

## Sheridan Road News-Letter.

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### LOSSES WERE TOO HEAVY.

Receiver Appointed for the Farmers' Mutual Hall Insurance Co. at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—A receiver has been appointed for the Farmers' Mutual Hall Insurance company, incorporated Jan. 21, 1901, to insure crops against damage from hail on the mutual assessment plan. While the company was incorporated in Missouri and had its offices here it operated only in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Montana and Colorado. The company did more than \$2,000,000 worth of business, but heavy losses in Colorado and South Dakota, with a shortage of crops, are stated as the cause of the failure.

### Dreyer's Partner a Bankrupt.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Robert Berger, former partner of Edward S. Dreyer, the banker, who, after several trials, was convicted of the embezzlement of funds of the West Park board of Chicago, filed a petition in bankruptcy today, scheduling \$2,093,644 liabilities. There are no assets. All the debts are connected with the failure of the banking house of E. S. Dreyer & Co., in 1896.

### MACLAY WILL BE BOUNCED.

Civil Service Rules Will Not Save Navy Yard Laborer from Dismissal.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary of the Navy Long said tonight that he had not received the reply of Maclay to the request for his resignation. Pending its receipt, he said he did not wish to enter into discussion of the matter for publication. In his informal discussion of the matter today, Secretary Long made it plain that the president's intentions in regard to Maclay would be carried out regardless of the latter's declaration that he is protected by the civil service rules. It is expected that if he does not resign he will be removed summarily.

### NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Schley Receives His Share of Prize Money for Destruction of Cervera's Fleet.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The treasury department today drew a warrant in favor of Admiral Schley for \$3,334, his share of the prize money due him for the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Santiago on July 3, 1898.

### Naval Flag Covers Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary of the Navy Long has approved an opinion by the judge advocate general that the Philippine islands are United States territory so far as the statute of limitations applies to naval offenses.

### PORTFOLIO SEEKS THE MAN.

Governor of Iowa Tendered the Secretaryship of the Treasurer by President.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A tender of the secretaryship of the treasury to succeed Lyman J. Gage has been made to Governor Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa, but it is understood that up to a late hour tonight no response had been received. At the white house no information is obtainable pending definite authorization of the fact that a successor to Secretary Gage has been obtained.

### SURPRISE FOR THE GOVERNOR

Knows Nothing of Reported Tender When Reporter Calls for Confirmation.

Des Moines, Dec. 23.—Governor Shaw, whom a telegram states has been selected as successor to Secretary of the Treasury Gage, stated when called upon this afternoon that it was the first intimation of the matter he had received, and that he had no information to give out on the subject whatever.

### LITTLE HOPE FOR CAR FERRY

Wrecked Muskegon Slowly Sinking Into the Sand and May Prove a Total Loss.

Ludington, Mich., Dec. 23.—The wrecked car ferry Muskegon, is slowly sinking into the sand, and the prospect of saving the steamer and cargo grows less every hour. Government Inspector of Hulls Honor of Grand Haven made a survey today, and says she is broken in two, and will go to pieces and be a total loss.

### Make Work for Undertaker.

Logansport, Ind., Dec. 23.—Jim Bell and Solomon Johnson, colored, fought a duel with revolvers late last night in a saloon at Kenyon quarries, near here. Bell is dead and Johnson badly wounded.

### Writ Opens Prison Doors.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 23.—By a writ of habeas corpus, Thomas E. Hagen, sentenced from North Dakota for soliciting bribes while deputy collector of customs today secured his release from the Sioux Falls penitentiary.

## GENERAL NEWS BY WIRE.

Matters of Interest Covering Various Parts of the World and Put in Concise Form.

The navy department announces the acceptance of the battleship Wisconsin.

An unidentified woman, 65 years old, was killed by a suburban train at Thirty-first street, Chicago.

Arbuckle Bros. and the National Sugar Refining company have reduced the price of refined sugar 10 points.

William T. Tarda has been re-elected mayor of Mexico City for another year. He has already served two years.

