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GIANT SNOW SLIDES CUT OFF HOMES

Alps Are The Scene of Avalanches of Extraordinary Extent

LANDSLIDES FATAL

Many People Killed in Zone of Recent Earthquake — Steamer Ashore With 150 Aboard — Blizzard Sweeps Over Michigan

Turin, Italy, Jan. 9—Avalanches of extraordinary extent are reported in the Alps particularly in thep rovince of Guneo, Between the villages of Limone and Vermente, two snowslides estimated at 500,000 cubic feet, have obstructed the railway. In certain districts near Maddalena Hill, many homes have been isolated.

In Vene Valley the only things appearing above the snow are chimney tops and the upper ends of telegraph poles.

Tashkent, Russia, Turkestan, Jan. 9 — Further reports from the earthquake zone indicate that the damage to the town of Przbevalsk, in the territory of Semiryetchensk, was comparatively slight but that many lives were lost there by landslides on the roads to that place.

Libau, Russia, Jan. 9—The steamer Russia from New York for this port piled up on a submerged reef four miles out from here yesterday. Her 150 passengers were landed safely.

Throughout the night a cruiser, six tugs and an ice breaker made futile efforts to float the liner. Three of her holds are full of water. The Russia belongs to the Russian East Asiatic Steamship Company, and sailed from New York on Dec. 24 for Libau by way of Newcastle and Shields.

Marquette, Mich., Jan. 9—Anuother blizzard is sweeping the entire upper peninsula. It raged all day yesterday and last night and traffic on all city, suburban and steam lines is at a standstill. School in this city has been cancelled and reports from other cities nearby say that there is little likelihood of sessions being held for several days. It is not expected that steam traffic will be opened for several days.

WOULD NOT PERMIT FIRMIN TO LAND

Haytiens Feared he Planned to Start a Revolution and Coast Was Guarded Against Him

Cape Haitien, Hayti, Jan. 9—There has been considerable military movement since Friday, on account of the announcement that General Antener Firmin, the former Haitien minister to Great Britain, would arrive here on the French steamer Montreal. General Firmin left his post without leave, and arrived recently at St. Thomas, D. W. I.

The Haitien government, fearing that he intended to start a movement against the adminstration and branding him as a traitor to his duty, issued orders that he should not be permitted to land on Haitien soil.

Troops were sent out to guard the coast to prevent General Firmin from coming ashore. The steamer arrived yesterday, but no communication was permitted. Later an abandoned slips yawl was found in the roadstead, which caused great excitement as it was believed that Firmin had succeeded in landing somewhere along the coast. It was ascertained, however, that he was still aboard the Montreal, which sailed for Port Au Prince. General Firmin, it is understood, declared that his visit had no political significance, but that he was merely taking a voyage on account of ill health. The authorities took charge of all mail addressed to Haitiens.

ONTARIO SILVER OUTPUT 27,000,000 OUNCES

Matters in Annual Report of T. W. Gibson, Deputy Minister of Mines

Toronto, Jan. 9—Twenty-seven million ounces of silver is the output for the province for last year according to T. W. Gibson, deputy minister of mines, who has issued his annual report. One half of the total mineral output of the dominion comes from the province of Ontario. In his report, Mr. Gibson says: "In money value at the point of production and in the form produced, the output of mines and mineral work for 1910 was about thirty million dollars while, if based upon the refined metals, or products, the value would be thirteen millions or forty-three millions in all. That there has been no diminution in the silver contents of the Cobalt ores is proven by the analysis of the shipments made during the year.

"Of nickel the output during the year was 18,000 tons. Ten years ago the output was 3,450. Regarding gold mining in the province, Mr. Gibson states that there is ground for hope that the long record of disappointment in connection with gold mining will be broken."

THE WEATHER

Gales shifting to west and north, rain today; Tuesday, decidedly colder, with light local snow.

FINANCIAL HORIZON IS MUCH CLEARER

Provision Has Been Made Against Unsettling Stability of Organizations Allied With The Carnegie Trust Company

New York, Jan. 9—The financial horizon was decidedly clearer today as a result of conferences held during last night to provide against any unsettling of the stability of financial organizations allied with the Carnegie Trust Company.

Early in the day no word of serious disturbance or a threatening condition at any point came and there prevailed in financial quarters a feeling that normal conditions were to be expected.

