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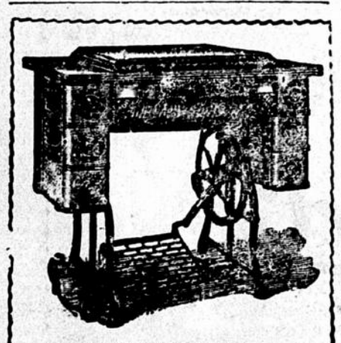

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Scheme is on Foot to Organize a World Combination.

Springfield, O., Dec. 18.—A movement is on foot to organize a combination of the manufacturers of all the grain drills in the world. From two reliable sources it is learned that the parties interested have secured options on the Superior Drill Company and the P. P. Mast Company of this city. Who is back of the movement is not known.

HAPPENINGS IN HAWKEYEDOM

What Has Been Going on During the Past Week.

LAW PROTECTS GAME BIRDS

Supreme Court Decides They Cannot Be Killed for Purposes of Science—Death of Thomas Meredith at Atlantic—Creditors of Oto Bank Lose Heavily.

Des Moines, Dec. 19.—In the case of the state against Harry E. Fields, the supreme court decided yesterday that game birds cannot be killed in the closed season for purposes of taxidermy or other scientific purposes. Fields was convicted before a Black Hawk county justice of killing quail in the closed season. He appealed to the district court, his defense being that he was a taxidermist engaged in collecting and mounting specimens for the State Normal school museum. The district court found him not guilty. Section 2551 of the code for the protection of game birds prescribes periods during which the killing of game birds is prohibited. No exception is made permitting them to be killed for any purpose, but section 2561, referring to certain harmless birds, other than game birds, prohibits the destruction of them or their eggs, except for the use of taxidermists. The supreme court rules, however, in an opinion by Judge McClain, that the exception in section 2561 does not apply to section 2551.

GRINNELL RAILROAD IN SPRING.

Line Is to Be Extended to the Southeast.

Des Moines, Dec. 18.—The Grinnell and Northwestern Railroad company is making preparations to resume the work of extending its line southwest from Fraser Junction to some point southeast of there and something over 100 miles will be laid as soon as the weather permits next spring.

The contracts for the work have been let the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Western Construction company and the ties, piles, and other lumber have already been purchased from St. Louis firms, and are being carried to Fraser Junction by the Wabash Railroad company.

A permanent survey has already been made which extends from Fraser through Kelly aud Huxley, and a preliminary survey has been made through Mingo to Newton. It is said, however, that the company is seriously considering the matter of building into Grinnell and this assumption is born out by the fact that the company has changed its name from the Newton and Northwestern to the Grinnell and Northwestern.

The railroad commission has already been called upon to condemn land in the vicinity of Boone and Fraser, and the work of building the line is now going on there. The line from Gowrie to Fraser, it is said, will be rebuilt next spring. The roadbed in that section, it is claimed, does not meet with the approval of those who are financing the enterprise and some of the curves are to be straightened out and other changes made.

THOS. MEREDITH PASSES AWAY.

Well Known as a Greenback and Populist Leader for Many Years.

Atlanta, Dec. 19.—Thos. Meredith, a pioneer of Iowa, died on his farm west of this place yesterday, after being ill for several weeks. Mr. Meredith was well known throughout the state, especially by politicians. He formerly owned the Farmers' Tribune, published in Des Moines, and spent large sums of money in an endeavor to sustain it as the organ of the populist party. Thomas Meredith, in his days of activity, spent much time and energy advocating the principles of the populist party, and was known as a reformer. Especially was his campaign for the greenback a vigorous one. He was born in England in 1824 and came to this country twenty-eight years later. He came to Cass county in 1855, and has been a resident of this place and Des Moines since.

He has accumulated a large amount of property, and was always a generous contributor to charitable institutions.

One of his last acts was a gift of $5,000 and a site for a Y. M. C. A. building in this city.

CREDITORS LOSE HEAVILY.

Oto Bank Will Pay Less Than 50 Cents on the Dollar.

Sioux City, Dec. 19.—J. T. McVay trustee in bankruptcy for the Oto bank, has filed with C. L. Joy, referee in bankruptcy, his first report of the condition of the bank's affairs.