Thomas Brackett Reed, former speaker of the house of representatives, has just been informed that he is one of the heirs to \$9,000,000 worth of property in the heart of Portland, M.

The Atlantic Rubber Shoe company, capital \$10,000,000 was incorporated at Trenton, N. J. The company is authorized to manufacture and prepare for market rubber and all its by-products.

The average weight of the hogs received in Chicago last week was 201 pounds, against 207 pounds for the week previous, and 245 pounds for the corresponding week in 1900, and 245 pounds in 1899.

Mrs. Esther W. Osborne, wife of the late general to Samoa, arrived in San Francisco in the steamer Sonoma with the body of her husband, which will be taken East for interment.

A new cure for typhoid fever—in fact, for almost every fever—has been discovered and experimented with successfully in a specially constructed refrigerator and the patient never frozen out.

While attempting to evict a man from his shop on Clark street, Chicago, John Irwin was stabbed with a knife. He was taken to the emergency hospital, where his injuries were pronounced not serious. His assailant escaped arrest.

The consecration of the Rev. C. H. Brent as bishop of the new diocese of the Philippines, took place in St. Stephen's Episcopal church at Boston with imposing ecclesiastical ceremonial. The edifice was crowded to the doors.

Two daughters of Mrs. James E. Ewing, 6 and 4 years of age, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the house occupied by Mrs. Ewing and her six children in Canon City, Col. Another child was so badly burned she will die.

J. B. Keat, as court receiver, is in possession of Samuel Kellner's department store at Monroe, Wis. Liabilities are estimated at between \$40,000 and \$50,000, with assets \$25,000. Action was taken on the petition of Chicago creditors.

While suffering from an attack of insanity Sunday night Dexter Knight, a living near Bryan, Idaho, killed his 5-year-old boy and severely injured his two other children. Knight killed his son by hitting him with the baby's cradle.

At the old Bailey, London, the grand jury returned a true bill against Theodore Jackson and Laura Jackson (Anna Odell de Bar). The recorder in charge of the grand jury commented upon the "horrible and blasphemous character" of the evidence.

Comparison with the corresponding years, the six leading markets received more cattle for the week ending Dec. 14 than ever arrived before. The total was 156,500, Chicago alone received 71,500, or 7,300 more than a year ago.

The municipal council has voted to bestow the freedom of the city of Dublin on John Redmond, the Nationalist leader invited to Ireland from a visit to the United States on behalf of the United Irish league.

The transport Sheridan will depart from San Francisco on Jan. 1, the Thomas on Jan. 1, the Thomas on Jan. 1, the Grant will sail at about the same time on a special trip with the same employes and school teachers.

The lower house of the Norwegian parliament has passed a law fixing punishment for the glorification of crimes against social order. The majority contended that men who incite to crime are conspirators and deserve punishment.

Mr. L. Weller, who has been commissioned by the French government to inquire into the working arrangements and also to study the organization of technical schools, sailed from Havre for La Savoie.

The correspondent in St. Petersburg of the C. G. Gazette telegraphs that a number of experts representing big firms have arrived at Vladivostok, for Siberia, where they are to factories and exploit the agricultural and mineral wealth of the country.

Eloffe Kruger's grandson, has sailed for Holland for Lourenzo Marques, with intent to examine the millitary situation in South Africa, and if found advisable, to sue for the broad line of autonomy under the British flag, similar to that enjoyed by Canada.

Mrs. McKinley's condition remains much the same as it has been since the funeral. She does not require medical attention, although Drs. Phillips and Portman see her once or twice a day, as it was arranged that they should when Dr. Rivey returned to Washington.

Roumania is rapidly becoming one of the greatest wine-producing districts in Europe. The products of her vine yards in 1900 was valued at \$7,500,000. About eight million dollars were spent on the great Chenab irrigating canal in India; but the crops of last year from the irrigated lands are valued at twice that amount.

Frances Davis was attacked in Norfolk, Va., by an unknown woman, who threw a pan of concentrated lye in her face, destroying both her eyes and horribly burning her. Jealousy is supposed to have prompted the assault.

