

## TAKING MORE TIME

Board of Education Is in No  
Hurry to Select School  
Books.

## DECISION IS DEFERRED

The Members of the Board Have Ex-  
amined the Bids and Will Give  
Decision March 8.

Seventeen Bids Were Presented and  
a Decision Is No Easy  
Matter.

Indianapolis, Feb. 26.—The state board of education has decided to defer letting the contract for the school books until March 8. The board thought that it needed more time in which to consider the propositions offered by the seventeen contesting companies. The representatives of the various book companies were addressed by Governor Durbin, who told them the board would now go out as a jury and would return a verdict on March 8. Meantime the members of the board will all separately examine the books submitted with the competitive bids. A large number of excellent text-books have been submitted, and a decision is somewhat difficult to reach.

## TO CLOSE COAL STRIKES

United Mine Workers Clearing Boards  
for Threatened Conflict.

Indianapolis, Feb. 6.—The United Mine Workers' national organization will make a great effort to bring the strikes now on in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Colorado to a successful end within the next month and to clear the boards for a greater strike in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and western Pennsylvania on April 1, if the miners and operators of those states should not reach an agreement at the extra joint conference in this city in March.

W. R. Failley, the Alabama national executive committee member and one of the best generals of the organization, has started for Colorado to take charge in the field and to hurry that strike to an end. About 9,000 men are out in that state at this time. As a result of the levy of additional strike assessment by the national organization about \$75,000 a month will come in for the Colorado, the West Virginia and the Meyersdale strikes, and the money will be used freely. In all about 14,000 men are now on strike.

## Farmer Detectives Do Good Work.

Marion, Ind., Feb. 6.—George Silders and John Brock, armed with shotguns, captured Fred Mueller, who is alleged to have burglarized the home of Geo. Silders, a farmer, four miles north of Marion. The farmers marched their prisoner to Marion at the point of a shotgun, and when searched he had in his pockets, diamond rings, watches, pocketbooks, money, revolvers and other articles, which, it is alleged, he secured in his raids. A diamond ring found in his possession was identified by a man who lives in West Marion, who claims that it was stolen from his home one week ago. Mueller is thirty years of age, with his home in Fort Wayne. He was committed to jail in default of bond.

## The Princeton Oil Field.

Princeton, Ind., Feb. 6.—Standard oil well No. 2, on the Geisler land west of town, is in with a flow equal to or better than Geisler No. 1, which was the best in the field. The Standard people have rated Geisler No. 1 as a twenty-five-barrel producer, though it was known to be much better. Now it is learned that the well is yielding not less than 200 barrels a day. With Geisler No. 2 as good, it would seem that the heart of the field is located there. It is two and one-half miles to the west and a little north of the city. Other wells are being drilled on leases all around the Geisler farm, which is twenty acres in extent.

## Water Works Plant Useless.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 6.—The old waterworks plant has been put in commission with a view to closing the new

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plant as soon as possible. As soon as a pump-boat can be brought here the water will be pumped direct into mains and the new plant abandoned until repairs are made. The situation is still grave. The sinking of the mound continues. The river side wall is expected to fall at any time. It is believed the roof can be held in place.

## The Army Post Sits.

Indianapolis, Feb. 6.—The transfer of the land to be used as an army post still continues. At the present time over \$100,000 has been paid out; but it will be several days before the deeds of the remaining land can be obtained. Word has not yet been received from Washington instructing the authorities to start the condemnation proceeding in order to obtain the Roberts land for the use of the army post.

## Caught by Train.

Amboy, Ind., Feb. 6.—Benjamin Hockett, aged sixty, was struck and instantly killed by a C. C. & St. L. fast passenger train. He was walking along the tracks with his son, aged twenty-three. The boy saw the train and stepped off the track, supposing his father also saw it. The aged man evidently did not hear or see it and was ground to death.

## SENATOR HANNA'S CONDITION

His Illness Is Now Declared to be  
Typhoid Fever.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Senator Hanna's illness is officially pronounced by his physicians to be irregular typhoid, that is, typhoid fever, with the fever symptoms less regular and marked than pronounced types of the disease. It is stated that there are no organic complications to add to the seriousness of the case, but the senator at the time of the attack was in a literally worked out condition, so that his extreme physical weakness and nervous depression, coupled with his age, sixty-six years, and frequent recent rheumatic attacks, makes the case one of much more gravity than an ordinary attack of typhoid. The crisis of the fever is not expected before the middle of next week. The senator is entirely conscious and insisted on some papers being brought to him for his signature, but was so weak that when he dropped off to sleep or three times he dropped off to sleep from exhaustion. His physician expresses confidence in the senator's recovery, but admits that even if no complications or unforeseen developments of any kind occur it will be a matter of weeks and will require the most careful and painstaking nursing. No one except Mrs. Hanna, Miss Phelps, the senator's niece, and Mr. Elmer Dover, his secretary, are permitted to see him aside from the doctors and two trained nurses.

## IS THIS A CLUE?

An Ohio River Floater Renews Inter-  
est in Bedford Mystery.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 6.—A letter has been received by the police from the police at Louisville, Ky., stating that the dead body of W. H. Meade, of St. Louis, had been found in the Ohio river near Louisville and requesting to know who Meade was. The letter states that from letters on Meade's body it is evident he had important knowledge of the murder of Miss Schafer, at Bedford, Ind.

