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## GERMAN PARLIAMENT MISINFORMED

### United States Has Not Given Assurance of Indemnity For Losses of Foreigners in Mexico

### GOVERNMENT NOT CONSIDERING THAT ISSUE

### United States Notifies Germany That Nobody Outside Mexico Can Adjust Present Difficulties—Water Used by Horses of U. S. Troopers at Ysleta Poisoned and Ten Die—Shooting of Lieutenant Cook Reported to Gen. Maas

Washington, Feb. 13.—While admitting its accuracy, Secretary Bryan declined to discuss further the statement made today by the German undersecretary of state to the imperial parliament that Germany had been notified by the United States that nobody outside of Mexico could enforce a settlement of that country's present difficulties. The view that the Mexican factions should be allowed to adjust their differences without outside interference was expressed when the American government gave notice to the world powers that its embargo against the exportation of arms to Mexico had been raised.

**Indemnification Not Being Considered.**

Officials pointed out today that similar expressions had been communicated repeatedly to other powers when their diplomatic representatives asked what the United States intended to do in regard to Mexico.

The question of Mexican responsibility for losses sustained by foreign residents in Mexico as a result of the revolutionary disturbances is one upon which at present the state department declines to enter. It was suggested that the German under-secretary expressed only the German view when he said assurances had been given that all losses would be indemnified. The history of past revolutionary movements in the western hemisphere presents some contradiction of doctrine in this regard, and the disposition of the officials is to leave such matters to be adjusted after the present revolution is ended.

**Report of Vera Cruz Shooting.**

Late today a report came to the navy department regarding the mysterious attack Wednesday night at Vera Cruz upon an American naval officer. The despatch was forwarded to the department by Admiral Mayo, in command at Vera Cruz, at the instance of Admiral Fletcher, who is now on his way to Vera Cruz from Tampico. It said:

"Lieutenant Arthur B. Cook, in uniform, driving in Vera Cruz on Wednesday, was shot at from a balcony by an unknown person, but was not insured. Requested the authorities to investigate."

Nothing has been heard from Admiral Fletcher regarding the reported critical situation at Tampico since his last message several days ago.

**SHOOTING OF COOK.**

**Admiral Fletcher Calls Attention of General Maas to It.**

Vera Cruz, Feb. 13.—Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander of the American naval forces in Mexican waters, today forwarded to General Maas, the federal military commandant here, a brief note calling his attention to the attempted assassination of Lieutenant Arthur B. Cook, flag lieutenant to Rear Admiral Mayo of the United States battleship Connecticut, on Wednesday night.

Rear Admiral Fletcher closed with his note Lieutenant Cook's report to Admiral Mayo, made immediately after the shooting. In this report Lieutenant Cook declared there was absolutely no doubt that the bullet, which penetrated the side of the carriage in which he was riding with his wife and Miss Ethel McKenzie of Philadelphia, and which bruised his hip, was aimed at him.

Further action in the matter is dependent on the character of the reply of General Maas. The police are still investigating the shooting.

**WATER POISONED.**

**Horses of U. S. Troopers at Ysleta Die as Result of It.**

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 13.—The presence of poison in the water given some of the horses of the American troopers on guard at Ysita was discovered today.

Three horses died Wednesday night when the Americans under Captain A. H. Davidson of the 13th cavalry were rushed to Ysleta in pursuit of the Mexican federal recruits who escaped across the river. Since then seven more have died and a postmortem examination today disclosed the cause.

General Scott will investigate to ascertain if possible just what water supply or supplies were poisoned, and whether this might have happened accidenally through the dumping of refuse.

**O'SHAUGHNESSY WON'T LEAVE.**

**To Remain at Post Although His Father is Dying.**

Mexico City, Feb. 13.—Impressed with the seriousness of the situation here, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge d'affaires, decided tonight not to abandon his post, even for a brief interval, in spite of his receipt of news that his father is dying in New York. For a short time today Mr. O'Soughnessy considered the advisability of asking the state department at Washington for permission for him to attempt to see his father, but tonight he abandoned the idea.

