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CALLS IT A FICTITIOUS REDUCTION

View of Dr. Wiley, Chief of Chemistry Bureau of Department of Agriculture

MERELY MARKET MANIPULATION

Says Mr Wiley—Scheme of the Interests Which Put the Price Up, to Get Fresh Grip on Throats of Consumers—Secretary Wilson's Opinion on the Sudden Abnormal Reduction in Prices of Meats.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The so-called reduction in the price of meats is a deliberate manipulation of the market, according to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture.

He said here today:

"The interests which manipulated the prices upward temporarily have released their hold on our throats for the purpose of getting a fresh grip. The so-called reduction in meats is fictitious. Its manipulation was deliberate, just as the increase in prices was unjust, unreasonable and uncalled for by conditions prevailing throughout the country. The prices were fictitious at the top notch because they were forced there arbitrarily by the interests.

"Developments will show that the interests are after someone. It may be some independent movement they hope to drive from cover."

Secretary Wilson said today that the announced reduction in prices was abnormal. He said it was due to the fact that the drought in the cattle-raising country had increased the cost of hay. The farmer with cattle on his hands must pay $35 a ton for his hay, and rather than do this he was sending his cattle and sheep to market. This accounted for the sudden tumble in prices, he said.

"This tumble is not all normal and will not all be permanent," declared Secretary Wilson, "but a plentiful corn crop and plenty of grain will enable the farmer to feed freely and we should get a lower level of prices. Lower prices are certain to come, provided that somewhere between the farmer and the consumer there is no combination nor agreement to get prices up."

TURKEYS TO BE CHEAPER. MAY BE 25 CENTS

Instead of 32 Cents as Last Year—New York City Reports.

New York, Nov. 16.—Among the predictions of somewhat lower prices in meat and poultry comes the pleasing report that Thanksgiving turkeys will be cheap, compared with the prices they commanded last year. Local retailers said this afternoon, however, that they had yet to feel the big reductions said to have been made by Chicago meat packers. In New York, they asserted, the decrease in cost of food so far had been slight.

No 50 Cent Butter This Winter.

But the general opinion was that prices of meat, poultry and dairy products would not be so high this winter as a year ago. They would go up, no doubt, it was prophesied, but the consumer would not be obliged to pay 50 cents a pound for his butter as he did for a time last winter. The reason given was that the country's grain supply this year had been greater than ever, and, consequently, the farmers had found it more economical to keep their grain for cattle raising. Result: More butter and milk for the consumer and an increase in the supply of beef.

Why Turkeys Will Be Cheaper.

As for turkeys, one dealer in Washington Market declared that the retail price might fall as low as 25 cents before next Thursday. Last year it went as high as 32 cents. The reason, he said, was that many turkeys had been shipped to New York from Texas, and though they were not of the highest grade, they were good enough for many who balked at high prices. The effect of this was to force down the price of high grade turkey meat from the west. Also, this year's supply was larger than it had been for a long time.

Roasting Chicken 22 Cents.

The highest grades of poultry—that is, the "Philadelphia" brands—were quoted in Washington Market today at two and three cents lower than last year. Roasting chickens sold at 22 cents as against 25, and just plain "fowl" for fricasseeing sold for 20 as compared with 22 cents.

BIRDMEN DISCONCERTED BY RARIFIED AIR.

Interesting Flights Made from Denver's Mile High Aviation Field.

Denver, Col., Nov. 16.—Spectators at Denver's mile high aviation field witnessed interesting flights by Ralph Johnstone, Arch Hoxsey and Walter R. Brookins at Overland park today.

Johnstone, without attempting anything like record breaking altitude, rose 1,590 feet. While Johnstone was pushing his machine skyward, Hoxsey sailed 200 feet below him. Brookins was also darting to and fro across the field at an altitude of about 1,000 feet.

Each of the aviators ascended twice. On one of his flights Brookins left the field and traveled in the direction of the Rocky Mountains for a mile or more, in the teeth of a strong wind, which are know to vary greatly as the foothills are approached.

The light air of this altitude, in which neither of the aviators had ever attempted flights before, proved somewhat disconcerting at first.

Johnstone explained after alighting after his first flight that he could not get his machine off the ground until he had increased the power much more than is necessary in lower altitudes. All three of the birdmen noticed this difference in conditions and they are anxious to test the climbing capacities of their machines against the rarified air of these mountain sections.

VERDICT RENDERED AFTER THIRTY-SIX YEARS

Suit Against Mutual Life Insurance Co.—Company Pays $15,050.

New York, Nov. 16.—Thirty-six years after a suit was begun against the Mutual Life Insurance company a verdict was rendered here today by a jury in the supreme court.