One thing appeared to be plain, namely, that the troubles of the Carnegie Company and its allies were purely an isolated condition, and not symptomatic of any widespread or general condition in the financial or banking world. In a few of the neighborhoods where there are branches of the organizations, which had relations with the Carnegie Company, there were groups of passersby eager to see if any excitement was likely to occur, but there was nothing in the nature of a run at any point in the early hours of the day.

New York, Jan. 9—There was some excitement at the savings department of the Xinteenth Ward Bank today. About 200 people were in line when the bank opened and at the branch on East 86th street 400 depositors were in line. At the Seventy-Second street branch there were about 100 people in line. The business departments of the main bank and the branches were a little more active than usual on Monday morning the business people having accounts there being more confident than patrons of the savings department. Inside the 86th. street branch the officers were on hand early and there was a large amount of cash in sight with which to pay off the timid depositors. This had a good effect.

Frank S. French, president of the Twelfth Ward Bank, having headquarters in Harlem was on hand early and remained in the lobby interviewing depositors who seemed nervous.

There was a group of perhaps fifty people in line early in the day but many went away satisfied after Mr. French had explained that the institution had the assurance of all the financial aid by the powerful financial interests of the city.

The conference of bankers at the home of Paul D. Cravath, did not conclude until early this morning and while it was in progress almost constant telephone communication was maintained with J. P. Morgan. Certain assets of the Nineteenth avenue and Twelfth Ward Banks were, by direction of Banking Superintendent Cheney, been replaced by money and J. P. Morgan agreed to give whatever financial assistance was necessary.

That the action of Superintendent Cheney, J. P. Morgan and associate bankers has brought added stability to the banking situation was generally agreed today.

CHINA MAY JOIN HANDS WITH KAISER

London, Jan. 9—A special despatch from Pekin says that, in the absence of satisfactory progress in the formal negotiations for an understanding between China and the United States, it is believed that China is about to approach Germany with the view of securing an ally.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL IN ANNUAL SESSION

The annual meeting of the Sunday school of the Tabernacle Baptist church was held yesterday when reports were received and officers elected for the year. The reports showed that the year had been very satisfactory and that the membership had increased materially. Following is the list of officers elected for the Sunday school:

James A. Beyea, superintendent.
Leslie Snowden, assistant superintendent.
Miss Mary Patterson, secretary.
Miss Rosalie Parker, assist. secretary.
Miss Lizzie Young, treasurer.
Miss Dora Beyea, pianist.
Miss Gilchrist, asst. pianist.
Adolphus Beyea, librarian.
Miss Jennie Gunn, asst. librarian.

THE SPITTING NUISANCE

A citizen who was crossing in the ferry boat a few days ago saw boys spitting on the floors of the men's cabin. He went to an employe on the boat and asked if he could not stop the practice. The employe replied that all he could do would be to report the offender, and there was no use in doing that.

The citizen took occasion to ask a policeman what was done about persons spitting on the sidewalk.

"Well," said the officer, "three men were reported, and nothing was done. If we report a man nothing is done with him and the policeman who makes the report has made another enemy."

The citizen wants to know if this sort of thing is to continue in St. John.

SENATOR ELKINS LEFT SOME MILLIONS

Elkins, W. Va., Jan. 9—It was learned here today that the will of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins was filed here for probate on Saturday. While the value of the estate and its disposition has not been learned it is said to be between $15,000,000 and $20,000,000.

WIDESPREAD FAVOR FOR TAKING PLEBESCITE

REV. H. R. READ ELECTED HEAD OF ALLIANCE

Words of Praise For Efficient Work of Rev. Dr. Raymond —The Registration of Marriages

At the annual meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, held this morning in the parlors of St. Andrew's church, business of importance was transacted. There was a good attendance, considering the inclement weather, and prospects were looked upon as bright for another year. The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows:

President, Rev. H. R. Read.
1st vice, Rev. C. R. Flanders.
2nd vice, Rev. W. Camp.
3rd vice, Rev. W. O. Raymond.
Sec.-Treasurer, Rev. J. C. B. Appel.
Industrial Home chaplain, Rev. J. B. Champion.

Rev. Mr. Appel is now entering upon his ninth year as secretary treasurer of the alliance.