George W. F. Perry, one of the last of the Confederate brigadier generals, died at his home in Bowling Green, Ky., after a long illness. He was in his 67th year, and for many years had been connected with Ogden college.

The London World says the proposed visit of King Edward and Queen Alexandra to Ireland, which was to have taken place in the spring or after his majesty's coronation, has been abandoned on account of the disturbed state of that country.

One of the boldest burglaries ever perpetrated in Oak Park occurred Thursday noon within half a block of the police station. The jewelry store of W. H. Dreschler, 131 Lake street, was broken into and valuable jewelry and money, the total amounting to about \$90, were taken.

The London school board has opened the first of a series of schools for cripples. The children are taken from their homes to school in an ambulance and afterward taken home by ambulance. The school curriculum includes a substantial midday meal.

Ernest Sapoll, former steward on the steamship La Gascoigne of the Transatlantic Line, was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment in New York Thursday for attempting to bribe an immigration officer to pass certain immigrants as citizens. Federal Judge Thomas imposed the sentence.

The state bank of Gothenburg, Neb., closed Thursday by order of the Nebraska banking board, and an examiner placed temporarily in charge. The bank is capitalized at \$20,000, and at the time of its last report had deposits of \$32,000. Q. V. Carlson is its president and Mary E. Carlson cashier.

William C. Whitney and his trainers, John Huggins and J. W. Rogers, have selected Nasturtium to run in the English Derby next year. Nasturtium will be shipped to England on the Minnehaha on Dec. 28. The colt was purchased from A. L. Aste for \$50,000 by Mr. Whitney last summer.

According to the Odessa Novosti, the Trans-Siberian railway, when it was begun ten years ago, was estimated to cost 350,000,000 roubles (\$180,250,000), but the difference, estimated and actual, up to a year ago, was over 430,000,000 roubles. The total cost, it is believed, will be over 1,000,000,000 roubles (\$513,000,000).

The remaining four submarines building at Barrow for the British navy will be launched before the end of the year, and they will be completely finished and ready for their trials before they are placed in the water. The tests made with the first boat have been satisfactory.

The industrial crisis throughout Russia is becoming intensified; in the Kieff district, the cases of bankruptcy are very numerous; entire works with all their fittings, are being offered for sale in all directions. Sugar factories and chemical works are on sale to the highest bidder.

Andrew Carnegie has notified the New York Press club that he intended presenting it with a library to the value of \$5,000. The selection and purchase of the books are to be left to an especially appointed committee of the club, which, when the \$5,000 limit has been reached, is to refer the bill to Mr. Carnegie.

John T. Hayden, lately a bookkeeper in New York for Swift & Co., the Chicago packers, pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the court of general sessions and was sentenced to state's prison for not less than one year nor more than five years. Hayden was employed by Swift & Co. at their office in New York. Last August he stole \$4,900.

The police of Berlin are seeking for a young American calling himself Harry Marshall, who has disappeared from Berlin. Marshall obtained several thousand marks in cash and jewelry from American residents there. He represented himself as a Cincinnati, and as a former employe of Senator Foraker. It is believed Marshall is an international swindler.

As a result of much local agitation as to the proper charge on the part of the Detroit Gas company for fuel and illuminating gas, the common council has amended the existing ordinance so as to require the gas company to deliver both kinds of gas at 70 cents per 1,000 feet. At present the price of illuminating gas is \$1, and of fuel gas 90 cents per 1,000 feet.

A tobacco exporter who has just returned from a trip to England says the members of the Imperial Tobacco company have pledged themselves to spend half their private fortunes, if necessary, to defeat the American company's designs on the British trade. He thinks the general cutting that will follow means low prices for leaf next year, so far as exporters are concerned.

John A. Tillman, a farmer living near Racine, Wis., appeared at Knox, Ind., to lay claim to an estate of \$50,000 left by his mother. Tillman mysteriously disappeared in 1870 and up to the time of his disappearance he had been mourned as dead. It develops that Tillman kept up a correspondence with a relative who was pledged not to divulge his whereabouts. Mrs. Tillman died believing that her son had been foully dealt with.