Oscar Adler, a glove manufacturer, who insured his life for $5,000, died in 1876, but the company refused to pay the policy to Adolph and Daniel Goldschmidt and David Barasch, the beneficiaries, contending that Adler committed suicide. The beneficiaries sued and twice their complaint was dismissed, but each time they appealed and obtained a new trial. On the third trial the insurance company lost and this time it appealed. The case was sent back once more for a new trial, which resulted in a verdict against the company, which was ordered to pay $15,050, the amount of the policies with interest.

DELAWARE BRIBERY CONTEST.

Democratic Candidate for Congress to Bring Corruption Charge.

Wilmington, Del, Nov. 16.—Ex-Attorney General Robert C. White, democratic candidate for representative in congress at the recent election in this state, announced today his intention of contesting the election of his republican competitor, Representative William H. Heald. It is stated that the contest will be based on charges of bribery and corruption.

Mr. White has retained Thomas F. Bayard and Willard Saulsbury of this city as general counsel and also will retain special counsel at Washington. He will serve formal notice of contest on Representative Heald soon after the legal proclamation of the latter's election shall be issued by Governor Pennewill.

POPULATION OF INDIANA.

Recent Census Gives State 2,700,000; Increase of 7.3 Per cent.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The population of the state of Indiana is 2,700,876, according to statistics of the thirteenth census made public today. This is an increase of 184,414, or 7.3 per cent., over 2,516,462 in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 234,058, or 14.3 per cent.

In Dull Chicago.

Things are dull and abnormal here when there is no jury bribing scandal to be probed.—Chicago Record-Herald.

FEDERAL OFFICERS SEIZED STOCK OF ENGLISH FIRM

Alleged Evasion of Customs Dues—Action to Recover $200,000.

New York, Nov. 16.—The entire stock of Joseph Brooke & Co., an English woolen firm, which has maintained a branch house in New York city for a quarter of a century, was seized by the government tonight, in an action to recover $200,000 damages "in consequence of fraud and other wrongful acts." Alleged evasion of customs duts, disclosed by a former employes of the firm, is the basis for the action.

With the seizure of the goods it became known that the government recently instituted suit against the firm, but being unable to serve the summons in the action because the Brookes are at present in Huddersfield, England, United States District Attorney Wise obtained a writ of attachment today. The writ was served by United States Marshal Henkel upon Robert C. Herron, manager of the business, which is conducted at No. 840 Broadway.

The stock is valued at almost the amount of the damages claimed by the government.

Peter Redling, until recently a clerk in the firm's employ, gave the information on which the government acted. Special agents were detailed to investigate his story, and, according to Mr. Wise, examination verified his charges that the company had for years cheated the government by undervaluation of goods and false invoices.

The parent house of the company is at Bradford, England, and the members of the firm reside abroad.

KILLED IN MOTOR CAR UPSET.

George N. Root of Lenox Dead and His Brother Seriously Hurt.

Lenox, Mass., Nov. 16.—George N. Root, treasurer of the Lenox Savings bank, was instantly killed, and his brother, Willis E. Root, was seriously injured early today when the automobile in which they were returning to Lenox from Pittsfield skidded on an icy road and was overturned. Miss Florence Mahanna, who was soon to have been married to George N. Root, was in the automobile, but was unhurt.

George N. Root was 35 years old and had always lived in Lenox. He was formerly a pharmacist, but for more than a year had been treasurer of the local savings bank.

$25,000,000 to Three Daughters and a Grandson.

Redlands, Cal., Nov. 16.—The will of the late George S. Myers, a millionaire tobacco man of St. Louis, who died here on Aug. 29, was filed for probate today.

The estate, said to be worth $25,000,000, goes to his three daughters, Mrs. John S. Cravens, Pasadena; Mrs. Bob Myers Babcock, Colorado Springs, and Mrs. Herbert Coppell, Tenafly, N. J., and to one grandson, George Myers Church.

Widely Known Linguist Dropped Dead.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 16.—As he was preparing to go to the Hebrew Union college here to receive a degree of doctor of divinity, Dr. Ephraim Feldman, 50 years lod, dropped dead at his home today. The deceased came from Russia about twenty-five years ago and was widely known as a linguist and authority upon Jewish questions. He had been head professor of the department of Talmud in the Hebrew Union college for many years.

Population of San Francisco 416,912.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The population of San Francisco is 416,912, according to the statistics of the thirteenth census made public tonight. This is an increase of 74,130, or 21.6 per cent., over 342,782 in 1900.

Baseball Candidate.

Didn't some one allude to Tom Reilly as a baseball candidate? If he was, it was as a representative of the world's champions. Tom certainly made a home run this time.—New Britain Herald.

Cabled Paragraphs

Paris, Nov. 16.—The river Seine, which has overflown its banks at many places and done considerable damage in the lower parts of the city, fell slightly today.