The secretary's report was presented, as follows:

Receipts.

Jan. 1, 1910. Cash on hand	$24.32
Week of prayer collections	62.43
Subscriptions	8.00
Delegation collection	13.29
uDe treasurer	23.48
	$131.52

Expenditures:

Printing	$46.23
Telegrams	11.94
Chaplain of Industrial Home for six months	25.00
Sexton	10.00
Hotel	18.35
	$131.52

A hearty resolution of thanks was extended to Rev. Dr. Raymond for his capable services during the last year as president of the alliance. The resolution praised his efforts for the success of that body, and expressed hearty appreciation of what he had done while in office.

Rev. Mr. Lord, of Deer Island, who has been a missionary in the Philippine Islands, spoke of the meetings which he has started in Coburg street church, which will be continued for a month under the auspices of the Maritime Mission Society. The Douglas Avenue church is assisting in these meetings.

A committee composed of Rev. Messrs. Lang, Hutchinson, Raymond, Appel, and Flanders was appointed to enquire into the matter of the registration of marriages, as discussed previously by the Baptist ministers.

The week of prayer committee reported success. About $60 had been collected at the meetings.

Rev. Messrs. Champion and Ford were introduced to the meeting and welcomed.

The secretary was instructed to call the attention of the commissioners of the Industrial Home, to the fact that the six months' term of Rev. Mr. Milbury had been completed, and to enquire as to whether a continuance of the services was desired.

S. Z. DICKSON ESTATE $25,500

This is Besides Life Insurance —Terms of Will Announced in Probate Court

In the Probate Court today the will of Sylvester Zobieskie Dickson, merchant, was proved. He gives to his wife, Eleanor his farm in Jubilee, Parish of Rothesay, together with the stock, farming implements and everything connected therewith —also his household effects; to his son George A. Dickson, his business and everything connected therewith, including book debts, notes of hand, horses, etc.; his stock and bonds he directs shall be equally divided among his wife, his son George and Edgar, and his daughter, Mrs. William Simonds. He nominates his son George and his brother Hedley V. Dickson executors. Sufficient cause being shown, probate was issued without waiting the usual lapse of fourteen days from death. Real estate $2,500; personal estate $23,000, besides life insurance. Jack H. A. L. Fairweather is proctor.

In the estate of Mary B. Gilbert there was return of a citation to pass the accounts of Rev. William C. Gaynor, the executor. After reading the affidavits of publication, posting and service of the citation, further hearing was adjourned until Thursday, 19th inst., at 11 a. m. Stephen B. Bustin is proctor for the executor. Mr. Mullin, K. C., Amon A. Wilson, K. C., and E. P. Raymond, proctors for the devisees and legatees.

Idea of Commission for St. John Takes Firm Hold Upon the Electors

Position Relative to County is Being Discussed Today—One Man Ready to Canvass Half a Ward Himself—A Few Names of Citizens, Casually Asked on Reporters' Rounds, Who Call For Plebescite

Not for years has there been such keen interest taken in the question of civic government as is being manifested at the present time. The report of the board of trade committee on the plan of civic government by an elective commission of a mayor and four commissioners seems to have aroused a great deal of interest and the action of the common council this afternoon regarding the request for a plebiscite on the question at the next civic elections is being eagerly awaited. Everywhere about the streets the commission plan is being discussed and is heartily approved.

An interesting question which has arisen in connection with the matter is: What will be done regarding the county council, which is now composed of eleven councillors and sixteen aldermen?

One solution suggested is that the commissioners would appoint representatives but this it was pointed out would destroy the principle of responsible government and would hardly be feasible. Another suggestion is that a certain number of men next on the ballot to the commissioners elected, would act as county councillors. There is also a suggestion that the system of government in the county might be made to conform to that in the city for instance St. Martins, Simonds, Lancaster and Musquash might elect one commissioner each and the whole county elect a fifth. This would make the representation equal.

One prominent supporter of the commission plan said he thought that the legislature would have to take the matter of county government into consideration when they passed the bill. The city would simply ask for legislation for the city and the legislature would be expected to see that the county was looked after properly when the bill was put through.

Widespread Favor

A property owner said to the Times this morning that he was surprised at the number of citizens he had met who were in favor of the commission plan. One Dukes ward elector had said to him:—"I'll canvass half of Duke's ward with you with a petition for it, and do it for nothing."