The exact whereabouts of his father, Colonel James T. O'Shaughnessy, is unknown to the American charge d'affaires, but he cabled today to acquaintances in New York in an endeavor to find out. The information received by Mr. O'Shaughnessy is that his father is suffering from pneumonia. Colonel O'Shaughnessy is 77 years old and once was identified with the Nicaraguan canal project.

**Another Attack on Neuvo Laredo.**

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 13.—Shipments through the Laredo customs house today, of 10,000 rounds of ammunition to the rebel forces at San Ignacio, Mexico, was followed by reports that another constitutionalist attack is to be made February 22 on Neuvo Laredo.

**Aggressive Move by Federals.**

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 13.—The first move in aggressive campaign ordered by President Huerta in the northeastern part of Mexico was made tonight when 1,000 federals under General Guardiola left Nuevo Laredo to attack the constitutionalists' garrison at San Ygnacio, 25 miles down the river. San Ygnacio is the port of entry through which the rebels have exported cattle to the United States and received large ammunition supplies since the embargo was raised. The strength of the rebel garrison is not known.

**SNOWSTORM TIES UP NEW YORK TRAFFIC.**

**Thirteen Deaths at the Metropolis Due to Cold Wave.**

New York, Feb. 13.—A rise in temperature from 1 degree below zero at 7 o'clock this morning to 23 degrees above at midnight brought with it to this city the snowstorm which had been promised two days ago. Early tonight a blanket of fine, dry flakes began to settle down, giving New York the first vivid impression of winter this season.

Trolley line traffic in the outlying sections of the city was seriously disturbed. Cars were stalled everywhere and snowplows had to be called into service on many lines.

Three more deaths due to the intense cold occurred today, making the total for the present cold snap 13. Michael Mullaly fell unconscious in a Brooklyn street and died before medical aid could be given him. Mrs. Lena Freiche, who went shopping early, was benumbed by the cold and was later found in bed. Eric Nelson, a tailor, was found dead on Blackwell's Island.

At a late hour tonight, 1,771 homeless had found shelter at the municipal lodging house, among them 40 women and 19 children.

**Drove Wife Out Into Cold.**

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 13.—John E. Jacobson was arrested tonight upon complaint of neighbors who say that he came home early this morning and drove his wife from the house into the biting cold, at a point of a revolver. Mrs. Jacobson, clad only in nightclothes, walked to neighbors, where she was given shelter.

**Steamer Down to Coal Sweepings.**

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 13.—Burning the last of the sweepings of her coal bunkers, the British tramp steamer Lord Antrim arrived tonight. The steamer, which was 26 days out from Narvik for Philadelphia, had encountered terrific weather. Captain Aiken said preparations had been made to burn the wood fittings.

**Meat Farmine in New South Wales.**

Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 13.—A serious situation has been created here by a conflict between the employers and workers in the meat trade. A meat famine is threatened and all business is dislocated. Slaughterers, butchers and shopmen demanded big increases in wages and shorter hours of work.

**$25,000 Fire at Lee, Mass.**

Lee, Mass., Feb. 13.—Sparks block, occupied by J. J. Quigley's double store and Everett White's paint and hardware store, was destroyed by fire this evening, entailing a loss of $25,000, opposite this place.

**TWELFTH OF PEACE TREATIES SIGNED.**

**Conventions Completed Between Costa Rica and Switzerland.**

Washington, Feb. 13.—The 12th of the Bryan peace treaties was signed late today when Secretary Bryan, for the United States, and Minister Calvo, for Costa Rica, affixed their signatures to an agreement which provides for the investigation by an international committee, for a year, of all misunderstandings between the two countries which cannot be adjusted by diplomatic means.

Earlier in the day a similar convention between the United States and Switzerland was signed.

**ATTEMPT TO STEAL JOHN DOE EVIDENCE.**

**Indications of Effort to Burglarize Whitman's Cabinet.**

New York, Feb. 13.—Discovery was made today of an attempt to break into a steel file cabinet in the district attorney's office containing all the evidence recently gathered here by the John Doe and grand jury investigations of state highway graft. Some one gained entrance to the office of John K. Clark, one of District Attorney Whitman's assistants, and tried to unlock the cabinet. The key that was used broke of in the lock where it remained as evidence of the attempted robbery.

