



HYDE READY FOR FIGHT.

HIS SIDE CONFIDENT.

If Alexander Loses He May Form Another Company.

When the directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society meet this noon to elect officers...

James W. Alexander, president of the company, solemnly went on preparing for the meeting...

The battle to-day, it is believed, will be in reality only a preliminary skirmish.

The attempt to throw him out of office, however, regards as a base personal attack...

The entire insurance world was speculating on what would occur if Mr. Hyde carried through successfully his determination...

Conciliation appeared to be out of the question. The two sides began to line up in battle array yesterday.

Last evening Mr. Hyde determined to say nothing for his side of the controversy...

Aside from Messrs. Tarbell and Wilson, James W. and William Alexander, Thomas D. Jordan and Francis W. Jackson...

It was a day of conferences and preparation yesterday, with preliminary counting of votes...

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SCARE IN GILSEY HOUSE.

'I'm Going to Fill Him Full of Lead' Shouts Doctor—Arrested.

Guests in the Gilsey House, 29th-st. and Broadway, had a scare last night...

"Where is that fellow? I am going to fill him full of lead."

Detectives followed him, seeing a revolver in his hand. He was arrested at once...

Early in the evening, a crowd had gathered in the cafe of the hotel. Among them were Dr. Knowlton and the police...

JUDAS SHEKEL, HE SAYS.

Loser of Coins Declares He Had One of the Thirty Silver Pieces.

That among a collection of seventy ancient coins which, he says, were stolen from his apartments last night was one of the thirty silver shekels...

Detectives have arrested Mrs. Margaret Wallmer, whom Fischer had been negotiating with to do housework for him.

The Judas shekel, Fischer says, he discovered several years ago at an auction. He declares that a member of the London branch of the Rothschild family offered him \$22,000 for it.

TRIES TO BLOCK JURY.

San Francisco's Mayor Complains of 'Excessive' Expenses.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The labor Mayor, Schmitz, who used all power of his administration to defeat recent prosecution of the ballot box stuffer, Weyman, who was convicted, has now begun an attack on the grand jury...

ADAMS TO KEEP BELL.

Governor of Colorado Reconsiders His Original Plans.

Denver, Feb. 15.—It has developed that the retention of Sherman Bell as adjutant general of the State militia by Governor Adams was a matter of compulsion.

MME. CHARCOT ASKS DIVORCE.

Charge of Desertion Made Against Head of Antarctic Expedition.

Paris, Feb. 15.—Jeanne Charcot, granddaughter of Victor Hugo, has filed a petition for divorce in the Paris courts against her husband, Dr. Jean Charcot...

GIRL WAS BLIND FOR A WEEK.

High School Student Woke Up Sightless—Vision Returned After Seven Days.

Appleton, Wis., Feb. 15.—The case of Miss Sadie Clark of Neenah, Wis., a high school student, who to-day recovered her eyesight as suddenly as she lost it about a week ago...

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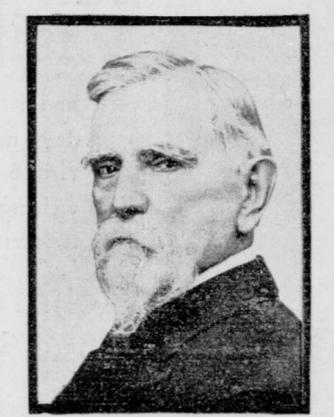
LEW WALLACE DEAD.

Author and Soldier Expires at His Indiana Home.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Crawfordsville, Ind., Feb. 15.—General Lew Wallace died at his home in this city to-night, after an illness that has continued for more than a year.

Nearly a year ago, when the disease began to make perceptible inroads on his health, and his stomach refused to retain food, he went East and consulted a number of the best specialists in New-York, Philadelphia and other cities.



GENERAL LEW WALLACE, Author and soldier, who died yesterday at his home in Indiana.

After the war he was Governor of New-Mexico and had begun on his administration as Territorial Governor of New-Mexico. As late as Monday he wrote a few lines of the book, but was compelled to abandon it and take to his bed.

General Lew Wallace was born in Brookville, Franklin County, Ind., in 1827, a son of Governor David W. Wallace.

At the beginning of the Civil War he was appointed adjutant general of Indiana, and soon after colonel of the 11th Indiana Volunteer Regiment.

