

Bohemia Nugget

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

Castro laughs at the idea of his abdication.

No direct bag ships from Calcutta this year.

Oriental liner Indrapura arrives with a big cargo.

Puget Sound country has greatest flood in 25 years.

German papers speak lightly of the Monroe Doctrine.

Colorado legislature promises a hot time over election of senator.

Ples Armstrong says he did not intend to shoot Miss Kinsinger.

Albany Methodists celebrate the 60th anniversary of their church.

French senatorial elections resulted in gain for the present ministry.

Irish land report is made that both Ireland and England appear to favor.

Loaded ship has narrow escape from Clatsop beach during thick fog.

Spokane legislative delegation splits wide open on senatorial question.

Report of Governor Taft speaks of difficulties and encouragements in the Philippines.

Congress reassembled after holiday recess and senate takes up omnibus statehood bill.

Washington County farmers at Gantt income \$500,000 appropriation for Lewis and Clark Fair.

Sultan of Morocco has discredited the pretender by effecting a reconciliation with his brother.

Torpedo-boat destroyer MacDonough, on trial exceeded her contract requirement of 23 knots.

Castro sends an army to fight the rebels.

New diamond field discovered in the Transvaal.

Washington legislature has no capital for its meeting.

Pension Bureau hurries action on Indian War pensions.

A new anti-trust bill to be introduced by Senator Hoar.

Sultan of Morocco sends his brother to fight the pretender.

The local marine engineers' strike on ocean steamers is ended.

Gratifying increase in revenue and decrease in National debt in December.

President Roosevelt closes a South river postoffice because the Negro postmistress is driven out.

Great increase in exports of manufactured goods, and in imports of manufacturers' materials, iron and steel.

Science convention hears how irrigation will help the nation, and how forests are being wasted.

Bubonic plague causes panic on Mexican coast.

Science association elects Carroll D. Wright president.

Pacific cable completed to Honolulu and first message received.

Democratic leaders choose the tariff as issue of the next campaign.

Moorth rebels march on Fez, and the Sultan goes out to fight them.

King Edward proclaimed Emperor of India with great pomp, at Delhi.

Bloodshed is expected among the claim-locators in Wyoming oil fields.

Jeffries refuses to fight Mexican Pete because he fears to be knocked out.

Castro attaches conditions to arbitration which cause discussion among the allies.

Pennsylvania coal miners refused to work on New Year's to relieve the coal famine.

New sheriffs in Maine enforce the prohibition law rigidly, causing lots of surprises and some trouble.

Many Oregon state land selections rejected by General Land Office because state tried to exchange same tracts twice.

Many Senators oppose Cuban reciprocity treaty.

Gorgeous pageant at the imperial coronation durbur in India.

Carroll D. Wright discussed labor question at Science convention.

Secretary Hitchcock forces Land Commissioner Hermann to resign.

Arrangements of arbitration protocol in Venezuelan affairs left to Minister Bowen.

The Humbert family arrives in Paris, and the police foil the curious crowd.

Coroner's inquest hears evidence on blunders which caused Wanstead wreck.

Mrs. Tingley is said to declare that a mother's love for her child should be crushed out.

Railroads agree to return free of charge exhibits from St. Louis Fair to Portland Exposition in 1905.

Moorth rebels pursue the Sultan's army to Fez and will besiege the city; Spain prepares to send soldiers, and Britain a fleet.

Chicago musicians will give Mascagni a benefit.

Wholesale election frauds alleged in Denver contest.

The Japanese Ministry may be defeated on increase of navy.

A whole Chinese province is being ravaged by Boxer rebellion.

Aged Montana placer miner went crazy, got a gun and terrorized Deer Lodge.

South Carolina lynchers wreak swift vengeance on two negro murderers.

Terrible trainwreck on the Grand Trunk Railroad; 28 killed and many injured.

All Pacific Coast ports which buy Government transports will share the business.

FLOODS IN WASHINGTON.

Millions of Railroads Washed Out or Buried—Immense Property Loss.