Helsingfors, Finland, Nov. 16.—The University of Helsingfors has invited Prof. Charles McLean Andrews of Yale, the historian, to deliver a series of lectures at the university in April on colonial history.

London, Nov. 16.—Scientists here report that the depths of the Pacific ocean are in a state of upheaval. Heavy earth shocks have been recorded during the last two days, apparently in regions north of New Zealand.

London, Nov. 16.—Announcement is made in naval circles today that early in 1911 a British flotilla of submarines will be sent to Hong Kong and permanently stationed there. Other flotillas of the same craft will be sent later to Gibraltar and other stations.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—The third game in the chess match for the world's championship between Emanuel Lasker and D. Janowski ended in a draw today. The game was twice adjourned and eighty moves were played. The score now stands: Lasker 1, drawn 2.

INTERNATIONAL WATER JUMP AT NEW YORK HORSE SHOW

First Prize to England; France Second; England Third; United States Fourth.

New York, Nov. 16.—Twenty-three officers in uniform, from five armies, mounted on the best chargers their nations could send to the National Horse show here, pranced by the judges at Madison Square garden tonight, and when the awards were given out, first place and $150 in prize money went to Harmony, a bay mare, ridden by Col. P. A. Kenna, V.C.D.S.O., British army, and second place and $75 prize money to Phoenix Park, a chestnut gelding, ridden by Lieut. I. S. Martin, Fourteenth United States cavalry. France was third.

In the championship class for harness horses over 14 hands, 2 inches high and not exceeding 15 hands, Judge William H. Moore's Whitewall Ariel and Vesta took first prize. Third went to Lady Dilham and Starlight from the Avondale farm at Housatonic, Mass.

The star event of the night, the international water jump, for officers in uniform, did not come off until after midnight. Harriet II., a bay mare ridden by Lieut. Geoffrey Brooks, took first for England; second yent to Oka, a bay mare, ridden by Lieutenant Mallarme of France, and third to Lieutenant Thornton of England with Gaby, and fourth to the United States, represented by Col. George M. Dunn, with Samar.

MORE CHOLERA FROM ITALY AT PORT OF NEW YORK

Two Dead and Nine Sick on Ship from Naples.

New York, Nov. 16.—Two deaths at sea from what, undoubtedly, was cholera, occurred in the steerage of the steamship San Giorgio, which arrived at this port today from Naples. The vessel also had nine sick steerage passengers aboard when she reached Quarantine.

The San Giorgio is one of the first vessels to arrive from Naples since the cholera embargo against that city was raised. The vessel was detained at Quarantine for bacteriological examinations in the cases of the sick passengers. The bodies of the two victims, one a child of two years, who died November 12, and the other the child's mother, who died early this morning, were buried at sea, the woman just before the ship entered port.

A preliminary bacteriological examination today confirmed the diagnosis of cholera in the case of the child. All the steerage passengers except the sick have been transferred to Hoffman island for observatiotn. The ailing went to Swinburne island for treatment. The crew will be examined tomorrow and the vessel will be disinfected.

INDICTED CHICAGO PACKERS

May Not Get Their Cases Out of the Hands of Judge Landis.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—Government prosecutors moved today to prevent indicted Chicago packers getting their cases out of the hands of Judge Kenesaw Landis when they filed an answer to the packers' charges that Judge Landis acted as a special United States attorney general against the packers in 1895.

Louis F. Swift, Edward Swift, Charles H. Swift, Francis A. Fowler, Edward Tilden, J. Ogden Armour, Arthur Meeker, Thomas J. Connors, Edward Morris and Louis Heymann, all of whom are indicted for conspiracy to violate the Sherman anti-trust law, are named in the answer.

Arguments will be heard by Judge Landis tomorrow.

KILLING TREES.

New Disease Which Attacks Chestnuts—No Known Remedy.

The season of active employment in the park department is drawing to a close, says the Waterbury Republican, and the men are cleaning up the parks preparatory to their practical desertion during the winter season. Supt. George C. Walker said that he had a force of men in each of the city parks going through the ground, cutting off the deadwood on the trees and cutting down all diseased and decayed trees. Because of the spraying process most of the trees are in excellent shape, but in Chase park there have been discovered several chestnut trees which have been attacked by a new and deadly parasite for which there is no remedy known to forestry. The trees attacked by it are doomed and the sooner they are cut down and burned the better, for this is the only way to check the spread of the parasite. It has but recently made its appearance in this city, and in the city parks it has made no progress, owing to the vigilance of the park superintendent.

It is different, however, through the woods over toward Middlebury, where many trees have been attacked and are now dead or dying. The parasite girdles the bark on the tree and when the girdling is completed the tree dies. The forestry stations are sending out warnings of this new disease and are striving to find the best way to fight it.