## REPORT OF COMMISSION SHOWS PROSPERITY ON OPERATING RAILROADS

Dividends Declared During Last Fiscal Year Nearly Fourteen Millions Greater Than During the Preceding Twelve-Month—The Figures.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The preliminary report of the interstate commerce commission on the income account of the railways of the United States for the year ended June 30, 1901, shows returns of the railway companies operating 192,193 miles of the line. The passenger earnings of the railways were \$426,909,210 and the freight earnings \$1,114,407,70. The total gross earnings were \$1,578,164,205, or \$8,211 per mile, against \$1,487,044,814 in 1900.

Net Earnings Increase. The operating expenses amounted to \$1,023,156,281, or \$5,323 per mile, making the net earnings \$555,007,924, or \$35,577.218 in excess of the fiscal year 1900. The amount of dividends declared during the year was \$121,108,637, or \$13,000,000 more than for the same roads in 1900.

Surplus for Year. The surplus from operations was \$77,544,735. The report for the preceding year showed a surplus of \$87,657,933. The preliminary report is confined to the returns of operating roads. The dividends paid by both operating and leased companies annually include about \$30,000,000 paid on the part of the leased lines.

### MUST PAY THE MULCT TAX.

Judge Brannan Rules That Cigaret Dealers Come Under the Assessment.

Muscatine, Ia., Dec. 23.—An important decision was handed down by Judge Brannan of the district court today wherein he declared that a wholesale and jobbing house handling cigarettes and doing a retail business is liable to the assessment of mulct taxes.

The case is entitled Herman Gremmel et al vs. Muscatine County et al. Gremmel is a wholesale dealer here, and contended that because of this the tax did not fall upon him. He further claimed the assessment was a transgression of the inter state commerce laws.

After the assessment was made he filed a petition asking a temporary injunction to prevent the sale of the property. This was granted, and he then asked that it be made permanent. Here the county filed a demurrer asking that the temporary injunction be set aside. The county claimed that the firm also did a retail business and came under the provisions of the law.

The decision carries with it the assessment of similar taxes against several other cigar houses in Muscatine.

### AMERICAN LEGION OF HONOR.

Report of Special Committee Considered Vindication of Supreme Secretary Warneck.

London, Dec. 23.—The special committee inquiring into the financial condition of the American Legion of Honor has made its report. The summarized financial status of the organization, taking into consideration all resources, is shown to be a balance of \$338,537.50 on hand. The membership, however, is shown to have suffered a further decrease. On Nov. 1 the committee found it to be 7,110. The committee states that it is sure that the order is in gratifying financial condition, although it recognizes the fact that the numbers of the organization are not as strong as they should be. The report is accepted by the officers of the order as a complete vindication of Supreme Secretary Warneck and his management.

### NO PROGRESS IN THE DEAL.

Negotiations for Cession of the Danish West Indies to United States Dragging.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Negotiations between the United States and Denmark, looking to the cession of the Danish West Indies, are dragging. No substantial progress has been made since last week. The latest suggestion from the Danish side is that the people of the islands shall determine by a plebiscite whether or not they shall be ceded. The outcome of such a test cannot be foretold, for a strong feeling of attachment for the mother country on the one hand might be offset by the great trade advantages expected to follow the cession of the islands.

### Protest Against Sale.

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—A petition against the sale of the Danish West Indies, unless the matter is submitted to a plebiscite, has been circulated and will be sent to the rigsdag tonight. The petition bears very few signatures of the members of the former parliamentary committee who reported in favor of the selling. Bankers and business men are taking the last and desperate stand against the sale. During the coming holidays they will draw up certain proposals in the premises, to be submitted to the rigsdag immediately when that body reassembles.

### Double Tragedy in Lawton.

Lawton, Ok. T., Dec. 21.—John Roberts shot and killed George and John Higginbottom, brothers, and probably fatally wounded another Higginbottom, as a result of a quarrel over the division of a quantity of hay. All are farmers. Roberts escaped.

## FATAL RAILROAD WRECK.

Two Men Killed, One Badly Injured in a Collision at Little Suamico.

Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 23.—Two men cremated and another frightfully burned about the lower part of his body and the destruction of locomotives and cars was the outcome of a rear-end collision of two south-bound special freight trains on the Northwestern railroad early Saturday at Little Suamico. The killed:

Napoleon Delaria; Louis Gilmette, both of Green Bay.

Delaria was a baggageman and leaves a widow and eight children. Gilmette, who was 19 years of age, lived with his father here. Former Conductor A. J. Burney of Escanaba, Mich., and the injured man are now here at the general hospital, with good chances of recovery.

The first train, in charge of Conductor Green and Engineer Henry Oliver, had reached Little Suamico, when Oliver stopped his train on the main track to take water. The night was frosty, but clear. Suddenly a headlight of the special behind shot out from a curve near the depot and a few seconds later the collision occurred. Delaria and Gilmette, who run on Conductor Moran's passenger train, were deadhead spending their way to Green Bay to spend Sunday with their families and were stretched out on benches. They were sleeping when the crash came and were buried into eternity, perhaps, without realizing their awful fate. Burney, the rear brakeman, was also in the caboose at the time, but he finally escaped from the burning wreck. Eight cars were telescoped and soon burned. A wrecking train was sent from Escanaba.

The bodies of Delaria and Gilmette were burned beyond recognition, and later in the day were brought to the morgue in Green Bay. Burney suffered great agony.

### TO EXPEL THE AMERICANS.

Turkey Gives American Citizens Fifteen Days to Renounce Allegiance.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—The authorities at Beyrout, Syria, have notified naturalized American citizens that they must renounce their naturalization within 15 days, otherwise they will be expelled from Turkey.

Spencer Eddy, the first secretary of legation at Constantinople, has made an energetic protest in the matter. He has written the Turkish authorities demanding the withdrawal of the measure.

### Fatal Fight at Hot Springs.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 23.—Charles Moore, a hotel-keeper of this city, on a Saturday afternoon shot and killed James A. Garner and mortally wounded his brother Will, after they refused to take a drink with him. After the shooting Moore returned to his house and, securing a Winchester, came down town and gave himself up to the sheriff. James Garner was shot twice, the first ball entering his mouth and the second went through his heart. Will attempted to grab Moore, but he jumped back and shot him, the ball entering his left breast about an inch over the nipple, and knocking him down. Moore then ran.

### Aged Man Kills Son-in-law.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—John W. Moore, an aged soldier, Sunday shot and killed his son-in-law, Thomas Mawhinney, at the latter's home in Bellevue. Mrs. Mawhinney, it is said, had complained to her father of abuse on the part of her husband. After the killing Moore gave himself up, saying that Mawhinney had driven his first wife to suicide, but he could not repeat his offense, as he had killed him.

### JEFFRIES GROWS BOASTFUL.

Says He Never Had an Equal—Offers \$1,000 to Get Fight With Fitz.

Denver, Col., Dec. 21.—Two thousand people were turned away from Coliseum hall last evening when Young Corbett and Jeffries appeared in the ring in an exhibition bout representing the lightest and heaviest weight champions.

Jeffries was in his element, and boasted there was not a man on earth who could do him up, that his equal had not yet been born, and that he would take pleasure in knocking out any human being with the temerity to stand against him. Concluding, he said he would pay any one \$1,000 who would induce Bob Fitzsimmons to sign articles to fight him.

"There has been considerable talk," he said, "about my being afraid to meet him, but I want to say right now that I will take on Fitzsimmons any time he wants my game, and, furthermore, I will give any man \$1,000 who will induce him to meet me. It looks as though Sharkey would be my next opponent. He is the only one anxious to fight me, and I will take him on when I get to New York."

### Another American Countess.

London, Dec. 21.—Miss Elena Grace, daughter of Michael P. Grace, formerly of New York, was married to Earl Donoughmore, at St. Michael's church, Chester square, today.

London, Dec. 21.—"Semi-official news received here from Constantinople," the Rome correspondent of the Telegraph cables, "asserts that Madame Tsilka is dead and that Miss Stone will be released almost immediately."