Seattle, Jan. 5.—White River overflowed its banks near O'Brien Station, four miles below Seattle, at 3 o'clock this morning. The people of the town, not fearing disaster, had retired last night, but were awakened by the water, in many cases creeping into their beds. Orilla, a town on the White River, two miles above O'Brien, was also flooded, but the people were warned and many of them left their homes and secured places of safety before the rushing waters had surrounded their homes. At O'Brien, however, little children, women and men were imprisoned in their houses with eight and 10 feet of water about them.

A relief train was ordered from Seattle, and on arriving with boats, the rescuing party found several families of the women and children of which were huddled on chairs and tables in order to keep from the water that was more than two feet deep on the floors. All persons were taken to places of safety. No lives are reported lost, but much household belongings, fences and some buildings have been ruined or lost.

Tacoma, Jan. 5.—There was nothing doing on the Northern Pacific today, not a train leaving the city, and the railroad officials are unable to make any definite statement as to the future. The chinook still prevails, and water is pouring down the Cascade in torrents. At Martin, on the east side of the tunnel, there is a washout of nearly 300 feet, while several places between the tunnel and Ellensburg are under water, and the tracks are covered deep in mud.

Castle Rock, Wash., Jan. 5.—The situation here is somewhat improved. The flood reached its highest point at 11 p. m. Saturday, and has since receded about 20 inches. The rain has ceased. It is estimated that about 12,000 cords of shingle bolts have come down the river. The center span of the Toledo wagon bridge is gone and many smaller bridges also, but communication with the country districts is almost impossible, and full details cannot be learned. The Wright mill boom gave way today, letting out several hundred cords of bolts. All the piling recently driven for a bridge across the Cowlitz at this point is also gone.

Everett, Wash., Jan. 5.—Traffic conditions on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific are worse than yesterday. The correspondents of the Associated Press say the President with regard to this matter today. The President laughed when questioned and then said thoughtfully: "You are at liberty to say that I have fought during two years to retain the supreme power which was bestowed in me by the people of Venezuela. I will no more abdicate than I will resign. The Matos revolution without assistance from foreign powers will soon be past history." The course pursued by the allied powers in maintaining the blockade of La Guayra has caused astonishment among the foreign residents of this city. When the Dutch steamer Prinz Wilhelm arrived off La Guayra to take on board the European mails the authorities at La Guayra sent the mail out in a small boat. This boat was stopped by the British cruiser on blockade and the mail bags were taken on board the warship. The postal clerks who were in the small boats, say the mail bags, notwithstanding their protests, were opened on board the cruiser.

CASTRO WON'T ABDICATE.

Says Revolution Would Soon End Without Aid of Foreign Powers.

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Drink Made a Murderer.

Missoula, Mont., Jan. 6.—Crazed with liquor and opiates, Louis H. Mott emptied the contents of a revolver into his wife this afternoon. She died at the hospital five hours later. Mott was arrested. Mott's laundry was sold some week ago because of his drunken habits. Since then Mott has been drinking heavily and abusing his wife. The couple had words in the parlor. Mrs. Mott, fearing violence, went to the kitchen and then outside. He followed and shot her.

Engineer Killed.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 6.—A passenger train on the Southern Railroad bound from Atlanta to Birmingham left the rails last night near Weems Station. The baggage and mail cars rolled down an embankment and were demolished. Although the train was filled with passengers, Engineer White was the only person killed. His mangled body was found under the locomotive. Twenty-seven passengers were slightly injured. A rescuing party brought the injured to Birmingham. The passenger coaches remained on the ties.

Indians Killed a Witch.

Seattle, Jan. 6.—United States Marshal Shoup arrived from Juneau today with three Hoonah Alaska Indians sentenced each to four years' imprisonment in the United States Penitentiary on McNeill's Island for causing the death of Indian Isaac, whom they claimed to be a witch. They kept Isaac tied to a tree for eight days, the exposure and hunger resulting in his death.

Mexican Smelter Strike.

Laredo, Tex., Jan. 6.—At Monterrey, Mexico, 255 of the employees of the large Guzman smelter have gone out on strike because of dissatisfaction with a new system of pay. About 600 others are affected.

NEWS OF OREGON

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

Dallas Must Go to Law to Procure Water Rights—Roseburg Saloons Must Close on Sundays—Cattle Dying of Cold—Great Central Pays Off—O. R. & N. Raises Wages.