Superintendent Walker said that he planted the flower beds in all the parks, about 12,000 bulbs being used in the parks and on the green. There are tulips, hyacinths and daffodils in great variety.

The appearance of the temporary pumping station just on the edge of the park does not add to the pleasure of the park superintendent or others interested in the appearance of the park.

Sounds Good.

Congressman Tom Reilly! That sounds good, anyway.—Middletown Press.

Dishonest Hotel Clerk

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF $800 FROM A GUEST.

ARRESTED IN WASHINGTON

Sherman K. Hill, Lately Employed at the Atlantic Hotel in Bridgeport—Young Woman Held With Him.

Washington, Nov. 16—At the request of Eugene Birmingham, chief of police of Bridgeport, Conn., the local police today arrested Sherman K. Hill, who had been employed as a clerk at the Atlantic hotel in that city. Hill is charged with the theft of $1,000 and when taken into custody $793 was found on his person.

Accompanied by Mrs. Pearl Dayton.

He was accompanied by a young woman who gave her name as Mrs. Pearl Dayton. The police are also holding the woman, though they believe she had nothing to do with the alleged theft. She surrendered to the police $50, which she said Hill had given to her on the way to this city.

Hill Took $1,000.

Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 16.—Sherman K. Hill, who was arrested in Washington, D. C., tonight for the alleged theft of $1,000 from the safe of the Atlantic hotel, has been employed here as clerk for the past three months, coming from New York. His home is in Portsmouth, N. H. Mrs. Cora Dayton, who was arrested with Hill, is the daughter of F. Haddon Staults of this city. Of the $1,000 taken $200 belonged to the proprietor of the hotel, John Callahan, and $800 to a guest who had it placed in the hotel safe overnight for safe keeping.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PAID FOR A CUP OF TEA

Wealthy Chicagoan Shows His Appreciation of Charity Enterprise to Help Little Cripples.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—One thousand dollars was paid for a cup of tea last night in Chicago. The mark was set at the charity bazaar at Orchestra hall, the proceeds of which —$10,000 at a rough estimate—will be for the benefit of the Home for Destitute Crippled Children.

Thomas Griffin, wealthy manufacturer, of Chicago, stepped into the tea room conducted by Mrs. Graeme Stewart and two dozen pretty debutantes, last night, and ordered a cup of tea. Griffin took a sniff.

"Great! isn't it?" commented the young woman who served it.

"Yes, indeed."

Then Mrs. Stewart, supervisor of the tea room, came along.

Mr. Griffin drained the last drop, then put the cup down, and handed out a check.

"I want to pay for my tea."

Mrs. Stewart took the check and scrutinized it.

"One thousand dollars?" she asked.

"Never mind the change," said Mr. Griffin.

ONCE MORE HEADS NATIONAL W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens Rechosen at the Baltimore Session.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 16.—Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens of Portland, Me., was enthusiastically and unanimously re-elected president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union at the annual convention of the union here today.

Mrs. Stevens re-appointed Miss Anna A. Gordon of Evanston, Ill., vice president at large. Her appointment was promptly ratified.

The use of "third degree" methods in extracting confessions from persons accused of crime was condemned in a resolution offered by Mrs. Hester T. Griffith of Los Angeles, Cal., and adopted by the convention. Those in authority everywhere are urged to bring about its immediate and final abolishment.

The reading of departmental reports was resumed.

The passage of the postal savings bills by congress was commended in the report of the department on school savings banks.

There have been active efforts made by this department, the report said, to get laws enacted that will favor and oblige teaching of thrift in the public schools in several of the states. Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania were said to be the most forward in this regard.

MORE CENSUS PADDING. THREE ENUMERATORS JAILED.

How the Increases for Great Falls, Mont., Were Obtained.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The population of Great Falls, Mont., is 13,948, a decrease of 982 compared with 14,930 in 1900.

Director Durand in a statement said that the Great Falls returns as originally received showed a total of 23,324, or 8,376 more than the correct count.

The director attributes the attempted padding to three out of twelve enumerators of the city, 60 per cent. of whose returns he said were fraudulent. The three men were arraigned and two of them sent to jail for twenty-four hours each and fined $150 each, while the third was in prison for forty-eight hours and fined $200. He says that the increases were obtained largely by taking the names of transient visitors to the city which were placed in the hands of the enumerators by private individuals.

The returns show a decrease from the figures of 1900 amounting to 982, but Mr. Durand contends that as there was fraud in the 1900 census there has been an actual growth.

Increase of 206 Per Cent. in Population.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Population statistics of the thirteenth census were made public this afternoon for the following California cities: Oakland 150,174, an increase of 83,214 or 124.3 per cent., campared with 66,960 in 1900. Berkeley 40,434, an increase of 27,209 or 206 per cent., compared with 13,214 in 1900. Alameda 23,383, compared with 16,464 in 1900.