The schedule of liabilities, both secured and unsecured, totals $150,000,772.92; the schedule of assets amounts to $45,708.73. Of the liabilities, however, $74,000 in this list are secured, and these creditors should be able to satisfy their claims with the collateral. This leaves unsecured claims already filed of $76,772.92.

While Trustee McVay makes no estimate of the real value of the assets, which are scheduled at their face value, it is not expected that nearly $45,000 will be realized. The conclusion may be inferred from this showing of the bank's affairs that not more than 50 cents on the dollar will be paid.

O'BRIEN VERDICT TO BE CUT.

Judge Shiras Scales the Amount Down to $10,000.

Fort Dodge, Dec. 18.—The motion for rehearing in the $25,000 damage suit against the American Express company, brought by Mary O'Brien for the death of her son in a wreck on the Northwestern, will be overruled on one condition. When the case was tried in the federal court here last Month the jury returned a verdict of $14,000 for the plaintiff. At the hearing for new trial Judge Shiras decided to overrule the motion for new trial providing the plaintiff agreed to cut the verdict to $10,000. Attorney R. M. Wright, of this city, representing the plaintiff, says the plaintiff will yield. The American Express company has appealed the case to the United States court of appeal which holds a session in St. Paul in May.

Burned to Death in Store.

Ottumwa, Dec. 17.—The company store at Darbyville, Appanoose county, a mining town, was totally destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. Willard McConnell, the manager, was overcome by the heat and burned to death. The stock and building are valued at $1,500. The latter was partly insured. McConnell was sleeping in the store with a 10-year-old boy, who escaped. Two hundred dollars in paper money was destroyed.

DOUBLE MURDERER KILLED.

Triple Tragedy Takes Place at Farmington.

Farmington, Dec. 20.—In a fit of ungovernable temper, maddened by an attempt to arrest him, George Stillwell yesterday afternoon shot and mortally wounded City Marshal Robt. Coulter, aged 62, and Justice of the Peace A. E. Musgrave, aged 65. After an exciting chase by a posse raised by Mayor B. F. Ketcham, in which Stillwell fired numerous shots, but without hitting any one, he was shot dead, his body being riddled with bullets.

Both Coulter and Musgrave will die Coulter was shot in the bowels and in another part of the body. Musgrave was shot in the back three times.

Stillwell, who was about 60 years of age, was a man of high temper and was often in trouble with his neighbors. He picked a row yesterday with a man named Moore, who swore out a warrant for Stillwell's arrest. Justice Musgrave issued the warrant and gave it to Marshal Coulter to serve. Coulter found Stillwell on the main street near the livery barn and began reading the warrant. Stillwell, without a word drew his revolver and fired a shot at Coulter. Coulter knocked the revolver and the shot went wide of the mark. Coulter then drew his revolver and began to fire at Stillwell but the latter was too quick and sent two bullets into his body. Coulter fell to the ground mortally wounded.

Stillwell walked up the street swearing that he would kill any one who spoke to him. Soon he saw Justice Musgrave walking along the street carrying a basket of corn and going up behind him Stillwell remarked, "I guess I want you, too," and shot him three times in the back. Musgrave fell to the ground mortally wounded.

Stillwell then went home and procured a Winchester rifle and struck off into a belt of small timber. In the meantime Mayor Ketcham had organized a posse of fifty men and led in the pursuit of Stillwell. He issued an order that Stillwell was to be captured dead or alive.

When the posse entered the belt of woods it spread out and widened into a circle, which inclosed Stillwell.

The latter, thinking he was trapped, stepped out into the open and fired on his pursuers. Instantly he was commanded to hold up his hands. His reply was a shot point blank at the leader. He then fired other shots in rapid succession until his Winchester became clogged by a defective shell Then he threw the useless weapon to the ground and drew his revolver and continued his fusilade. Then Mayor Ketcham gave the order to fire and a volley rang out and Stillwell fell to the ground stone dead, a dozen mortal bullets having pierced his body at the first round. One bullet entered squarely in the center of the forehead. Others entered his body at every point, there being at least twenty-five wounds. The body was left lying on the ground where it fell guarded by the posse until the coroner could be notified.

MERRIAM DENIES IT ALL.

Claims His Course Was Regular Throughout.