George Lawrence, a pioneer of 1852, died at his home on Pistol River.

It is reported that many cattle have died from the cold on the ranges about Roseburg.

An organized band of horse-thieves is operating on the ranges of the Southern Oregon mountains.

The Grants Pass city council has passed an ordinance forbidding chickens from running at large within certain limits.

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United States postal inspector has viewed a new rural delivery route up Roberts Creek from Roseburg, and will in all probability report favorably upon it.

The Great Central Railroad is distributing lots of money along the route by paying out all bills for labor and merchandise to the first of the new year.

The city officials of Roseburg have decided to enforce the ordinance closing saloons on Sunday, and all saloons in the city obeyed the ordinance last Sunday.

Dr. Lawbaugh, the Portland owner of a fast French automobile, has been sued for \$320 damages by the owner of a team that was frightened by the new machine and broke loose and ran away.

A buggy containing three persons was run into by a switch engine in the Salem yards and smashed, and the horses torn entirely clear of the vehicle, but neither the occupants of the rig nor the horses were injured in the least.

The town of Dallas finds it necessary to go to law in order to procure water rights for a city water supply, and as towns of that size cannot bring such suits without consent of the taxpayers, an election will be held to obtain this consent.

The O. R. & N. Co. has decided to raise the wages of all its deckhands, watchmen and firemen, beginning January 1. The increase in wages will be \$5 per month, and about 125 men will benefit by it. It will include employes on the Snake River boats as well as those running on the Willamette and Columbia.

A fire in Salem's Chinatown caused \$500 damage to some old wooden buildings.

The region about Summerville will have a new rural free delivery route, to begin February 1, 1905.

Ontario will make another fight to obtain a franchise for a city water supply. The county at the coming session of the legislature.

The badly decomposed body of a man was found on the South Umpqua river. He had apparently been drowned. The body was well dressed.

A British ship direct from Shanghai, is in quarantine at Astoria, having a case of smallpox on board. She had a load of mud from the Shanghai river as ballast, and this mud was treated with a solution of acids, for fear that it may contain cholera germs.

Burglars broke into a Salem gun store and stole about \$100 worth of revolvers. The same night a street car was held up, but the highwaymen weakened when they saw a number of passengers in the car and allowed it to go without molestation.

An effort will be made to found a school for truant and incorrigible boys and girls in the Boys and Girls Aid Society of Portland. The plan is to provide that in any town of 4,000 inhabitants or over, truant and incorrigible may be committed to the care of the aid society.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company is taking chances this winter in the matter of driving logs which nobody heretofore has been willing to take. It has a drive in the Mohawk which will be turned into the McKenzie and driven to the Coburg mill, and as soon as this is completed it will start a big drive at Fall Creek, to be brought down the Willamette to the Springfield mill. The running of logs in these streams in the winter season is attended with much danger, which loggers have chosen heretofore to avoid. Should heavy rains fall and the water raise the water to flood stage it would be almost impossible to boom the logs at their destination.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 70c; blue stem 75c; valley, 75c.
Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brew, \$24.00.
Flour—Best grade, 3.90@4.40; grab, \$4.20@3.60.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$19.00 per ton; middling, \$23.50; shorts, \$19.50; chop, \$18.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.15@1.17 1/2; gray, \$1.12@1.15 per cental.
Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9.00; cheat, \$9@9 per ton.
Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 50@50 per sack; ordinary, 45@50 per cental; grocery prices: Mercal sweets, \$2 00@3 25 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 10@11c; young, 10c; hens, 11@11 1/2c; turkeys, live, 15@16c; dressed, 18@20c; ducks, \$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$8@8.50.
Cheese—Full cream, twins, 16 1/2@17 1/2c; Young America, 17 1/2@18 1/2c; factory prices, 14 1/2c less.
Butter—Extra creamery, 27 1/2@30c per pound; fancy, 30c; dairy, 20@22 1/2c; store, 15@18.
Eggs—25@35c per dozen.
Hops—New crop, 23@25c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 12 1/2@13c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 26@28c.
Beef—Gross, cows, 3@3 1/2c per pound; steers, 4c; dressed, 6@7c.
Veal—7 1/2@8 1/2c.
Mutton—Gross, 3c per pound; dressed, 6c.
Lamb—Gross, 3 1/2c per pound; dressed, 6 1/2c.
Hogs—Gross, 6 1/2@6 3/4c per pound; dressed, 7@7 1/2c.

