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A TRIUMPH OVER OBSTACLES.

SENIOR COUNSEL OF MARCONI TELEGRAPH COMPANY TELLS OF ADVERSE CONDITIONS THE INVENTOR FOUGHT.

Edward H. Moran, senior counsel of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, when seen last night in regard to Marconi's wireless message from Cornwall, England, said that it meant a new era in the history of the world. He thought Mr. Marconi acted foolishly in telling what he had done...

HE DOUBTS THE REPORT. EVEN IF TRUE, SAYS CABLE MAN, IT WILL NOT AFFECT THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

The night manager of the Commercial Cable Company was asked last night by a Tribune reporter if he had heard that Marconi had succeeded in receiving wireless messages flashed over the Atlantic. He said he had not, and that he did not think the report was true.

ANOTHER TONTINE BUILDING.

It will be at the southeast corner of Wall and Pearl sts. W. K. Aston has bought the O'Sullivan property, at the southeast corner of Wall and Pearl sts. A twelve story office building will be built on the site by the Tontine Company.

BURIED IN POTTER'S FIELD; LEFT ESTATE.

On June 14 last Robert Hodges, an old man, was killed by a New Jersey Central Railroad train at Communipaw, in Jersey City. The body was not claimed and was buried in Potter's Field at Jersey City, announced yesterday that he had found on the dead man deeds for \$6,000 worth of property at May's Landing, in Cape May County.

DINNER FOR CHARLES S. BOYD.

At the Calumet Club, Fifth-ave. and Twenty-ninth-st., last night, a few friends of Charles S. Boyd, State Superintendent of Public Works, gave a dinner for him. Boyd was invited, but he could not attend on account of the pressure of business.

THE REV. DR. MOTTET FULLY RECOVERED.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Mottet, pastor of the Church of the Holy Communion, who has been ill, has fully recovered his health.

IT'S AN ILL OMEN.

Thinks the wife to have the wedding ring slip from the finger when she was pulling it. "Something is going to happen," says the wife. "That ring could hardly be pulled from the finger when it was put there a few years ago. Now it slips off by its own weight. How thin the fingers have grown! And the fingers don't grow thin alone. How thin the face is and how thin the once plump form. Almost unconsciously the wife has been fading and wasting away. The drains which children have never been regained. Drains which should have been stopped have been neglected.

ZANWILL TO THE ZIONISTS.

SAYS THEIR OBJECT IS TO ESTABLISH A HEBREW STATE IN PALESTINE. London, Dec. 14.—Israel Zangwill, addressing a London Zionists Day meeting to-night, held simultaneously with five thousand similar meetings throughout the world, said that Christians sympathized with the Zionist movement.

ALPHA DELTA PHI CLUB RECEPTION.

The Alpha Delta Phi Club of this city held its annual reception last night at the clubrooms, No. 35 West Thirty-third-st. The annual election also took place, and H. Oakey Hall, Charles May, William D. Leonard and Gustavus T. Bond were re-elected as members of the board of governors.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE WILLIAMS.

FIFTH AVENUE.—Ex-Congressman William Whiting, of Massachusetts, GRAND-SURGEON P. Fauntleroy, U. S. A., HOPKINS—Commander William H. Driggs, U. S. N., IMPERIAL—Colonel C. Lee McMillen, of New-Hampshire, and Colonel Wade S. Dent, of Texas, MANHATTAN—J. Manchester Hayes, of Maine, Dr. George B. Pierce, of Boston, and ex-Senator Walter Miller, of Vermont. MURRAY HILL—Colonel R. E. Callan, U. S. A., and ex-Senator H. J. Coggeshall, of Waterbury, N. Y. SAVOY—Assistant Attorney General W. Franklin, of Washington, VICTORIA—Ex-Mayor M. H. Dineen of Lynchburg, Va.

NEW NATIONAL COMMITTEEMEN.

MR. HANNA APPOINTS D. W. STANROD, OF IDAHO, AND SAMUEL PARKER, OF HONOLULU.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Hanna has appointed as members of the National Republican Committee D. W. Stanrod, of Pocatello, Idaho, Vice George L. Shoup, resigned, and Colonel Samuel Parker, of Honolulu, Hawaii, vice Harold M. Sewall, resigned.

IRRIGATION BILL PREPARED.

PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION OF RESERVOIRS AND WORKS.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The committee appointed by delegations in Congress from the Western and Pacific States to frame a national irrigation bill, to-day completed a measure which will be reported to a full meeting of Western Senators and Representatives. The bill provides that the receipts from the sale of public lands in the arid and semi-arid States and Territories shall constitute an arid land reclamation fund to be used for the construction by the national government of storage reservoirs and irrigation works, and that the lands so brought under irrigation shall be sold in small farms to actual irrigators at the homestead act, each farm not to exceed eighty acres. The settlers are to have five years to reclaim their lands, and on final five years pay \$5 an acre. The money thus received is to be returned back into the fund, to be immediately used over again under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior. The irrigation works are to be ultimately turned over to the settlers except the reservoirs, which are retained as public works. Existing settlers having an insufficient water supply can obtain water rights on the same terms and the limit of the right to use water so provided.

