the military institute here, left town Tuesday for New York. The two had been intimate for a year or more, and when a telegram signed by Seabury and directed to Mrs. Nettie Seabury, asking her to meet him at the Grand Central depot, fell into Mrs. Seabury's hands, she suspected that they had arranged to go away together. No intelligence as to their whereabouts has yet been heard. Mrs. Seabury claims that her son had become infatuated with the woman, and the intimacy has caused her great mortification.

Two of the Gang Captured at Salt Lake City.

PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 9.—P. D. Sprague, well-known here as a variety theatre manager, in jail in Salt Lake City, being held in \$5000 on a charge of counterfeiting. Sprague left here last summer after serving a term for obtaining money under false pretenses. His Port Townsend liabilities will figure up over \$1500. It appears that Sprague was the head of a gang, and it is believed this gang succeeded in circulating nearly \$5000 of their spurious gold coin before they were detected. The gang consisted of about 25 men, and the pieces were passed on the tellers of no less than three banks. The plan was a crude affair, consisting of plaster of paris moulds, impressions of different coin denominations, and an electric battery. With these \$5000 of the "quaker" had been manufactured. The officers who worked up the case against this gang say the evidence against them is so overwhelming that they cannot escape punishment. Sprague's wife is believed to be implicated. Sprague was never considered very bright here, yet when the couple left Port Townsend the woman was said to have had several thousand dollars in cash on her person. John Gagnon, a well-known bartender, who went away with the pair, is also a member of the gang, and is likewise in jail in Salt Lake City. It is believed here that the gang shipped money to agents in Seattle and Tacoma for circulation, as much bogus coin as \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations have recently been discovered all over Puget sound.

Made a Dead of Trust.

SHERMAN, Tex., Jan. 9.—M. Schneider & Bro., wholesale dry goods merchants of this city, filed a deed of trust for the benefit of creditors, whose claims aggregate about \$125,000. Attached to the deed of trust is a list of notes and accounts due the firm amounting to \$80,000. The other assets are not involved.

The Governor Feels Dry.

SYDNEY, Jan. 9.—Owing to drought in the Broken Hill district the governor has ordered a rain-making experiment.

Young Dad Very Wicked.

EASTON, Md., Jan. 9.—Laura Smith, colored, aged 15, has confessed that she poisoned her father and brother.

They Are Driven Away With Winchester—Women Almost Flee With Grief Seized the Bodies of Their Fathers, Husbands or Brothers.

MONTREAL, L. T., Jan. 9.—The excitement, immediately after the explosion, was not so much in the mine explosion, shows no alarm. All day yesterday and today 5000 people were around the shaft of the mine, gazing, gesticulating and shrieking. Up to 10 o'clock this morning 45 bodies were taken out of the mine and 100 injured, 15 of whom died before morning. The remaining 55 miners are lying at their homes swathed in cotton and vasoline. This morning the assisting officers in the work of rescue, performing their duty in the most efficient manner, were the dead and relieving the suffering of the wounded.

Some time ago the miners refused to work with negroes. This morning a number of negroes went to Krebs and assisted in the work in only a half-hearted way, and most of their number were heard to say they served the miners right to have been killed. The word passed from mouth to mouth and the indignation of the miners knew no bounds. A United States deputy marshal, anticipating trouble, was on hand with a posse and drove the colored men from the place at the point of Winchester. As body after body was removed from the ground the women crouched with despair while they threw themselves in front of the shaft in their efforts to determine at once whether it was that of a father, brother or husband.

Time and time again were the women pressed back from the mouth of the shaft, and the scene was enacted. It was almost impossible to recognize any resemblance to human form in the bodies of many of those rescued. Heads, arms, legs, hands, feet, were many in number, and some of their number. Their clothes were either partially or entirely burned away and in some cases the flames had literally roasted almost all the flesh off their bodies. The dead were taken to a blacksmith shop near the main shaft where a morgue was improvised, and the living were taken to their homes. The crowd vacillated between the shaft and the blacksmith shop all day.

Each particle of clothing and the contents of the pockets were closely scrutinized for any distinguishing mark whereby the body could be identified. A most horrible sight met the gaze of members of the rescue party in the bottom of the shaft when they lay an indiscriminate mass of debris and dismembered bodies of miners.

Twenty-four bodies were found at that point, but only six of them could be identified. Sixteen other boys, names unknown, were killed outright and found dead at their posts. It has been learned that the explosion was caused by George Lowery exploding what he thought was a fuse in the mine. At a late hour last night it was estimated that the number of missing would reach a total of 146 based on the following figures: About 400 men were in the mine at the time of the explosion, 48 dead bodies have been recovered, the names of 98 men slightly and seriously injured are known and about fifty men escaped without injury.

The explosion was terrific. It has literally torn the mine to pieces. It closed up the galleries, tore down the barricades which kept the air from circulating freely through the mine, and cut off all air from the galleries.

This morning a relief party of Krebs miners was compelled, after 48 hours steady labor, to stop work. The party was completely exhausted. There were three carcasses of men in the mine when the explosion occurred and only two of the animals were hurt. Boss Driver Tom Kane was killed. The superintendent said that the blame should be laid upon whoever fired the blast, as it was done too soon. It should have been fired at 5:10 o'clock, after the miners had left the mine, in which case the explosion would have occurred, but only five or six men would have been killed. The work of bringing out the dead bodies and removing the living is still progressing. The Osgo mine at Krebs is Gould property and has been operated for a number of years under the management of parties in London.

About 300 miners from Lehigh and Conditte passed through here today to relieve the rescuers.

Estimated Sold at Master's Sale.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 9.—Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll bid in the Cincinnati, Jackson & Makin railway at master's sale today for \$2,222,000. This is the result of a scheme to turn the road over to a company headed by Mr. Woodford, president and central manager of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, Wheeling & Lake Erie, Dayton, Fort Wayne & Chicago railways.

Jackson Day in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Jackson day was celebrated here last night by the Young Men's Democratic Club by a banquet. Invitations were sent to many prominent Democratic leaders from the country, including ex-President Cleveland, from whom a letter of regret was received. He declined the invitation, stating that he had made an engagement to celebrate the day with the New York Democratic organization.

A Commissioner of Emigration Seized With Papers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—When Commissioner of Emigration Schultz returned to this country "incognito" on the Servia, he claimed to have witnessed debauchery on board ship, and in this connection implicated Ingrove Peterson, a Swede. An examination seemed to corroborate the commissioner's charges. Yesterday, when Commissioner Schultz returned from a board meeting which was held on Ellis island, he was served with papers in a suit for \$25,000 for slander. The Peterson girl has also returned to Sweden and the suit has been brought by Lawyer B. Downer, through the Rev. Peter Peterson.

But the Husband Claims to Have Secured a Divorce.

READING, Pa., Jan. 9.—Dr. Benjamin Nice, a prominent and wealthy physician of Hanburg, this county, was arrested today on a charge of bigamy. The complainant is Lewis H. Mickle, agent of the Adams Express Company at Hanburg, who alleges that Dr. Nice married his daughter Etta 13 years ago and subsequently deserted her. The doctor was married last New Year's day to Miss Ida Derr. He claims that he was divorced from his first wife.

Assets Not Strived.

MONTREAL, Jan. 9.—Pierre Hudson, a merchant, has assigned with liabilities today on a charge of bigamy. The liabilities of the whole estate last year were reported to be \$100,000.