**Double Asphyxiation at Waterbury.**

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 13.—James Dikas, 27, and his wife, Susan Dikas, 25, are dead, while Vincent Dunbriski, 20, a brother of the deceased woman, is dying in St. Mary's hospital as the result of the accidental breaking of a rubber gas tube connected with a heater in the kitchen of their home.

**Crowding Out the Llama.**

The longitudinal railway of Chilie, first the dream and next the hope of Chileans for 25 years, is accomplished. The laying of the last rail was an impressive ceremony participated in by government officials. The road is 1957 miles long, extending from Iquique to Valparaiso and on to Puerto Montt. The road was desired because between its ends lies many fertile valleys, bisecting mountain systems which contain mineral wealth "rich beyond the dreams of avarice." For exploitation of both agricultural and mineral resources transportation facilities were needed and the road was also necessary to the proper defense of the country for staraegical reasons. The familiar llama as the chief agent of transportation in Chile will have to give place to the express train.

## Cabled Paragraphs

**Motorboat Ice Scouts.**

London, Feb. 13.—Motorboat ice scouts form the latest scheme adopted by trans-Atlantic shipping companies as a means of circumventing ice perils during their voyages in the North Atlantic.

**"Affinity" Earle Leaving Norway.**

Christania, Norway, Feb. 13.—Frederick Pinney Earle, the American painter who is wanted in France on a charge of kidnapping his son, started today for Skien in custody of a policeman. From that port a steamer will take him to Bodeaux.

**— Filipinos Want Independence.**

Manila, Philippines, Feb. 13.—Resolutions asking for the independence of the Philippines under the protectorate of the United States were adopted by a meeting of the progressive party, which is headed by Juan Sumulong, a former member of the Philippine commission.

**SLEIGH STRUCK BY A FREIGHT TRAIN.**

**Two Killed Outright and One Dying at Kingston, N. Y.**

Kingston, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Two persons are dead, a third is dying and 48 others were injured as the result of a crossing accident near here early today, when a large sleigh conveying a party of Kingston people returning from a dance at Binnewater was struck by a freight train of the Wallkill Valley railway.

The dead are Raymond Wood, a bookkeeper, who was instantly killed, and Julius Moser, a railroad clerk, who died in the Kingston city hospital late today. Arthur Rowland, a bank clerk, suffering from fractured skull, was not expected to survive the night. Miss Nellie Zimmerman also had her skull fractured, as did the two men who have died.

William Anderson, the driver of the sleigh, is the most seriously injured of the others. Thrown from his seat at the first impact of sleigh and locomotive, he fell across one of the rails and had his foot cut off and several ribs broken.

None of the others was seriously hurt.

**BRITISH PUBLIC WAXES INDIGNANT.**

**Greatly Disturbed by Selection of an American as Railway Head.**

London, Feb. 13.—The press and public are much exercised over the appointment of Henry W. Thornton, general superintendent of the Long Island railroad, as general manager of the Great Eastern Railway company. Never before has a British railway gone abroad to find a general manager, and the announcement of Lord Claud Hamilton, chairman of the Great Eastern, of his inability to find a capable Englishman for the position has caused intense chagrin and a great deal of criticism in the railway world. This, however, is not directed against Mr. Thorne as an American, but against the English system, which, it is charged, fails to encourage home talent and initiative.

**LIFE SENTENCE FOR CAPTAIN OF BARGE**

**Pleads Guilty to Murder of a Woman While Drunk.**

Taunton, Mass., Feb. 13.—Charles Matroni, captain of the barge Snipe, today withdrew his plea of not guilty of murder in the first degree and pleaded guilty of second degree murder in killing Annie Walsh on board the barge at New Bedford two months ago. He was sentenced to state prison for life.

Matroni, who is alleged to have been intoxicated at the time of the crime, was arrested near the partly dismembered body of his victim.