THIEF AT W. WOODWARD'S

Maid Who Detected Man Is Struck—Jewels Ready to Take Away.

The timely appearance of a maid prevented the looting yesterday afternoon of the home of William Woodward, No. 11 West 51st-st.

The man was locked up. He said he was Abram Gordowitz, of No. 186 West End-ave.

Mrs. Woodward, who is a bride of a few months, went shopping yesterday, leaving a maid at work in the upper part of the house.

The maid was busy in the second floor front. She heard some one moving about overhead in Mrs. Woodward's room and concluded that something was wrong.

The maid's cries were heard, and as the man reached the bottom of the last flight of stairs he fell into the arms of John Reasley, the butler.

It was found that the man had collected some of Mrs. Woodward's jewelry ready to take it away, and that he was getting other valuables ready when the maid heard him moving about.

Mr. Woodward is a son of the late William Woodward. He was graduated from Harvard in 1888, and is a member of the Union and Kickerbocker clubs.

SAVANNAH LINE.

New ships, large decks, no dust; no crowded cars; no delightful trip South.—Advt.

DOMINICAN TREATY IN.

President, in Special Message, Gives Reasons for His Action.

[FROM THE TRIBUNE BUREAU.]

Washington, Feb. 15.—The President to-day transmitted to the Senate the treaty recently negotiated with Santo Domingo, accompanying it with a message which exhaustively discusses the relations of this country with the improvident republic and points out the necessity of the United States exercising some control over its financial affairs.

It says that in order to maintain the Monroe Doctrine it was necessary for the United States to see that just debts contracted by South and Central American republics and those of the West Indies should be paid and therefore it was in the interest of peace for this government to take control of the revenues of Santo Domingo.

The message, which was somewhat long, did not reach the Senate until a late hour, because of the understanding that the Swayne impeachment proceedings would not end until 5 o'clock.

There is a disposition to consider the treaty promptly, and it is expected that a special meeting of the Committee on Foreign Relations will be called at an early date for that purpose.

Prominent Senators expect that comparatively little opposition will be encountered in the ratification of the treaty, although it is known that a few Democrats will speak against it.

It is declared that the arrival of the treaty effectually disposes of the Bacon resolution calling on the President for information regarding the action already taken in Santo Domingo.

It was generally expected that the President would suggest to the Senate the advisability of making public both the treaty and the message which accompanied it, but no such request was contained in the message, according to those who heard it.

ABSOLVES A. T. PATRICK.

Doctors Report Rice Was Not Killed by Chloroform.

When the case of Albert T. Patrick, convicted of the murder of William Marsh Rice, is argued before the Court of Appeals next month, David H. Hill, Patrick's counsel, will be fortified by a report of the special committee of the Medico-Legal Society, appointed to investigate the effects of the embalming before rigor mortis on congestion of the lungs, without withdrawing blood from the body.

The committee, mostly composed of physicians related to the Medico-Legal Society last night at the society meeting at the Waldorf. The report is wholly in favor of the convicted lawyer, every member of the committee signing an opinion that Rice did not die from chloroform poisoning, and that the condition of his lungs was entirely due to the embalming process employed by the undertaker.

Samuel R. Thomas, counsel for Patrick, who heard the report read, said that he expected to make valuable use of the report. He intimated that it would be used in some way in argument for reversal before the Court of Appeals, as well as in the trial court in case a new trial was ordered.

It would be impossible for any one to discriminate from the post-mortem appearance between the administration of chloroform as the cause of death or as the result of the embalming process, as stated by the committee. No one could truthfully have stated that death was wholly caused by the inhalation of chloroform, from appearances as presented in the body, because of the presence of embalming fluid, and further because chloroform was not found by chemical tests.

The report is signed by Drs. A. P. Grinnell, Harold Brooks, Justin Herold, James Moran, V. Sileo, Professor H. S. Eckles and W. H. Francis.

TO MAKE UNIONS RESPONSIBLE.

Indianapolis, Feb. 15.—A stringent bill was introduced into the legislature here to-day under which it will be possible to collect damages from labor unions for injuries. Heretofore there has been no law in this State under which injured persons could secure redress.

QUICKEST LINE TO CLEVELAND.