NEW YEARS AT WASHINGTON.

President and Wife Hold Brilliant Reception in New White House.

Washington, Jan. 2.—President Roosevelt's New Year's reception was one of the most brilliant events in Washington society history. All callers were afforded the opportunity of greeting the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and exchanging with them the compliments of the new year. No distinctions were made except such as were rendered necessary in preservation of order.

The general public for the first time had an opportunity to see the widely-heralded improvements in the White House—improvements which when completed will have cost about \$600,000. In addition to a desire personally to wish the President and Mrs. Roosevelt a Happy New Year, hundreds were attracted by a wish to see the White House in its new and handsome interior finish and furnishings.

It was a merry day for the hostesses, who were familiar with the interior of the mansion as it was a year ago the changes made were a revelation. While in a general way the form of the interior has been retained in beauty and effectiveness, it is wholly different.

Just 102 years ago President John Adams and his wife opened the White House with a New Year's reception to their friends and to the public generally. The dawn of the first festive day within the walls since became history that came out of the noise of saw and hammer, as was this day. On account of the unimpaired condition of the lower floor, President and Mrs. Adams received their guests in the room on the second floor now occupied by President Roosevelt as a library. While the improvements now are more nearly completed than was the mansion itself at that time, it will be several months before the workmen will have finished their task. The President was in excellent spirits and Mrs. Roosevelt never seemed happier or more gracious. The President was attired in a frock suit, and the only dash of color about his attire was a tie of grayish tint. Shortly after the receiving party began to occupy the blue room, the reception proper began.

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CABLE TO HAWAII.

First Message Came New Year's Night—From Dole to Roosevelt.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The first message from Honolulu over the Pacific cable was received here at 11:03 o'clock last night. The signals were perfect at both ends. The speed was fast, but the operators have not figured out the rate at which the earliest messages were exchanged. The first message was from Governor Dole to President Roosevelt.

Almost immediately after communication was established a message of greeting was flashed to President Roosevelt at Washington. The message was from Governor Dole, of Hawaii. The text was withheld, pending receipt of the message by the President in person.

Cable Works Beautifully.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The patience of the watchers of the Postal Telegraph Company was rewarded at 11:01 o'clock last night, when the instrument at San Francisco end of the Pacific cable indicated that connection with Honolulu had at last been made and that a message was coming through.

The first words that the ticker tapped on the tape were: "You are received." The Honolulu operator was getting the San Francisco signals backwards. The local difficulty was quickly adjusted by a readjustment of the batteries here and then came the first formal communication from Uncle Sam's possessions across the Pacific cable.

It was fitting that such a message should be from the chief of the fair Pacific Isles to the head of the United States, and so the ticker read a message of congratulation and good will from Governor Dole to President Roosevelt. Then came a cablegram from the cable officials at Honolulu to Clarence Mackay, president of the Commercial Cable Company. Company messages followed rapidly, and being exchanged and messages of good will and prosperity passing rapidly to and fro.

The local operator said that the cable worked like an old timer and surprise was expressed at the speed and accuracy. The Postal Company officials are delighted at the splendid showing of the first hours' working and accept it as an augury of a prosperous future.

Get Their Money Back.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 2.—Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, has been defeated in the famous suit brought by C. J. Sherman and John Hanfeldt, of Williams, Ia., to recover \$2400 which the plaintiffs subscribed to help build a church at Williams. Judge George Dyer held that they were entitled to recover this amount with interest. The plaintiffs made their subscription conditional upon a dual language-speaking priest being sent to Williams. They contended that the church did not keep its part of the contract, and the court upheld their claim.

Rushing Coal to Chicago.

Carbondale, Ill., Jan. 3.—Orders have been issued from this division of the Illinois Central Railroad giving coal the right of way over all the other freight and passenger produce. All other freight is to be placed on sidings to relieve the motive power and to rush to market coal from Southern Illinois. As a result of the order, there are only 125 loaded coal cars in the Empire in the Chicago yard at night. In Williamson County there are 1947 cars of coal. Within the next 24 hours the company hopes to remove the blockade.