**BURNED HIS WIFE TO DEATH WHILE DRUNK**

**James R. Sutherland of Whitman Is Given Life Sentence.**

Plymouth, Mass., Feb. 13.—James R. Sutherland of Whitman, was sentenced today to state prison for life for killing his wife a year ago. He pleaded guilty of second degree murder retracting his previous plea.

Sutherland was charged with burning his wife to death at their home in Whitman. He is said to have been drinking.

**Steamship Arrivals.**

Naples, Feb. 11.—Steamers Perugia, New York; Stampalia, New York.

Christiansand, Feb. 12.—Steamer Oscar II., New York for Copenhagen.

Liverpool, Feb. 12.—Steamer Carmania, New York.

Monaco, Feb. 12.—Steamer Carenia, New York for Naples, etc.

Trieste, Feb. 7.—Steamer Kaiser Franz Joseph I., New York.

Algiers, Feb. 9.—Steamers Belvedere, New York; 31th, Canopic, Boston for Naples, etc.

Naples, Feb. 12.—Steamer San Guglielmo, New York.

Havre, Feb. 12.—Steamer Pomeranian, St. John N. B., for London.

New York, Feb. 13.—Steamer Oceanic, Southampton.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 13.—Steamer Alauni, Liverpool.

**Mellen Promised Protection.**

Boston, Feb. 13.—Promising protection against embarrassing questions regarding proceedings in other states, the public service commission made another effort today to induce Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, to testify in connection with the investigation of the road's publicity expenses.

**Coins of Italy.**

The regularity with which the successive volumes of King Victor Emmanuel's great work on the coins of Italy continue to appear from the press is amazing Italian publishers. Every volume has appeared on the exact day mentioned in the prospectus. Already the coins of Piedmont, Sardinia, Liguria and Corsica have been treated of in three quarto volumes containing on the average 550 pages each. The subject of the present volume is the coins of Lombardy.

**German Merchant Marine.**

The German merchant marine has developed from 4602 vessels of 1,068,368 tons net on January 1, 1875, to 4850 vessels of 3,156,724 tons net on January 1, 1913. The number of steam vessels in 1875 was only 259, with a net tonage of 189,998, while in 1913 it was 2088, with a net tonage of 2,665,496. The steam vessels represented, in 1875, 6.5 per cent of the total number and 17.8 per cent of the tonnage, and, in 1913, 43.3 per cent of number and 84.2 per cent of the tonnage.—Statistik des Deutschen Reichs.

## The Collision was Avoidable

### JOHNSON SAYS HE COULD HAVE AVERTED IT BY VIOLATING A RULE

**Captain of the Monroe Says He Obeyed Laws of High Seas—Concludes His Testimony at the Investigation**

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—Captain Edward E. Johnson, commander of the steamship Monroe, testified today in the trial of Captain Osmyn Berry of the steamship Nantucket that if he (Johnson) had violated the international rules of the high seas he probably could have avoided the collision of the two ships and the consequent loss of 41 lives. This was brought out in his cross-examination by counsel for Captain Berry, who is charged with negligence.

**Could Have Cleared the Nantucket.**

The international rules provide that in case of fog a steam vessel hearing, apparently forward of her beam, the fog signal of a vessel the position of which is not ascertained, shall so far as the circumstances of the case admit, stop her engine and then navigate with caution until danger of collision is over.

Captain Johnson testified that when he heard the Nantucket's fog whistle off the Monroe's starboard bow he stopped his engine and that a minute later when he saw the loom of the Nantucket's light he went ahead full speed to port. "If I had put my helm a-starboard and gone ahead full speed when I heard the fog whistle I probably would have cleared the Nantucket. That is the only possible thing, I think, I could have done to avoid the collision, but I would have been violating the law."

This testimony brought about a curious situation; that is, Captain Johnson's adherence to the rule helped to make the collision possible, while one of the charges against Captain Berry is that his alleged failure to obey the same rule "was the immediate cause of the collision."

Captain Johnson finished his testimony today after having been on the witness stand three days. His cross-examination by John F. Lewis, counsel for Captain Berry, did not bring out anything that differed materially from his testimony on direct examination.

**The Nantucket's Danger.**

The first time he heard the Nantucket's whistle, he said, was about two minutes before the collision. He could not explain why he did not hear it before that time.