No Duty on Soldiers' Monument.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The treasury department has ruled to admit free of duty from France a soldiers' monument for Spencer, Mass.

Head of Union Veteran Legion Dead.

Columbus, O., Nov. 16.—Capt. Nathan Munshower, national commander of the Union Veteran legion, died at the Protestant hospital today.

New England Demurrage Rules

APPLIED IN PROPER SPIRIT, WILL BE A BENEFIT.

FORMAL REPORT MADE

By Interstate Commerce Commission—Less Inconvenience To, and Payment of Less Charges by Shippers.

Washington, Nov. 16.—"The new uniform demurrage rules, applied in a proper spirit, will result in less inconvenience to, and in the payment of less demurrage charges by, the shippers of New England than under the old regulations," announced the interstate commerce commission today in its formal report on the New England demurrage rules.

Demurrage Officer for This Territory.

The counsel for the shippers and for the railroads already have compromised their differences by agreeing that for six months after Dec. 1 next the free time for holding cars carrying lumber and forest produces, coal, grain and grain products be extended from forty-eight to seventy-two hours and that on all other cars the free time shall be the uniform forty-eight hours basis. Meantime the commission is to determine what commodities, if any, should be given a longer free time than the forty-eight hour standard.

The commission suggested to the New England roads the name of a demurrage officer for the territory who is to construe the rules and enforce them, pass on doubtful questions and report to the commission on the working of the rules.

The railroads have not yet acted upon the suggestion.

Commissioner Lane Wrote the Report.

The report of the commission, written by Commissioner Lane, points out that, in the main, New England should be able to operate under the same demurrage code which prevails in other parts of the United States and Canada; that the business of a railroad, transportation, not storage, and that detention of a car by a particular shipper for a longer time than necessary for loading or unloading diminishes the road's efficiency and prejudices every other shipper.

If, under the peculiar conditions of New England, their application results in undue hardship, the rules will be modified.

ATTACKS THE INTEGRITY OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE.

Charge of Attempt to Throttle Progressive Legislation.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 16.—Charges that the national grange, Patrons of Husbandry, is being run by a clique of standpatters who are attempting to throttle progressive legislation and are discrediting, betraying and defeating a strong constructive leadership and using the funds of the organization recklessly were made at the first session of the powerful farmers' organization here today.

M. S. Godfrey of Olean, N. Y., said that George P. Hampton of New York and J. W. Helme of Adrian, Mich., the recognized leaders of the insurgents in the organization, had caused to be printed articles attacking the integrity of the grange and its leaders. He presented a resolution which incorporated the charges and called for the enlargement of the committee on claims and grievances to include every voting member of the national grange to investigate the attacks made by Helme and Hampton and asked these two men or any others who believed such charges to be true to present them together with proofs in writing to the convention.

The resolution also required these proofs to be submitted on or before Nov. 21.

Insurgents claim this move will keep the present administration in power because of the number of their followers. This, they say, demonstrates that a state with a membership of 70,000, as Pennsylvania has, should be given representation in proportion, which would allow the insurgents to take control from the standpatters, who, the insurgents claim, are backed by western states whose membership is still in the hundreds but who are entitled to equal vote on the questions to be discussed by the convention.

COUNT DE BEAUFORT HAS ADDED FINANCIAL TROUBLE.

Fourth Claim Since Open Rupture With Rich Father-in-Law.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—Financial troubles were added today to the domestic difficulties of Count John Von Mourik de Beaufort, when the National City bank of Chicago filed suit against him for $257 which he is said to have overdrawn. This is the fourth claim made in the courts against De Beaufort since his open rupture with M. H. Killgallon, his rich father-in-law, a week ago.

The banks' suit was filed only a short time after a claim had been filed for $72.50. In addition to these suits have been filed by a book publishing concern, which claims De Beaufort owed for a number of volumes on etiquette, and a second haberdasher, who asks pay for a number of fancy waistcoats worn by the count.

De Beaufort avoided process servers in the first of these actions until yesterday, when a municipal court bailiff who camped outside his door in a down town hotel for five hours managed to reach him.

SWAM THE EAST RIVER TO PAY AN ELECTION BET.

John Gear Was Certain Stimson Would Be Next Governor.

New York, Nov. 16.—In the cold gray dawn of the early morning—it was about the coldest morning this fall—John Gear, who thought that Henry L. Stimson would be elected governor of New York, took off his clothes, put on a bathing suit and jumped into the icy East river today. With a rowboat following close behind, he swam across the river to Randall's Island, carrying out the provisions of an election bet. A crowd watched and cheered his plucky performance.

Funeral of U. S. Senator Clay.