Des Moines, Dec. 20.—Hon. Frank F. Merriam, auditor of state the past four years, arrived in the city yesterday from New York. He had received telegraphic information of the public statements that the state executive council had taken up alleged complaints made by insurance companies against the state auditor charging him with extortion in the examination of eastern insurance companies. It was because of this that he returned sooner than expected.

Mr. Merriam was seen in his office and was asked to state what course he would pursue.

"I have no plans whatever," he said. "I have no information that there has been any complaints against me other than the publications in the newspapers, which were shown me this morning on my return home. I do not know that the members of the executive council have considered the matter or have had it called to their attention or that they have any accusation against me. Until I have some cause to defend myself I do not feel it necessary to do so, and least of all I do not care to go into the newspapers in defense of mere newspaper stories, the source of which I do not know."

"How about the charge of extortion hinted at in the New York Insurance Press?"

"I can say in regard to that, that I do not know what company is referred to; but I can say this, that there has been no charge of $250 for two half days or anything of the kind. That is absolutely false and without foundation."

"The fact is," continued Mr. Merriam, "that I have made these examinations in pursuance of notices sent to them last April. There has been no 'swing around the circle' at the end of my term or anything of that sort. The examinations have been made regularly and properly. And more than that there has been no objection whatever to these examinations, save possibly in the case of two of the companies examined. I have here letters of thanks from a number of them because of the examinations and the reports made."

LAMP EXPLOSION CAUSES FIRE.

Hardware and General Store at Archer a Total Loss.

Archer, Dec. 19.—Fire originating in the hardware store of A. Menning destroyed that store and the general merchandise store of Emmenbeck Bros. The loss will amount to about $12,000, with $7,000 insurance.

The blaze was caused by the explosion of a lamp. The flames spread quickly, and soon enveloped the entire building. Owing to the lack of fire fighting apparatus the conflagration could not be checked, and the Emmenbeck store adjoining was also destroyed. When the fire was burning it looked as if the whole town would go. No one was injured during the fire.

Emmenbeck Bros.' loss is: Stock, $4,000 and building $2,000, protected by $4,000 insurance. The Menning loss was $6,500 on store and $2,000 on building, with $3,000 insurance. All the insurance is in the German of Freeport.

Postmaster Surrenders.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 19.—Nels C. Matson, postmaster at Middletown, Des Moines county, Iowa, who has been wanted by the government authorities since May 5 last, for the embezzlement of postoffice money order funds to the extent of $300, was arrested in Pekin this morning. He acknowledged his guilt and was taken before United States Commissioner Howe who fixed his bonds at $2,000 and ordered him remanded to the county jail.

Work Train Through a Bridge.

Farmington, Dec. 16.—A Hannibal & St. Joe work train, loaded with workingmen, went through a bridge between Bucklin and St. Catherine at 7 o'clock a. m. Four bodies were recovered and many more were supposed to be killed.

ARBITRATION IS ACCEPTED

Replies of Allies to Castro's Proposition Are Received in Washington.

THEY ALL PUT IN "BUTS"

Conditions and Reservations Must Be Eliminated Before Anything Definite Is Done—Some Questions Cannot Properly Be Arbitrated.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The official day closed without further developments here respecting the Venezuelan complications. The status of the arbitration proposition, on which everyone waits, was that with a willingness to accept such a solution in principle, no one of the allies was ready to submit unreservedly to arbitration; in each case there were reservations or conditions insisted upon. Respecting the method of arbitration, if it should come to that form of adjustment, it is noted that the feeling is growing that The Hague tribunal should undertake the case.

Mr. Bowen, it is reported, wishes to come to Washington in order personally to effect an adjustment with the resident ambassadors of the allies, but while the state department makes no statement upon the point it is believed that it does not regard this plan with favor. It is pointed out here in connection with the project to refer the matter to The Hague tribunal that in some phases the dispute will not admit of arbitration. Such is the case for instance, where attacks on British and German subjects and the German legation at Caracas, and arrests of consular officers, have made the Venezuelan offense equivalent to attacks on the national honor of the allies, and as such to be atoned for only by an ample apology. The Hague tribunal could not arbitrate such issues, but it is pointed out at the state department that the claims are divisible, and that if Presiden Castro chooses to render the necessary apologies the remaining questions can properly go to The Hague. It is believed that the United States government inclines to the view that there is a disposition to insist needlessly on guarantees for the payment by Venezuela of any judgment that might be rendered against her by arbitration. It believes that the force of enlightened public opinion would absolutely insure a settlement of any judgment rendered by the august tribunal, and that President Castro would not be sustained by a single American country in defaulting.