Asked if it would have been a good thing for the Nantucket when she struck the Monroe to have remained locked to her with a view of helping in the rescue work instead of backing off, Captain Johnson gave it as his opinion that it would have been a "foolish thing to do," as the Monroe might have pulled the Nantucket down by the stem and water would have poured into the big hole in the Nantucket's bow and might have sunk her.

**Question by Counsel for Old Dominion Line.**

B. M. Wells of New York, counsel for the Old Dominion Line, which owned the Monroe, examined Captain Johnson. Counsel for Captain Berry protested against the Old Dominion's counsel appearing in the case, as the government was the prosecutor and it was unfair, he said, that the government should be aided by private counsel. The board of steam vessel inspectors allowed him to examine Captain Johnson with the understanding that he would not touch upon the conduct of the two captains. Mr. Wells confined himself to bringing out through the witness the customs of the Old Dominion Line in the navigation of its vessels.

**Pageant of Unemployed Postponed.**

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 13.—"The pageant of the unemployed," which James Eads How had planned to lead to the city hall here this afternoon, was postponed because of a storm. Seventy-five men met to join the procession, but they were told the "pageant" had been postponed until next Tuesday and that the unemployed could find employment shoveling snow.

**The New Hampshire Public Service** commission in response to a protest by the Concord Women's club against the height of the steps on the cars of the local street railway Saturday issued an order that no open cars be run regularly hereafter with steps of a greater height than 15 inches.

## Marines Landed at Cape Haytien

### COMMANDER HARRISON PREPARES FOR CRISIS IS EXPECTED TODAY

**Federal Forces on Way to Crush General Theodore, Who Has Established Separate Government at Cape Haytien**

Washington, Feb. 13—Twenty-five American bluejackets were landed from the cruiser San Francisco at Cape Haitien, Haiti, today to protect foreigners and their property. Commander Harrison reported to the navy department that he expected the crisis there tomorrow and was ready to land more men.

Commander Harrison said he had received information of the approach of the Haitien federal forces by both land and sea in provisional President Zamor's effort to crush the power of General Theodore, who has set up a separate government at Capt Haitien. Officials here have the utmost confidence that there is ample force on the San Francisco to protect American interests in the threatened seaport.

It is expected here that if the fighting is continued into the limits of Cape Haitien proper, the American commander will insist upon the establishment of a neutral zone into which Americans and other foreign non-combatants may retire for safety.

**Zamor Not Yet Recognized.**

State department officials are watching the impending clash with interest, for upon the result depends General Zamor's attempt to demonstrate that he is in full control of the situation in the island republic, as one of the conditions of recognition of his government, which so far has been withheld by the United States.

**PRESIDENT SPENDS ENTIRE DAY IN BED.**

**Suffers from Severe Cold, But Condition Not Alarming.**

Washington, Feb. 13.—Friday, the 13th—a combination which ordinarily President Wilson would consider lucky—turned out to be the reverse, for the chief executive spent a second day in bed nursing a severe cold, and had to forego attending the special reception given at the White House tonight for the New Jersey democracy.

The only other engagement the president had—a cabinet meeting—had been cancelled early in the day, and it had been expected that he would be able to leave his room to receive his guests. After a consultation, however, between Secretary Tumulty and Dr. Cary T. Grayson, U. S. N., the president's physician, it was decided that to allow him to go from a room of even temperature to the White House crowded parlors on the lower floor would be dangerous. A statement then was issued by the White House saying the president had insisted that the reception be held notwithstanding his indisposition and declaring that the cold was "responding satisfactorily to treatment."

Further than this, no formal comment was made on the president's illness, though Secretary Tumulty told all inquirers that Mr. Wilson's condition was not in the slightest degree alarming. He said the president was being kept to his room chiefly as a precaution against taking further cold and in order to give him a complete rest.

**Increased Burdens on Railroads.**

Washington, Feb. 13.—While railroad rates have remained stationary for many years, so-called free services at terminals demanded by shippers have grown into enormous proportions, according to Frederic A. Delano, president of the Wabash railroad and a member of the federal industrial relations committee.