Without any special effort, but while the reporters were going about the city, citizens were asked if they approved of the proposal to have a plebiscite taken at the next civic election and nearly everyone asked replied that they were in favor of it. Some said they would prefer to look into the matter a little further before giving a decision.

Want Plebescite

Among those who favored a plebiscite were the following:

W. Frank Hatheway	W. E. Foster,
M. P. P.	John McDonald, jr.,
W. H. Barnaby,	R. J. Walsh,
Joseph Allison,	H. A. Doherty,
E. B. Jones,	S. McDiarmid,
J. M. Roche,	Louis Green,
H. C. Brown,	Robert Strain,
D. George Clarke,	H. G. Marr,
Ald. J. A. Likely,	F. E. Dykeman,
Thomas McAvity,	W. E. Raymond,
B. R. Macaulay,	William Brucfof,
W. C. Cross,	F. W. Daniel,
Charles McDonald,	Donaldson Hunt,
Mayor Frink,	F. E. Holman,
Thomas Gorman,	Peter C. Sharkey,
Thomas Kickham,	James Gault,
James Pender,	David B. Pidgeon,
W. F. Burditt,	J. R. Vanwart,
T. H. Estabrooks,	John McMulkin,
H. B. Schofield,	John McCann, jr.,
W. C. Allison,	John McCann, sr.,
Ald. R. T. Hayes,	Mrs. R. Paterson,
H. P. Robinson,	F. G. R. Leary,
David Magee,	James A. Paterson,
William Hawker,	Frank P. Hammond,
Dr. W. P. Bonnell,	Dr. Otto Nase,
Allan Rankine,	Thos. Hartt.
Ald. J. V. Russell,	Joseph T. Knight
J. S. Currie,	William S. Allison

APPENDIX REMOVED AS SHIP PLOUGHED HER WAY IN OCEAN

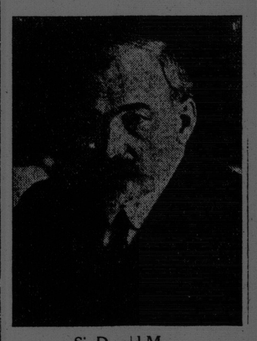
Remarkable Operation on Board the S. S. Uranium Which Reached Halifax Today

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 9—(Special)—S. S. Uranium which arrived this morning from Rotterdam, experienced great difficulty in docking owing to a gale which has been raging. She came in contact with the Ocamo, but no damage resulted.

A remarkable operation was reported on board, Dr. B. B. Connolly, the ship's surgeon, removed the appendix from a victim of appendicitis while the ship proceeded on her voyage. The operation, which was performed on the second day out, was entirely successful.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Times' Gallery of Men and Women of Prominence



Sir Donald Mann

Canadian railway man who was included in the King's New Years honors.

COMMISSIONER CARON OF I. C. R. TO RESIDE IN MONCTON

Meetings of Board of Management Concluded—To Encourage Clean Hockey

Moncton, Jan. 9—(Special)—The I. C. R. board of management closed its sessions in Moncton on Saturday night, Chairman Campbell and Commissioner Caron returned to Ottawa by the maritime express. Mr. Caron will return to Moncton in about a fortnight and reside in this city.

A traveler's trunk left over a hot air register caught fire in the Brunswick hotel sample room this morning, resulting in the calling out of the fire department.

The trunk was thrown out of doors and the blaze was soon extinguished.

William McMullen, proprietor of the Windsor Cafe, formerly of St. John, offers a gold watch as a prize for the player in the Moncton professional hockey team who, on an average in the number of games played, spends the least time on the boards.

MONEY TO FAMILY

Montreal Has First Application of Law Re Earnings of Prisoner

Montreal, Jan. 9—In virtue of an amendment passed at the last session of the legislature, Recorder Weir in sentencing Robert Elford, to six months in jail for non-support, directed that whatever money he may earn as a prisoner be remitted to his family. This is the first application of the new law.

SOCIALISTS AND RADICALS IN PARADE OF PROTEST

Metz, Germany, Jan. 9—Troops were called out last night to disperse crowds who were parading through the streets singing the Marseillaise and cheering for the republic of France.

The demonstrations were made by Socialists and radicals in protest against the new constitution proposed for Alsace-Lorraine. There were similar gatherings in other cities.