Marietta, Ga., Nov. 16.—Funeral services for the late U. S. Senator A. S. Clay of Georgia were held here this afternoon in the Marietta Methodist church. Business was suspended for the day in Marietta, Mr. Clay's home for many years.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Plymouth: Nov. 16.—Majestic from New York.

At Glasgow: Nov. 15, Furnessia, from New York.

Condensed Telegrams

Commodore Edmund B. Underwood has retired after 40 years in the navy.

William Raabe, a noted German scientist, is dead at Brunswick, Germany.

Julius J. Exner, professor of art in the academy of Fine Arts at Copenhagen, is dead.

Charles W. Needham Was Appointed an examiner of the interstate commerce commission.

Secretary Meyer Will Ask Congress to limit the term of commandant of marines to four years.

Rev. Dr. T. Nevett Steele has been nominated for the presidency of the Maryland society of New York.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has decided to take up the question of the status of tap lines.

Morris Klyman Was Arrested in London, charged with forgery as bookkeeper for Goldstein Bros., of New York.

Commander Robert Platt, U. S. N., retired, lies in a serious condition as the result of an attack of cerebral embolism.

President Taft Has Written to former Forester Pinchot, authorizing him to file a brief in the Cunningham land patent case.

Large Bequests to the Congregational Church are made in the will of Miss Carrie P. Underwood of St. Johnsburg, W. Va.

Robin T. Cooper, charged with the murder of former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack of Tennessee, was given a verdict of not guilty.

The National Municipal League in session in Buffalo, N. Y., elected officers and heard reports on various matters concerning municipal government.

Aviator Efimoff, Director of the Russian military aeroplane squad at Sebastopol, is planning a flight of army aviators from Sebastopol to St. Petersburg.

No Changes Were Made in the differences between grades as applied to deliveries on contract at the meeting of the revision committee of the New York cotton exchange Wednesday.

The Fourth Division of the American battleship fleet arrived at Brest, France, and the first division, including the Connecticut, Rear Admiral Schroeder's flagship, arrived off England.

The Bible Was Barred from the public schools of Chicago by a majority decision of the supreme court signed by the churchmen. The minority report being signed by non-churchmen among the justices.

During the Recent New York campaign Colonel Roosevelt wrote Lord Northcliff, proprietor of the London Times, that he had no intention of being a candidate for the presidency in 1912, or ever again.

The British Parliament Reassembled but the political crisis over the house of lords veto bill continues. King George, it is said, objects to a dissolution of parliament until the house of lords has an opportunity to answer yes or no with regard to the veto bill.

AN ARMY OF COMMUTERS LODGE COMPLAINTS

Against the Pennsylvania Railroad and Its Subsidiary Lines.

New York, Nov. 16.—An army of commuters from suburban New York was represented by numerous delegations at the Waldorf-Astoria today when the interstate commerce commission began hearings on the complaints against recent advances of passenger fares by railroads entering New York city. Complaints against the Pennsylvania railroad and its subsidiary lines were chiefly heard today by Commissioner J. M. Harlan, who is conducting the hearings.

John R. Wood, traffic manager of the Pennsylvania, contended under examination that advances in rates in a specific instance named and which was assumed to be taken as typical were justified by the much greater frequency of trains, reduction of running time and terminal and other improvements which made for convenience and safety.

CHINESE IN ANGRY PROTEST.

Say Ears and Thumbs Are Cut in 'Frisco Hookworm Tests.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—Indignation in Chinatown has reached a white heat over the most recent form of examination required by the immigration authorities. It is a test for hookworm and the Chinese regard it as so humiliating that they have telegraphed protests to their minister in Washington and are threatening reprisals in the form of a general boycott against American goods.

The examination consists of thorough tests. The ears, it is alleged, are pierced and the thumbs cut for the purpose. The Chinese insist that they are required to strip for the physicians like prisoners and are subjected to other humiliations.

VERDICT FOR $750.

Trolley Passenger Brought Suit Against Connecticut Company.

Waterbury, Nov. 16.—Joseph Curran was given a verdict of $750 by a jury in the superior court here today for being detained by an employe of the Connecticut company. Curran was arrested last February by Master Mechanic Charles E. Thomas of the company, who claimed that Curran was smoking on a trolley car. He brought Curran to Waterbury and to the police station, where he was released.

MRS. ANNA BURGTOFF DEAD.

Shot Herself After Murdering Her Husband Last Monday.

New York, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Anna Burgtorf, who killed her husband, Dr. Theodore R. Burgtorf, last Monday and then turned the weapon against herself, died of her wounds this afternoon. She would not be operated on and would have refused a physician if it had been permitted. For years the woman had suffered from an excruciatingly painful facial disease, and when she resolved that she could stand it no longer she tried to take her husband with her. "I may have been selfish," she said, "but I loved him so I couldn't bear to go without him."

Arrest of Mexican Slayer of Oklahoma Police Chief.