**Bonds Sold Over Counter.**

Boston, Feb. 13.—State Treasurer Mansfield, who declined to sell an issue of $6,000,000 state bonds through bankers, began marketing them over the counter today and before the office had closed for the night considerably more than half the issue had been disposed of.

CABLES

**Judge T. C. Munger,** of the federal district at Lincoln, Nebraska has dismissed the six cases pending against as many Nebraskan railroads to test the constitutionality of the Nebraska two cent fare law and the maximum freight rate law passed in 1907 by the Nebraska legislature.


## Advertising Will Overcome Location

It is a common thing to hear a merchant whose business is running behind lay it all to the poor location of his store or the fact that "the town has grown in the opposite direction and taken my trade further up the street;" and so he throws up his hands and lets a perfectly good business go by the boards. These are the merchants who have not awakened to the fact that the right kind of advertising will overcome every possible disadvantage that poor location will impose.

Probably these merchants will say that they have tried advertising and it didn't work. Of course it didn't work because it was probably done in the same "I-threw-up-my-hands" spirit that has let the stock run behind and the windows get dusty.

Real live, consistent advertising with the goods to back up every statement made, and the salesmanship to present it in its most attractive way can bring any business that has the slightest excuse to live back from the very doors of the bankruptcy court. The great buying public, all things being equal, will go to the nearest store for its goods, but it will on the other hand go a long ways out of its way to buy goods that have been made desirable through attractive advertising. There is no equal in presenting your offerings attractively and convincingly to the buying public in this vicinity to The Bulletin. It can be easily proved.

In the past week the following matter has appeared in The Bulletin news columns:

| Bulletin | | Telegraph | Local | General | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saturday, | Feb. 7.. | 105 | 145 | 946 | 1196 |
| Monday, | Feb. 9.. | 88 | 143 | 268 | 499 |
| Tuesday, | Feb. 10.. | 99 | 160 | 251 | 510 |
| Wednesday, | Feb. 11.. | 85 | 104 | 226 | 415 |
| Thursday, | Feb. 12.. | 97 | 102 | 256 | 455 |
| Friday, | Feb. 13.. | 98 | 107 | 219 | 424 |
| Totals ..... | | 572 | 761 | 2166 | 3499 |


## Condensed Telegrams

**Congressmen Will Continue** to distribute free seeds.

**There Were 37,073 Irish** emigrants to the United States in 1913.

**The Smallpox Situation** in Portland, Me., is clearing. The schools will be reopened Monday.

**More Than 250,000 Soldiers** of the French army were off the sick list during the month of January.

**Because Three Employes** of a Philadelphia upholstery mill refused to join the union, 250 weavers struck.

**Ephraim Moss,** a veteran newspaper publisher, died at his home at Kansas City yesterday. He was 88 years old.

**Trapped in Their Burning Home at** Pittsburgh, yesterday, Emma and Charles Jenkins, children, were burned to death.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Grant, aged 81,** a cousin of President U. S. Grant, died at her home yesterday in St. Albans, W. Va.

**Babies Are not Mailable.** The post office department so holds in an edict yesterday barring them from the parcel post.

**A Bill in the New York Legislature** proposes submitting the question of Sunday fishing and amateur sports to a referendum.

**Mrs. Kate Brownlee Sherwood** of Toledo, Ohio, wife of Representative Isaac R. Sherwood, is dangerously ill at Washington.

**A Scratch by One** of his fancy chickens caused the death yesterday of Daniel A. Ney, a poultry fancier of Wernersville, Pa.

**Rev. Thomas J. Dodd,** pastor of the Windsor Locks Methodist Episcopal church died yesterday at the home of his father at Shelton.

**Locked in His Own Meat Freezer,** William Melage, a butcher of Mount Pleasant, N. J., saved his life by dancing until he was rescued.

**Announcement Came** from the bedside of Senator Bacon yesterday that his temperature, for the first time since his illness, had reached normal.

**How to Make Hens Lay More Eggs;** was one of the multitude of inestigations authorized in the agricultural appropriation bill reported yesterday.