The Deadly Toy Pistol.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—Four boys, three white and one colored, have died in Norfolk since Christmas of lockjaw, caused by burns received in the firing of toy pistols, charged with blank cartridges. Tonight George W. Wright, a messenger boy, who wounded himself accidentally on Christmas morning, was attacked by the disease, and is reported to be in a dying condition. Municipal legislation is proposed to prohibit the sale of such weapons in the future.

PHILIPPINE CABLE

NOW FINISHED TO HONOLULU AND OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

Cable Ship Silvertown Had a Stormy and Laborious Voyage, but Human Energy and Pluck Conquered at Last—Men Stood Knee Deep in Water—Will Be Finished to Manila by July 4th.

Honolulu, Jan. 3.—The voyage of the cable-ship Silvertown was eventful and at times unpleasantly exciting. Twelve hours out from San Francisco the cableship was beset by bad weather, which continued with the exception of one day to the end of the voyage. Variable winds that at times approached the velocity of gales, heavy seas that buffeted her about, retarded the passage, as well as endangered the safety of the cable; in fact, every adverse condition that is usually encountered in the handling of cable was met with, and at times made the task most hazardous.

A more perfect day could hardly be imagined than Sunday, December 14, when the shore end was landed near the Cliff House, of San Francisco. The seal of the haul was brought on board the steamer at 5:30 in the evening and the start was made at 12:30 Monday morning. The favorable conditions continued until 11 o'clock on the morning of that day, when the vessel ran into a squall of wind and rain that came out of the west. Steering through a southwesterly course, the Silvertown offered a broad starboard bow to the storm. Soon the seas were whipped into confusion, rolling the vessel in a manner most dangerous to the cable. The velocity of the wind increased, and early in the afternoon great green seas boarded the starboard bow, and swept along the deck and escaped into the sea through the port scuppers. Toward evening a more violent storm struck the deck and everything was made fast. The rain ceased, but the storm continued with unabated force through the night.

Under ordinary conditions the line in passage 5 per cent faster than the speed of the vessel. This was increased during the storm to 10 per cent. Even with this concession the strain was terrific. As the ship lifted and lurched, the great drum around which the cable was passing would almost cease to revolve on its moment, only to resume with a rush the next, rendering the life of the men in the tanks a hazard. The dynamometer regulating the speed of the line and the strain on the line at such times indicated a strain of two tons or less up to four and even five tons. When it is understood that the breaking strain is 8 1/2 tons, it must be apparent that failure to relieve the strain promptly meant disaster to the precious line, and its loss in 2500 fathoms would have meant a long and serious delay in the completion of the work of laying the cable, as well as being a most expensive happening to the contracting company.

Bara, good judgment in the handling of both the ship and the cable at these critical times averted an accident.

The cable finally reached Molokai Channel on Christmas day, and had to be hoveled here for a week before the line became cable enough to splice it to the Hawaiian shore end.

That feat was finally accomplished on New Year's night, amid great popular rejoicing.

Clarence Mackay, president of the Cable Company, cable-laying will be continued without interruption, and hopes to have the line completed to Manila by the Fourth of July. Thence an extension will be laid to Shanghai.

COAL MINE CAVES IN.

Abandoned Workings Collapse and Four Buildings Are Wrecked.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 5.—Abandoned workings of the Eddy Creek colliery of the Delaware & Hudson Company, beneath the very heart of the town of Oliphant, caved in this afternoon and signified frames, buildings covering an aggregate ground space of 5000 square feet.

The settling was gradual, and people in the affected vicinity escaped. The settling began at 3 o'clock and continued 30 minutes. In the intervening hour O'Brien's three-story hotel, Mrs. Anna Evans' double dwelling, Mrs. Jane Acery's double store building and Evans' one-story barber shop were ground to debris in the yawning pit, with the uppermost part of the ground 40 feet below the surface. The vein that caved in is 115 feet below the surface. Loss \$30,000.

Oil Excitement in Wyoming.