Secretary Hay has received partial responses from the governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy respecting the proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulties. Great Britain is favorable to arbitration with proper safeguards; Germany accepts arbitration in principle, but finds a multitude of small adjustments to be made before entering into the agreements; Italy, as the junior party of the allies, declares that she is favorable to arbitration, but will be bound probably by the action of the senior partners.

To secure these results the American embassies at London, Berlin and Rome have been working energetically to carry out the instructions of Secretary Hay to ascertain how the proposal would be received. As far as England is concerned, the safeguards referred to are believed to relate to the question of guarantee, which is full of difficulties.

NO BACKWARD STEP.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt and his cabinet had one of the most extended and important meetings yesterday that has been held this fall. Foreign affairs practically consumed the entire time of the session. The Venezuelan situation was discussed, but no conclusion was reached other than that which has actuated the president and his advisers throughout the consideration of the troubles between Venezuela on the one side and Great Britain and Germany on the other.

From an authoritative source the information has been obtained that there would be no recession on the part of this government on the questions involving Venezuela as laid down by the president in his message to congress Every detail of the development in the Venezuelan situation is being scrutinized with the utmost care.

It can be said authoritatively that no apprehension exists in the minds of any official that serious troubles growing out of it will accrue to this country. It is believed that both Great Britain and Germany will act within the arrangement which was originally presented to this government and to which the United States passively assented.

BALFOUR CALLS IT WAR.

British Government Drops the Fiction of a "Peaceful Blockade."

London, Dec. 18.—"If the seizure of Venezuelan gunboats does not result as we all hope, it will be necessary to proceed to a blockade."

In the speech in the house of commons yesterday, during which Premier Balfour made the above statement, he conveyed the impression of possible though as yet unnecessary further hostilities, but that arbitration on some basis might be accepted

Immediately after having spoken these words the premier said that in the event of a blockade no definite difference would be made between the representatives of neutral powers who would not be consulted.

He then ridiculed the idea of a peaceful blockade. When he said: "I think it quite likely that the United States government would not think there is such a thing as a peaceful blockade, and I personally take the same view that evidently a blockade does involve a state of war," the house expressed its approbation.

AN EXPLANATION DEMANDED.

United States Wants to Know Meaning of "Peaceful Blockade."

New York, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hay has cabled to Ambassador Tower at Berlin, says the World's correspondent at Washington, to ask the German government to define for this country exactly what is meant by a peaceful blockade.

The dispatch was couched in suavest of diplomatic language, but it was insistent that Germany should reply. This inquiry was decided upon at the cabinet meeting, where it was discussed fully. Although it has not yet been put into public expression, this government contends that there is no such thing as a "peaceful blockade."

If a state of war does not exist, this government will contend, at the proper time, that United States ships must be allowed to pass.

CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senate.—The situation in Venezuela is causing considerable comment among senators and there are indications that a resolution of inquiry may be introduced at an early day. The senate discussed the bill to promote the efficiency of the militia and also the omnibus statehood bill. It agreed to the concurrent resolution of the house for an adjournment from December 20 to January 5

House.—The house passed the senate bill for a union railroad station in this city to cost $4,000,000. The station is to be situated north of the present site of the Baltimore and Ohio depot at Delaware and Massachusetts avenues and in front of it is to be a large plaza park. The house also passed an urgent deficiency bill, which carried among other items an appropriation of $500,000 for eradicating the foot and mouth disease in New England. A bill was passed to provide for allotment in severalty of the lands of the New York Indians.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senate.—The Venezuelan question occupied the attention of the senate in executive session yesterday for almost an hour. The tone of all the speeches, whether by republicans or democrats, was that our position as a nation should be one of watchfulness. There was a general agreement that while the means adopted by Great Britain and Germany for the collection of their debts had been quite strenuous, they thus far had committed no infringement of the Monroe doctrine and therefore had done nothing to which the United States could take exception.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Senate.—The senate passed the pension appropriation bill without discussion. It carries $139,847,000. An urgent deficiency bill also was passed. The amount carried by this bill is $1,148,400, and includes an item of $500,000 to enable the secretary of agriculture to stamp out the foot and mouth disease, which has become epidemic in the New England states. The militia bill was up for a short time, Bacon, of Georgia, continuing his remarks against the constitutionality of the provision for a reserved force of trained men.