**A Modified Bill** to repeal the collection at the source feature of the income tax law was introduced yesterday by Representative Cantor of New York.

**The Plant of the Middletown, Ohio** Journal company, publishers of the Middletown Daily Journal, was destroyed yesterday by fire of unknown origin.

**Mistaking Tablets** of a poisonous nature for those prescribed to relieve headache, Charles D. Ryder, city engineer of Stamford, lies critically ill in the hospital.

**One Hundred Federal Fertilizer** reduction plants along the Atlantic coast from Hatteras to Eastport were proposed yesterday in a bill by Representative Donovan of Connecticut.

**An Attempt to Thaw Out** water pipes started a fire which destroyed the two story house at Methuen, Mass., owned by Edward F. Searles and occupied by Peter F. Graham yesterday.

**Louis D. Brandeis** has declined to become a member of the board of trustees to take over and dispose of the Boston & Maine railroad held by the New York, New Haven and Hartford.

**S. G. Shanghalias** was struck by a Boston and Maine express train at the Melrose Highland station yesterday and thrown with such force against a post that his head was snapped from his body.

**A Monument to Cost $5,000** at the grave of General Henry W. Lawton, in Arlington National cemetery, is proposed in a bill passed yesterday by the senate. General Lawton was killed in the Philippines.

**Fifty Fires in Greater New York** between the hours of 7 p. m. and 4 a. m. drove hundreds of persons into the zero weather and gave the firemen one of the busiest nights in the history of the city Thursday.

**Robert Talbot,** son of Town Officer William Talbot of Greenwich, Conn., committed suicide at the Greenwich lock-up yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor. He had been pronounced insane by physicians.

**Attorney General Beynten** of Mass., ruled yesterday that existing labor laws do not permit an employer to require employes who have worked six days in a week to assist in taking an inventory on Sunday.

**Forty Girls Roused** from their beds when fire was discovered in a dormitory at the State Normal school at Framingham, Mass., early yesterday, escaped without injury, but suffered severely from the extreme cold.

**Four Employes of the Hercules** Powder Works at Kenvil, N. J., were killed in an explosion which destroyed the packing house of the plant, where tons of powder were ready for shipment to Mexico.

**Frank Hodges, Brother** of the governor of Kansas, has failed in his efforts to get a $49 refund from the government for a $50 hunting license in Alaska he did not use because of typhoid fever. The senate has indefinitely postponed the bill.

**Rev. Joel H. Metcalf,** a minister and astronomer of Winchester, Mass., has added another asteroid to the known planets of the solar system, which brings his record for such discoveries up to 40, out of the 800 bodies known to exist between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter.

**The Tip of an Open Umbrella** in the hands of William H. Heuscher touched a low-hanging electric lamp one night while he walking through the rain to his home in Jamaica, L. I., and Huescher was shocked to death by the current which passed down the steel umbrella rod. The jury yesterday awarded $7,000 damages to Huescher's widow.

**Heavy Snowfall at St. Louis.**

St. Louis, Feb. 13.—Street car traffic in and out of St. Louis was way behind normal schedules tonight as a result of a heavy drifting snow that in 24 hours reached a depth of 12 1-2 inches.

## Two Steamers Driven Ashore

### BLINDING STORM OFF VIRGINIA COAST

### LIFE SAVERS RESPOND

**Crew of British Vessel Decline to Leave and Later Send Out Signals of Distress—Other Boat is Unidentified.**

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 13.—Battling against the fury of a northeast gale, in a blinding snowstorm, two steamers went ashore tonight a few miles from the Virginia capes. One of them is the British steamer Katherine Park, and the other is an unidentified tramp.

The Katherine Park stranded off Smith Island, a few miles from Cape Charles. The unidentified vessel struck the beach near Cape Henry life saving station.

**Crew Declined to Leave.**

Life savers succeeded in launching a boat and reached the side of the Katherine Park. Her crew, however, declined to leave, her captain believing there was no danger and hoping to float the vessel without assistance.