PRISONER TO GET \$10,000.

A CONVICT AT AUBURN REMEMBERED BY THE WILL OF HIS GRANDMOTHER.

John Harris, who is serving a term at Auburn Prison, is heir to \$10,000 left by his grandmother, Mrs. Schley, who lived in this city many years ago. This came to light on Friday in the Orphan's Court, Jersey City, in the hearing of a claim against the estate of Jane Harris, an aunt of the convict. The \$10,000 is held by the Colonial Trust Company of this city. It will go to Harris when he completes his term.

CENTRAL RESERVE BANK PLAN.

A. B. STICKNEY ADVOCATES IT BEFORE CHICAGO BANKERS.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The bankers of Chicago had a banquet by the Marquette Club to-night. In addition to speeches by former Controller of the Currency James H. Eckels, president of the Commercial National Bank, and James B. O'Connell, president of the First National Bank, there was one by A. B. Stickney, president of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company, who was the principal guest of the evening. Mr. Stickney's subject was "The Central Reserve Bank."

He contended that a central reserve bank would not and could not become a monopoly, extending its branches to every village, and driving all other banks out of existence. The necessity of keeping 45 per cent of reserve would render it incapable of competing, except in the larger transactions, with the other banks, which would carry no more than 5 to 8 per cent of reserve. He said, is the regulator of the banking business. As a matter of fact, he went on to say, the Bank of America has only eleven branches, while the other banks in England, Scotland and Wales have 4,021 branches. The banking business outside of London is entirely in the possession of the other banks. Some of the other banks, such as the Bank of London, in point of deposits rival the Bank of England, and in the matter of loans outstrip it. He added:

It is my conviction that there is no safety, and no security, to financial affairs in the United States until the Treasury is authorized, by a simple act of Congress, to create a central reserve bank, which it has become an integral part of the banking system, and cannot be safely developed. Otherwise, the duty of protecting the gold reserve from exportation would fall upon 4,000 national and 5,000 State banks, and the responsibility of protecting the gold reserve against exportation would be divided among more than 5,000 separate banks protecting the gold reserve against exportation. It is my conviction that the central reserve bank, to which would be delegated the sole responsibility of protecting the gold reserve.

It is my conviction that if the restrictions of the American banking laws were repealed and banking made free there would be developed in the United States a banking system substantially on the lines of the Scotch-English system. In process of time the State banks and institutions, which would be selected by the other banks as the central reserve bank. A bank thus evolved, it may be assumed, would be fit both in respect to the character and capacity of its directors and managers for the government to enter into a voluntary relationship with it. I advocated, a bank produced by evolution and controlled by the natural laws of the present banking system, and not by a partisan, ill-considered and compromise legislation. Under free banking laws many, and perhaps most, of the present banks, would continue to conduct local, independent banks for an indefinite period. Being free, they could continue to conduct local banks as long as they saw fit. More than 14 per cent of the banks of England have no branches.

JOHN R. SUYDAM ROBBED.

THEIVES BREAK INTO HIS COUNTRY HOUSE AT BAYPORT, LONG ISLAND.

Sayville, Long Island, Dec. 14.—Thieves broke into the country house of John R. Suydam, at Bayport, last night and took two guns and a number of other articles. The family have gone to their home in Manhattan for the winter. The robbery was discovered this morning, and Under Sheriff Wells began an investigation. He learned that the thieves had been loitering near the house last night. The Under Sheriff and his assistants are trying to run down the suspects.

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FAVORS OPEN SIDE DOORS FOR ORDERLY PLACES ON SUNDAY—DINNER FOR HIM AND ALDERMAN PARSONS.

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Assemblyman Weekes was the first speaker, and replied to the toast, "Our District in the Assembly." He said in part: Two important questions confront the next Legislature, and I desire to state my position on them. I believe that another Folsy-Driver fight would be inevitable. The present law should be amended so that it transfers the right to sell liquor to the State days before primaries, and the enrolment books should be opened to the public thirty days before the election. I stand now, as I expect to stand when the vote is taken, as opposed to changing the law as it is. I believe that the true solution is to force the Sunday closing unless it is necessary. Do as Mr. Low did in Brooklyn—allow the side doors to be open, except during church hours, so long as they are orderly. In this way the infamous Raines law hotels will disappear and blackmail cases will be a thing of the past.

Mr. Weekes was followed by Alderman Herbert Parsons, who was received with great applause. Mr. Parsons replied to the toast, "Our District in the Board of Aldermen." Mr. Parsons spoke on the history of the XXVth Assembly District, and the prominent men it had produced, and said that, after representing the district for four years in a Tammany board, he looked forward to serving with a board that would serve the interests of the city.

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