House. — Representative Fowler, chairman of the house committee on banking and currency, introduced a bill today which was drawn by him in accordance with the views of the republican members expressed at recent conferences and which will be urged instead of the currency bill reported to the house at the last session. The bill provides "that any national bank may, with the approval of the comptroller of the currency take out for issue and circulation an amount of national bank notes not exceeding 25 per cent of its paid up and unimpaired capital, without depositing United States bonds with the United States treasury in the manner provided by existing law."

Washington, Dec. 18.—House.—The house passed the bill to reduce the duties on the products of the Philippine islands coming into the United States from 5 per cent of the Dingley rates (the present duties) to 25 per cent of those rates. The discussion of the bill was accompanied by considerable maneuvering on the democratic side to secure test votes on various amendments designed to lower the tariff barrier still further, and a record vote was forced on a motion to recommit with instructions to report a bill providing for absolute free trade with the islands. The division on this proposition was on party lines with the exception of Mr. McCall of Masachusetts, republican, who voted with the democrats. The discussion of the pure food bill, which has been made a continuing order until disposed of, was begun. The McCall resolution calling on the state department for the correspondence in the Venezuelan imbroglio, was adopted at the beginning of the session.

LOWER DUTIES FAVORED.

House Committee Decides On Favorable Report on Philippine Bill.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The house ways and means committee authorized a favorable report of the bill introduced by Representative Cooper, chairman of the insular affairs committee, amending the Philippine tariff act so as to provide for a reduction of the tariff on products of the Philippines coming into the United States to 25 per cent of the existing schedules.

The bill further provides that the rates of duty which are to be levied upon Philippine products shall be less any duty paid upon shipments from the archipelago under the acts of the Philippine commission, also that all articles the product of the Philippines admitted into the United States free of duty and coming directly into the United States for use and consumption here shall be exempt from any export duty in the Philippines.

The democrats sought to have amendments reported which would provide for free trade between the Philippines and the United States, but the republican majority prevailed against them.

The republicans, with the exception of one member who desired more time to consider the measure, stood unanimously for a favorable report. The democrats recorded their presence without voting on the motion to report the bill.

EACH GETS FIVE YEARS.

Five More Members of St. Louis House of Delegates Sentenced.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—The joint trial of five former members of the house of delegates, which began Tuesday ended last night in a verdict of five years for each man in the penitentiary. The defendants, John A. Sheridan, Charles J. Denny, Charles Gutke, Edmund Bersch and T. E. Albright, were convicted on charges of bribery in connection with the passage of the suburban street car bill, to accomplish which, it was charged $75,000 had been placed on deposit to be used as required. The five defendants after hearing the verdict filed motions for a new trial and each was released on bond.

These cases make fourteen bribery cases that have gone to trial as the result of the investigation of municipal corruption, and thirteen convictions have resulted, one case being acquitted on the order of the judge.

The testimony offered by the state in the joint case all tended to show a combination existed in the house of delegates to control legislation, by which means the members of this combine could secure money for their votes. Other former members of the house of delegates, notably John K Murrell, were placed on the stand and testified for the state.

Treaty Goes to Senate.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The president sent to the senate the reciprocity treaty recently negotiated between the United States and Cuba. The treaty was received by the senate in executive session and was referred to the committee on foreign relations without being read. It is stated that the treaty does not concern the disposition of the isle of Pines.

TO ENFORCE TRUST LAW

Hepburn's Bill Passes House as Part of Legislative Appropriation Bill.