It is further stated that a gold watch belonging to Meade bore the inscription "presented to William Henry Meade by members of the Iroquois Boating club, St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 1, 1901."

The name of W. H. Meade does not appear in the city directory, nor is such an organization as the Iroquois Boating club named. The police are, however, making investigation.

## DILATORY TACTICS

Democrats Will Not Agree to Early  
Vote on Canal Treaty.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Senator Culom in executive session of the senate again urged the Democrats to permit the Panama canal treaty to come to a vote at an early date. This in effect was agreed to by the Democrats, but they would not bind themselves to any date. Senator Culom asked that a time be fixed within the next two weeks and argued that there was nothing to be gained by delay as it was evident there was little more to be said on either side for or against the treaty. Few senators now want to be heard and all thought that within a week or ten days a vote may be reached without the formality of binding the senate to any specific date.

## Women Were His Victims.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—C. W. Thompson, who the postal authorities claim has operated a mail order business under fifteen different names, was arrested here by detectives from Postoffice Inspector Stuart's office on the charge of misusing the United States mails. Women in all parts of the country who believed they would be paid \$30 for copying each 100 letters are, according to the postal officials, victims of Thompson's scheme. Thompson was arraigned before Commissioner Humphrey and held in \$1,000 bonds for a hearing of the case Feb. 15.

## Relief Train Moving Along.

Detroit, Feb. 6.—The Pere Marquette relief trains of twenty-seven cars bearing fuel and provisions for the snow-bound towns in the "Thumb" district of Michigan, worked northward from Port Huron seventy miles yesterday as far as Bad Axe. It is expected that the additional twenty miles to Port Austin will be covered by today.

## INSULT TO FLAG

San Domingans Fire on an  
American Launch and  
Kill the Engineer.

## A DELIBERATE DEED

Insurgents on the Disturbed Island  
Lay Up for Themselves a Cause  
for Reckoning.

Drastic Measures Will be Taken to  
Avenge This Insult to  
the Flag.

San Domingo, Monday, Feb. 1.—(Delayed in transmission)—The insurgents this morning deliberately fired on the launch of the auxiliary cruiser Yankee, killing J. C. Johnston, the engineer. The bullet entered the head above the eye.

United States Minister Powell has directed the captain of the Yankee to take drastic measures to avenge Johnston's death and this insult to the American flag.

Johnston will be buried on shore this afternoon.

## SITUATION SERIOUS

San Domingo City Ruthlessly Besieged  
by Insurgents.

San Domingo, Saturday, Jan. 30.—(Delayed in transmission)—The German consul here has requested United States Minister Powell to afford protection to Herr Worman, the German vice consul, that he might bring his family into the city, as the insurgents have given Mr. Worman forty-eight hours to leave where he is or suffer the consequences. Consequently Mr. Powell secured a guard of sixty men from the United States cruiser Columbia and informed the government that it was the intention of the German consul and himself to bring Herr Worman's family into the city, and asked the government that its troops not fire upon his party while it was on its mission. He said that if fired upon they would protect themselves. As soon as the guard passed outside the city they were covered by the guns of the Columbia. No attack was made and the Worman family and their belongings were brought back here in safety.

All the houses outside the city walls have been pillaged. The insurgents are desperate and destroying foreign property wherever they find it. Mr. Powell has received urgent appeals to protect foreign property against this pillaging, and the Columbia may be compelled to land marines to do so.

The firing around the city continues. The situation is serious, and the prices of provisions are very high, and the poor are suffering from want of food.

## IT WOULDN'T WORK

House Refused to Change Plan of Seed  
Distribution.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Mr. Sheppard (Dem., Tex.), one of the youngest members of the house, made a determined and persistent effort to bring about a reform in the matter of the distribution of seeds by the government. He contended that the present system is bad. Mr. Sheppard's first move was to have struck from the agricultural appropriation bill certain sections providing the machinery for the distribution of the seeds authorized to be purchased under the bill. In this he was successful, his point of order being sustained by the chair, but by an overwhelming vote the house promptly added the section to the bill by way of amendment. Only three members voted in opposition to the restoration. Mr. Sheppard's further effort was to secure an amendment to the restored sections which would provide for the purchase of rare and untried seeds, but despite his earnest appeal for this amendment it failed and the bill was left just as the committee brought it into the house, so far as seeds for free distribution were concerned.

This was the only item in the bill that aroused serious discussion, and with a few minor amendments it was passed by the house without division.

The political debate in the senate on the proposed loan of \$4,500,000 to the St. Louis exposition, which has been in progress on a point of order for the past three days, came to a close through a vote which left the provision in the urgent deficiency appropriation bill, which was passed.

## Mrs. Lorenz a Cool Witness.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Martha J. Lorenz, of Toledo, O., denied all knowledge of any transaction in connection with the sale of the Groff letter box fasteners. The four checks which she at different times gave her husband who endorsed them over to Machen, she testified, she signed solely because her husband requested her to do so, and without inquiring into their purpose. She had absolute faith in him, she said. Mrs. Lorenz was perfectly cool on the stand.

## A Change of Sentiment.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Minister Finch has cabled the state department that there has been a change of sentiment in Montevideo and that there is now no fear of an attack on the city, which is being guarded by 10,000 well armed and officered men.

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Wilfred Jessup, Attorney. Feb 6/04

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