WIFE, TOO, HAD BEEN POISONED

Pitsburg Police Have an Unusual Case to Work Out—Victims Are Elevator Superintendent and His Wife

Pittsburg, Jan. 9—Mrs. G. N. Strobaker, wife of the grain elevator superintendent, who was poisoned with strychnine under peculiar circumstances, on Saturday, is a patient in the same hospital and, according to physicians, is suffering from the same poison. Mrs. Strobaker was yesterday "detained" by the police pending an investigation of her husband's case, and at midnight, was found to be suffering from what appeared to be a nervous collapse. She was in a cell in the South Side police station and Dr. D. E. Sable, a police surgeon, was summoned.

"The woman is suffering from strychnine poisoning" said Dr. Sable, "her right pond to pin pricks." Strobaker, who respond to pin pricks." Strobaker, who regained consciousness yesterday, is recovering from the effects of the poison administered to him, and it is expected he will be discharged within a few days.

ARBITRATION TREATY

Some British Press Comments on President Taft's Suggestions

London, Jan. 9—In an editorial review of the arbitration treaty negotiations, the Times says:

"If, and when President Taft's suggestions take practical shape, they will be certain to meet with a favorable reception here. Nothing has occurred to make Great Britain recede from the position taken in 1898. On the contrary, our relations with the United States have become more cordial and intimate and our devotion to the cause of peace stronger. Therefore if President Taft is able to overcome the senate's objections, he may rely on the reception here, of any proposals."

The Standard thinks that unless President Taft has a reasonable hope of the senate's approval, it would be advisable to delay the project.

Recent Washington despatches indicate that the president has been making enquiries among senators and the members of the committee on foreign relations looking to a general treaty of arbitration with Great Britain. It is believed that if these reveal a change in mind on the part of the senate since 1898, the British government will be approached on the question of beginning negotiations.

YORK COUNTY LOAN

Practically all the Property Has Been Sold and a Dividend is Coming

Toronto, Jan. 9—It is announced that practically all of the York County Loan property has been sold and the clerical work in connection with the payment of another dividend of 25c is under way. In order to get the highest price on the sales the liquidator, R. Home Smith, of the National Trust Co., has disposed of the property on terms ranging from twelve to eighteen months.

Before the end of this year, probably next autumn, the dividend will be distributed amongst the 114,000 interested shareholders. The clerical work connected with the declaration of this dividend is extensive and it will take many months to complete the task.

GETS STRADIVARIUS BUT PAYS $16,000

Vienna, Jan. 9—A sum of $16,000 has just been paid by a wealthy Viennese merchant for a Stradivarius violin. It is the celebrated "Greffuhle," Stradivarius, called after its sometime owner Count Greffuhle.

Antonius Stradivarius made it in 1709, and bequeathed it with other instruments to his son, Francesco, who sold it to a priest named Brambilla for about £60.

It was sold later to King Charles IV., of Spain and afterward fell into the hands of the English violin collector, John Blow. Next it came into the possession of a well known collector J. Adam, and then was bought by Count Greffuhle, in whose family it remained many years.

The instrument is a magnificent specimen of old Italian work, and is in a wonderfully fine state of preservation.

Reforms in Portugal

Lisbon, Jan. 9—The minister of the interior has decided to put into operation a comprehensive social reform scheme. The measures include a weekly rest day, old age pensions, public aid and the protection of maternity and childhood, the creation of a large number of primary schools, with the free distribution of food, clothing and books to needy children; the development of higher education, especially medicine, with the establishment of a faculty of medicine at Lisbon and adequate lunacy regulations.

SUPPORT NAVAL POLICY

Ontario Farmers Decide in Favor of Construction by Canada

THE TARIFF CONFERENCE

Commissioners' Task a Delicate and Difficult One—The Reasons for Decision That Nothing That Transpires be Given Out

Meadowvale, Ont., Jan. 9—(Special)—Representative farmers from the surrounding country crowded Meadowvale schoolhouse to hear a debate held under the auspices of the Fortnightly Club of Meadowvale on Saturday, upon the advisability of Canada proceeding at once with the construction of warships. The debate was participated in with one exception, by men from farms and was a warm one. Various arguments were presented by both sides and were followed closely and that a majority of those present believed it to be Canada's duty to bear her share of the imperial burden was clearly shown by the applause which greeted the judge's verdict in favor of the affirmative.