PRECIPITATED BY BARTLETT

Half Million Dollars Is to Be Immediately Available to Aid in Prosecutions Under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law If the Senate Concurs.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Mr. Bartlett, a Georgia democrat, during consideration of the legislative appropriation bill in the house yesterday, unexpectedly and without warning, sprang an amendment to appropriate $250,000 to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law, and then direct the attorney general to proceed to the prosecution of all violators of the law. Although such a provision was plainly amenable to a point of order, not a member on either side of the house raised objection. Both sides wheeled into line and all agreed that some action was advisable. Some of the republicans, however, raised objection to the looseness of the language of the amendment, and Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, offered as a substitute for it the language of the bill be introduced on the opening day of the session to appropriate $500,000 for the enforcement of the law. This was further strengthened to make the appropriation immediately available and as amended the substitute was agreed to without division. The legislative bill was passed practically as it came from the committee, except for the amendment.

The language of the Hepburn amendment is as follows:

"That for the enforcement of the provisions of the act of July 2, 1890, the sum of $500,000 is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not heretofore appropriated to be expended under the direction of the attorney general in the employment of special counsels and agents of the departments of justice to conduct proceedings, suits and prosecutions under said act in the courts of the United States; provided, that no person shall be prosecuted or be subjected to any penalty or forfeiture, matter, or thing, concerning which he may testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, in any proceeding, suit or prosecution under said acts; provided further, that no person so testifying shall be exempt from prosecution or punishment for perjury committed in so testifying. This appropriation shall be immediately available."

It is understood the passage of the Hepburn bill appropriating $500,000 to enforce the provisions of the Sherman law, gives special satisfaction to President Roosevelt.

MINISTER BOWEN TO ACT.

President Castro Places Venezuela's Case in His Hands.

Caracas, Dec. 19.—It has been learned from an official source that the allies will notify the Venezuelan authorities at La Guaira of the blockade, to become effective Saturday, December 20, at 3 p. m., of the ports of La Guaira, Puerto Cabello, Coro, Maracaibo, Carupano and Barcelona.

Caracas, Dec. 19.—Lopez Baralt, Venezuela minister of foreign affairs, has transmitted to United States Minister Bowen a document by President Castro as constitutional president of the republic and countersigned by himself as minister of foreign affairs, in which Mr. Bowen is recognized as the only representative of Venezuela in the matter of effecting a settlement of the present difficulty.

According to the terms of this document, Mr. Bowen may act without restriction, and he is to use all means possible to protect the interests of Venezuela. The document was submitted to correction Wednesday night and again yesterday morning before delivery.

The state department at Washington has been notified of the transmission of this instrument to Mr. Bowen.

Events here are depending upon the receipt, through the state department, of the answers of the governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the proposal of arbitration advanced by Venezuela; these answers are expected today. Should they be favorable the Venezuelan government strongly desires that a conference of the ambassadors of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the United States then be held in Washington, and that Mr. Bowen leave La Guaira December 23 for the United States on board the Red D. line steamer Caracas, which is due to reach New York December 29.

PLAGUE AT NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 17.—Three cases of bubonic plague are under treatment in the Swinburne island hospital at Quarantine. The sufferers are the first and second cooks and the second steward of the Prince line steamer Saxon Prince, which arrived from Dubuque South Africa, yesterday, when on inspection of the crew three were found to be ill.

The total number of the crew is 31. There are five passengers on board, a woman and four children.

The steamer will be sent to sea to discharge the water and sand ballast taken on board at Durban. She will then return to Quarantine, when the passengers and crew will be transferred to Hoffman island, where they will be held for ten days for observation. The effects of all will be thoroughly disinfected, and the steamer will be washed and disinfected in every part before being released.

Arthur Lynch is Indicted.

London, Dec. 20.—The grand jury summoned to consider the indictment of Colonel Arthur Lynch, a member of parliament for Galway, who was arrested June 11 on the charge of high treason in connection with the part he took in the South African war, where he is alleged to have commanded the Irish brigade, returned a true bill yesterday against the defendant. The lord chief justice, Baron Alverstone, in charging the jury, remarked that it was sixty-two years since a grand jury had to deal with such a charge, which was the highest crime known in law.

Depew's Currency Bill.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Depew introduced a bill authorizing the issuance of emergency currency by the treasury department. It provides that such currency shall be supplied to any national bank with a capital of not less than $50,000 to the extent of 50 per cent of the bank's capital. The extra capital is, however, to be supplied only in case of a stringency in the money market sufficiently serious to jeopardize values and imperil the commercial and business interests of the country.

RECORD OF THE PAST.

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