Andarko, Ark., Nov. 16.—Reports reached Andarko today that Oscar Opel, the Mexican slayer of Police Chief Temple, was arrested at Chickasha, but officers refused either to affirm or deny the report over the telephone.

TOLSTOI NOT DEAD AS REPORTED

By Correspondents of Various Russian Newspapers and Press Agencies

CRISIS OF THE DISEASE PASSED

A Message This Morning to a St. Petersburg Newspaper Said That the Count Was Living and That His Temperature Had Fallen From 103.64 to 99.5—Reports From Astapova Have Been Conflicting.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 17.—The report of the death of Count Leo Tolstoi at Astapova was received here last night by the various newspapers and agencies. The Novoe Vremya's Moscow correspondent first telegraphed that Tolstoi was dead, but at an early hour this morning he sent a further despatch saying that a message had been received from Astapova that Tolstoi was living and that the crisis of the disease had been passed.

At 4.15 o'clock this morning the Vestnik News agency reported that the death of Tolstoi was not confirmed.

Conflicting Reports.

The reports emanating from Astapova, where Tolstoi has been lying with high fever for two days, have been conflicting throughout. The official diagnosis as given by the attending physicians Tuesday night was that Tolstoi was suffering from an inflammation of the lower lobe of the left lung, but that no immediate danger threatened. His heart motion at that time was said to be good and his temperature was practically normal.

Temperature 104 at One Time.

Only the day before, according to the doctors, Tolstoi's temperature was 104 and he was in a delirious state. On Wednesday the attending physicians confirmed the original diagnosis, but added that the inflammation was spreading and that the condition of the patient was critical, although not hopeless. His temperature during the night rose to 103.64 and he had an attack of bleeding from the lungs. Some time later it was reported that his temperature had fallen to 98.6. Then came the report of his death, and finally a message from Astapova that he had successfully passed the crisis of the disease.

Crisis Has Been Passed.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 17.—A despatch to the Novoe Vremya dated Moscow Nov. 17, 2.45 a. m., says:

"A message has been received from Astapova that Tolstoi is living, that the crisis has been passed and that the temperature of the patient late last night was 99.6."

RIOT ON FIFTH AVENUE, BRICKS THROWN AT TAXICABS.

Mob Dispersed by Mounted Police Reserves—Little Damage Done.

New York, Nov. 16.—The attempt by the taxicab companies to break the back of the strike of the chauffeurs led to a riot today along Fifth avenue near the entrance to Central park. A crowd of several hundred strikers and sympathizers attacked a taxicab which was being driven by a strikebreaker. Bricks and stones were thrown, but before much damage had been done police reserves galloped up and dispersed the crowd. The rioters then marched on the taxicabs stationed in front of the Plaza, Savoy and Netherlands hotels and drove them away. Most of the taxicabs which were driven by strikebreakers today were guarded by policemen. 1,200 of whom were detailed on strike duty. It is said that many of the men will return to work tomorrow, although the strike has not been officially settled. The strikers demand a "closed shop" agreement.

TWO PERSONS ASPHYXIATED IN A LODGING HOUSE.

James Gray and Mrs. Llewellyn Clasped in Each Other's Arms.

New Philadelphia, Ohio, Nov. 16.—Clasped in each other's arms the bodies of James Gray, 50 years old, and Mrs. Jack Llewellyn, 41 years old, were found in a lodging house here today. Asphyxiation was the cause of death, the room being filled with natural gas from a small stove. The door was locked and both windows closed. Gray was the superintendent of a mine at Klondyke, Ohio, and Mrs. Llewellyn was the wife of one of his employees. The husband later identified her body. Gray was also married and leaves a widow and seven children.

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT UP A LOUISIANA TOWN

Trouble Started Over Shooting a Blind Tiger Operator.

Shreveport, La., Nov. 16.—Following a period of rioting, in which an attempt was made to shoot up the town of Oil City, the capital of the Caddo oil fields is quiet tonight. The trouble began when Deputy Sheriff Taylor shot Tom Hickey, an alleged blind tiger operator, while Hickey was resisting arrest. A crowd gathered, guns were drawn and shots were fired, but no one was hit.

The leaders were arrested. Hickey will die. He will be the third oil field man killed in battle with officers recently.

NO PRELIMINARY HEARING

In the Famous Schenk Poisoning Case at Wheeling, W. Va.

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 16.—There will be no preliminary hearing in the case of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk, charged with attempting to poison her husband, John O. Schenk, and the famous case will have its first airing before the special session of the grand jury fixed for Friday to take up the matter.

It was stated today that a Pittsburg detective agency employed by the defense has been discharged from the case. The matter will probably come on for a hearing at the present term of criminal court, in the event that Mrs. Schenk is held by the special grand jury on Friday.