Salt Lake, Jan. 5.—A special to the Tribune from Evanston, Wyo., says: The full effect of the conflict in the Wyoming oil fields may be had for weeks, owing to the immense tract to be covered. Of the hundreds of locating parties leaving here December 30 and 31, but a small percentage have returned, and in some instances grave fears are entertained as to their safety. This evening weather conditions indicate a heavy storm, and if a blizzard, so common in this section, should set in, many locating parties may be lost.

Body Burned in Furnace.

Denver, Jan. 5.—W. C. Hughes, employed as fireman at the Brown Palace Hotel, was arrested today as a result of his confession that on December 16 he permitted two unknown men to place the body of an infant in one of the furnaces in the boiler-room, where it was consumed. He says they were carrying a box, which they said contained a baby which they asked permission to burn in the furnace. Believing they were joking, he opened the door for them. Later he discovered that a baby's body had actually been contained in the box.

Bank President Disappears.

Silverton, Colo., Jan. 5.—Owing to the disappearance of the president, James H. Robin, the Bank of Silverton was closed today by the cashier, A. H. Mule. The bank is capitalized at \$30,000, and its liabilities are estimated to be about \$300,000. Robin, who is the principal stockholder, has been acting strangely of late, and his friends think he has become demented and wandered into the mountains. Acting on this theory, the sheriff has sent several parties to search for him.

Crown Prince Will Visit Cuba.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Crown Prince Frederick William has accepted an invitation of the Car to visit His Majesty at St. Petersburg in the middle of January.

DECLARE WAR UPON SHEEP.

Grant County Settlers Urging a Two-Mile Limit Law.

John Day City, Or., Jan. 1.—Grant and Baker County cattlemen and settlers are agitating for a two-mile limit law, similar to that in operation in Idaho and California, by which sheep ranging is not permitted within two miles of any settler's habitation.

This puts a new phase on the bitter and bloody range feud that exists in this county between home and foreign stockmen, for while the move in Grant County is apparently one of settlers against sheep owners, it is really a step against the invading herds of Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler, Crook and other county sheep which pour in here annually for summer range. Simultaneously comes the tidings that Grant County stockmen are preparing for organization sufficiently strong to keep out these sheep and reserve next season's range for home stockmen. It makes the outlook for trouble in the Spring brighter than ever, though the brilliant outlook for range war in 1902 was more than fulfilled.

According to dispatches received here from Tangier the rebels chased the troops of the Sultan to the gates of Fez. It is reported that the Europeans are preparing to leave Fez. King Alfonso tonight discussed the Moroccan crisis with General Weyler, Minister of War, and the Duke of Veragua, Minister of Marine. In addition to the cruiser Infanta Isabel, which has already gone to Tangier, other vessels are to be held in readiness to take reinforcements to Ceuta and Melilla.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE TRUST.

Memphis Companies to Be Nucleus of a \$100,000,000 Combination.

Memphis, Jan. 2.—A strong rumor is current in this city announcing an effort to form a gigantic combination of the independent telephone companies of the United States, with the Memphis Long Distance Telephone Company, capital \$100,000, and the Memphis Telephone Company, capital \$400,000, as a basis. The rumored alliance is said to be backed by the interests mentioned, the Stromberg-Carlson Manufacturing Co., of Chicago, and Harvey Meyers, of Covington, Ky. The scheme is said to be the outgrowth of the annual meeting of the independent telephone companies at Chicago on December 8. The proposed plan involves about \$100,000,000. General Manager Warren, of the Memphis Long Distance Telephone Company, last night admitted that the rumor was true, but stated that nothing definite has been accomplished yet.

AERIAL TORPEDO INVENTED.

It Flies Like a Thing of Life, Being Guided From Terra Firma.

New York, Jan. 1.—Professor Carl Myers, a balloon maker of Frankfurt, has constructed an electrical aerial torpedo, which is to be exhibited at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition says a Utica, N. Y., dispatch to the Herald.

The aerial torpedo flies like a thing of life, is driven by two aluminum screw blades, making 2000 revolutions a minute and rotated by an electric motor, which obtains its power from an ordinary incandescent lighting current of 110 volts. The movements are directed by two aero planes acting as rudders moving the vessel up, down, right or left in circles, spirals or cyroids, as a bird flies. All these evolutions are under control of a distant operator, who moves an index over contact points on a dial switchboard, to which the vessel instantly responds.

More Pay for Teamsters