Toronto, Jan. 9—(Special)—The Globe Washington special says the first session of the tariff conference there on Saturday lasted one hour and a half and was productive of no definite results, the whole field being again canvassed and no agreement reached on anything. "The task of the commissioners," the despatch adds, "is a difficult and delicate one and they have taken means which they believe will relieve themselves of trouble by declaring that no information will be given out during the progress of the negotiations and that they will not even take the trouble to contradict conjectures that are published.

"It is the opinion of the commissioners that, during the negotiations, the position of either side may change from day to day hence information that would be correct today might be incorrect another day, and in the meantime the business affected might be unnecessarily agitated."

FREDERICTON HAS SLEIGHING

Heaviest Snowfall Yet—New School Opened—Hockey Tonight

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 9—(Special) — The heaviest snowstorm of the season prevailed here this morning and there is now splendid sleighing.

The new Roman Catholic school building erected at a cost of $30,000 was opened this morning. It is a handsome brick structure in Regent street, near the site of the old R. C. burying ground. M. Ryan & Son were the contractors and F. Neil Brodie of St. John, the architect.

Marysville and Fredericton hockey teams will line up in the Arctic Rink tomorrow night for the first hockey game of the season.

MUST FACE TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE

Cobourg, Ont., Jan. 9—(Special)J Henry I. Matthews, jr., was committed on Saturday to stand trial at the next assizes for the murder of Miss Johanna Brimacombe in Colborne on Dec. 17, in a room in the Bristol hotel.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Moore, of Shediac, 50 Years Married Today

Shediac, N. B., Jan. 9—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Moore are today celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Moore is the well known I. C. R. engineer, now retired. An interesting feature is that a twin brother—J. B. Moore, who was best man at the ceremony fifty years ago, is here for the celebration. J. B. Moore will be remembered by many of the older citizens of St. John. He is a native of that city. In 1877 he went west, and is now conducting a large furniture store in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

He proposes spending three or four months this winter renewing old acquaintances in New Brunswick.

SANTIAGO HAS A $2,000,000 FIRE

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 9—The central telegraph and telephone station was burned today. Ten dining, Pullman and presidential cars were also destroyed. The loss is estimated at $2,000,000.

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER

JAMESEY'S OBJECTIONS.

Mr. Jamesey Jones is opposed to government by commission. In the first place it is un-British. If it were adopted he would never be able to pass through the Old Burial Ground without sitting on the edge of the costly monument erected there in memory of the Loyalists, and shedding some tears. Jamesey is nothing if not loyal. Some people say that St. John could not better show its loyalty than by building up here under the British flag a great and well governed city, but Jamesey says they are merely talking business and not loyalty. And this introduces Jamesey's second objection. He does not want St. John governed in accordance with business principles. He wants a certain amount of the money of the taxpayers squandered every year, and the taxes increased the next year. He also desires to be in a position to go to his favorite alderman and get something that his neighbors also want, but cannot get, because Jamesey has the pull. Moreover, if the city were governed by a commission elected by the people, and governed on business principles, it would be bad for the poor man. If the city had better streets, the working man's family would use them more, and thus wear out more shoes. If the building laws and sanitary regulations were better observed the poor man would not know what to do with the money he now pays to the doctor and druggist. Again, Jamesey is opposed to the commission plan because it involves a change, and he cannot bear changes. Lastly, he opposes it because he did not first suggest its adoption. And this is the most serious objection of all, for Jamesey is a man of great wisdom, and could govern the city himself if he had the chan-

HOLD UP, CHLOROFORM AND ROB QUARTETTE OF $1,000

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 9—Held up at the muzzle of their pistols, bound and chloroformed, four Greeks employed in a construction gang were robbed of $1,000 by two men in Westerville last night. The four laborers had just seated themselves for supper in the camp car at Westerville, when the two men entered the car and, pointing revolvers, ordered them to throw up their hands.

Frightened into submission, the Greeks did as ordered and while one of the hold-up men held them at bay with two revolvers, the other bound them with ropes. Chloroform was then administered to the victims until they became unconscious. Then $800 was taken from their clothes and $200 from a trunk. The robbers es-