United States Not Likely to Annex Panama.

Panama, Nov. 16.—President Taft tonight effectually disposed of the report that the United States was likely to annex Panama. At a dinner given in his honor by President Arosemena and attended by 200 prominent officials, diplomats and merchants, President Taft aroused the greatest enthusiasm when he declared that the American people would feel utterly dishonored in annexing Panama unless some conduct by the Panama people left no other course. This contingency Mr. Taft was sure, would never arise.

Andrew Carnegie 75 Years Old.

Pittsburg, Nov. 16.—Andrew Carnegie will celebrate his 75th birthday this week by making a gift to the Carnegie Technology schools in Pittsburg of three and one-half million of dollars, of which $1,500,000 will be put at once into buildings and equipment and $2,000,000 will be forthcoming as endowment. Mr. Carnegie has previously given $20,000,000.

Intends to Cut Wages Thirty Per Cent

Pittsburg, Nov. 16.—The Imperial Window Glass company, which is undergoing liquidation under an edict of the federal court, issued a statement today in explanation of reports that it intended to cut wages of the workmen thirty per cent as a result of the fines imposed. The cut is brought about through the inability of individual hand glass factories to compete with companies using machines.

IMPROVEMENT OF BOSTON TRANSPORTATION WAYS

Expenditure of About Fifteen Million Dollars Involved.

Boston, Nov. 16.—The first step in what promises to be the biggest project for the improvement of local transportation facilities undertaken for many years and involving the expenditure of about $15,000,000, was taken today by the Boston & Maine and New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad companies. The two companies addressed a petition to the legislature for authority to acquire the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn railroad upon such terms as may be approved by the Massachusetts board of railroad commissioners. The company whose control is sought operates a narrow gauge line between East Boston and Lynn with a branch line to Winthrop, the connection with Boston proper being made by ferry boats.

The petition further asks that authority be given to widen the gauge of the road, to extend it on the north to connect with the Portland division of the Boston & Maine, and to make a connection by tunnel between East Boston and the South station in this city, trains in this tunnel to be operated by electricity.

Timothy E. Byrnes, vice president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford and the Boston & Maine roads, said today that under the proposed plan it will be possible to carry passengers from New York to Bar Harbor through Boston, without transfer, by the new route.

BRONX BANK OFFICER ARRESTED LAST NIGHT.

Charged With Forging a Certificate of Stock—Bank Not Injured.

New York, Nov. 16.—Charles A. Belling, vice president of the Bronx National bank of this city, war arrested tonight, charged with forging a certificate of stock which purported to represent 25 shares of stock in his bank, valued at $200 each. The complainant is John Bambey, manager of the Bronx branch of the Knickerbocker Trust company, who made affidavit that Belling had sold him the certificates and accepted $3,000 in part payment.

Belling is 37 years old and married. He was arrested as he was leaving the bank and charged with grand larceny and forgery. Shortly afterward Fred A. Wursbach, president of the bank, issued a statement in which he said that the bank was in no wise affected, because national banks are not allowed to lend or receive money on their own stock. Therefore the bank would not prosecute, as it was not the party injured. Belling, he said, had no access to the securities, cash or collateral of the bank.

WILL BE SENTENCED TODAY.

Mrs. Frank Averill Found Guilty of Manslaughter.

St. Albans, Vt., Nov. 16.—Mrs. Frank Averill, who has been on trial here for the past week for the murder of her husband, was today found guilty of manslaughter after the jury had deliberated four hours. Mrs. Averill will probably be sentenced tomorrow.

When the verdict was announced she broke down and wept and as she was led out of the court room by the sheriff she sobbed "Oh! My baby! My baby!" Mrs. Averill has a three year old daughter.

Frank Averill was shot at his home, three miles outside of this city, on the night of Oct. 20. Shortly after 9 o'clock that night Averill crawled to the front door of the house of a neighbor, Frank P. Wells, bleeding from a shotgun wound. One of his first statements was that his wife had shot him. He was removed to a local hospital, where he died the following day. Mrs. Averill was arrested after her husband's death. The defense held that the shooting was accidental.

FIFTY FAMILIES HOMELESS.

Montreal Water Service Proves Defective at Crucial Moment.

Montreal, Nov. 16.—Fifty families were made homeless and $300,000 worth of property destroyed by a fire at the north end last night. It was bitterly cold and nearly noon before the half-naked sufferers were housed. The water service failed again. The last time it failed there was great loss of life. Great indignation is manifest against the city government.

Death of William K. Thorne in Pau, France.

New York, Nov. 16.—Word was received here tonight of the death from heart disease of William K. Thorne, the son of Mrs. Emily Thorne, a daughter of Commodore Vanderbilt, the founder of the family, at Pau, France. Mr. Thorne had not lived in