**Signals of Distress Later.**

When the storm increased and the sea became higher, the steamer blew signals of distress. The revenue cutter Onondaga at the Norfolk navy yard was immediately ordered to the scene. The wrecking tug Rescue, which had been standing by the sunken steamer Monroe, also went to the aid of the helpless vessel.

**Unable to Reach Tramp Steamer.**

Last reports stated that the steamer was well up on the beach, with the seas breaking over her decks. The unidentified steamer was discovered about 10 o'clock tonight by life savers. Efforts were made to launch a lifeboat to send assistance to the stranded craft, but without success. The steamer is well in towards shore.

**ALLEGED THREAT AGAINST SENATOR.**

**Evidence Tending to Show a Plot to Compromise Gore.**

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 13.—Initial testimony was given today in support of the contention of the defense that United States Senator Thomas P. Gore, who is being sued by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond for $50,000 damages, is the victim of a conspiracy engineered by disappointed officeseekers. The senator tomorrow morning will take the witness stand to deny in detail, his attorneys declare, Mrs. Bond's allegation of indignities offered her, and will make "startling revelations" as to the alleged plot.

Half a dozen witnesses for the defense today testified in contradiction of testimony given by witnesses for the plaintiff. One of these, J. W. Laws, an Oklahoma City attorney, declared he was told by T. E. Robertson, an important witness for Mrs. Bond and an unsuccessful applicant for a federal position, that Gore was "drunk with power, but we'll pull him from his high perch yet."

Several depositions were read.

**WILL CAMPAIGN ON SHANKSMARE**

**Aspirant for Governorship to Walk Around the State.**

Madison, Wis., Feb. 13.—A three thousand mile walking tour faces Henry E. Roethe, of Fennimore, candidate for the republican nomination for governor of Wisconsin, who is running on a platform of economy and lower taxes.

Mr. Roethe announced here today his purpose to open his pedestrian campaign about March 15. His average walking rate is 30 miles a day, but he will slow down to 25 so as to discuss lower taxes at country stores and tack up placards.

He has purchased three pairs of cowhide shoes, which he thinks will last him throughout the journey. He plans to visit every county in the state before August 15.

Mr. Roethe limited his campaign expenses to $1,000. He figures he can save $600 by walking.

**CRACKS IN EARTH DUE TO THE EARTHQUAKE.**

**Two New Milford Farmers Positive They Are Not Due to Cold.**

New Milford, Conn., Feb. 13.—Evidences of the earthquake felt in Connecticut Tuesday were reported today by two well known farmers residing in different parts of the town. W. H. Coleman, manager of a farm on the west side of the Housatonic river, found a crack an inch wide running east and west for more than 300 feet. The crack was then lost sight of in the woods. At Northville, four miles from here, Ned Crossman found a long crack, also about an inch wide, running east and west on Mount Tom, the highest elevation of land in this vicinity.

Both men assert emphatically that the cracks are not "frost cracks," due to the extreme cold.

**Steamers Reported by Wireless.**

New York, Feb. 13.—Steamer Pennsylvania, Hamburg for New York, signalled 809 miles east of Sandy Hook at noon 12th. Dock 8.30 a. m. Sunday.

Steamer Amerika, Hamburg for New York, signalled 193 miles east of Sandy Hook at noon. Dock 12.30 p. m. Monday.

Siasconset, Mass., Feb. 13.—Steamer Chicago, Havre via Halifax for New York, signalled 193 miles east of Sandy Hook at 4.30 p. m. Dock 8.30 a. m. Saturday.

**Birk Guilty of Manslaughter.**

Winsted, Conn., Feb. 13.—A jury in the superior court late today found Andrew Birk guilty of manslaughter in killing Mrs. Mary Peroti at Lake Rock on November 9 last. Birk killed Mrs. Peroti during a quarrel at her home. It was alleged that he fired a double barrelled shotgun at Peroti, but missed him, the charge of shot striking Mrs. Peroti, killing her instantly.

A Special Meeting of the Providence board of aldermen was necessary this week before Charles Barsxycgskt, a five year old boy, who was ill with smallpox, could be taken to the hospital. The parents refused to have him taken away until the aldermen passed a special order directing the superintendent of health to remove him.