Leave New York 5:30 p. m., arrive Cleveland 7:15 next morning, connecting at 8:30 with New York Central, P. M. St. Louis 4:45 p. m. by New York Central. Fine Service. No excess fare.—Advt.

RAPID TELEGRAPHY.

Inventors Say They Can Transmit 40,000 Words an Hour.

Paris, Feb. 16.—Experiments were made yesterday between Paris and London with a new rapid telegraphic apparatus. The inventors, Pollak and Virag, say that the instrument can transmit 40,000 words an hour with the help of six clerks. The messages arrive in written instead of Morse characters.

The telegraphic apparatus referred to above is the invention of Antin Pollak and Joseph Virag, Hungarian engineers. It was tested in October, 1899, over a wire between Budapest and Berlin, but did not realize the predictions for it at that time, which have now been greatly modified.

TALK OF \$2 WHEAT.

Big Bull Move Starts—Shorts in May Futures Panicstricken.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The great bull campaign in wheat is on. To-day the Wall Street coterie of which John W. Gates is the recognized leader routed the bears so completely that the extravagant predictions of the Eastern captain as to future values for the May option seemed much more reasonable to the pessimist.

Small traders, reduced to a state of almost utter nervous collapse, plunged about madly, tearing cards and telegrams to bits in their nervousness.

Bulls declare that, with possible occasional setbacks, wheat is headed straight for at least \$1.35 a bushel, and the more radical are crying all the way from \$1.50 to \$2 a bushel.

FIREMEN FAVOR STRIKE.

Majority on New-Haven Vote for It if Decision Is Adverse.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Derby, Conn., Feb. 15.—A majority of the firemen of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad have voted to strike if the decision of the directors' committee to which they declared shall be against their demands.

Of the 1,368 members of the Brotherhood of Firemen on the New-Haven system the votes of \$27 have been received and counted up to tonight. Of this number 680, a majority of the firemen on the road, have voted for, and 141 against a strike.

After some spirited debate, the New-York Bar Association, at a special meeting last night, declared by a vote of 78 to 58 that it preferred for the proposed new courthouse a site downtown, near the present county courthouse and the Hall of Records.

COURTHOUSE DOWNTOWN.

Bar Association Wishes Site Near Hall of Records.

The original bill providing for the construction of the courthouse fixed the location of the building on a site south of Franklin-st. There is at present a bill before the legislature, already passed by the Senate, removing the limitation set by the original bill.

COLD SHUTS COAL MINES.

Lehigh Valley Among Those Suspended for the Week.

Wilkesbarre, Feb. 15.—Owing to the cold weather, which retards the movement of freight, several of the large mining companies in this region, among them being the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, have to-day been compelled to suspend operations for the rest of this week.

Great difficulty is being experienced in moving the coal cars to ports and in getting cars back to collieries, and the daily shipments have become so small that the best way out was to shut down for three days, when sufficient cars could be secured to keep the collieries running at their full capacity for a time.

ICE GORGED 100 MILES.

Men Trying to Save Boats at Cincinnati with Dynamite.

Cincinnati, Feb. 15.—The big ice gorge to-day extended from fifty miles below to fifty miles above the city, and a large force of men began work with dynamite and nitro-glycerine in an attempt to break the gorge sufficiently to save vessels in the harbor here. It is planned to blast an open channel around steamers and barges so that when the ice finally begins to move the vessels will not be dragged down the river with it.

HUDSON FROZEN AT HASTINGS.

Man Walks Over for First Time This Winter—Ice Fifteen Inches Thick.

The Hudson River is now frozen over at Hastings. Yesterday morning a tugboat from New-York tried to go up the river, but was stuck opposite the clubhouse of the Tower Ridge Yacht Club.

DEWEY'S PURE WINES & GRAPE JUICE.

Unexcelled for the weak and over-worked. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 138 Fulton St., New York.—Advt.

PLOT TO ESCAPE PRISON.

INNOCENT MAN AIMED AT.

Discovery Leads Rich 'Fence' to Plead Guilty.

Edward M. Harlam, one of the richest pawnbrokers in the city, pleaded guilty yesterday in the Court of General Sessions to an indictment charging him with being a receiver of stolen goods. He was remanded to the Tombs to await sentence to-morrow.

Harlam was arrested by Duggan and Kinsler several weeks ago, and he was indicted on the charge of receiving goods which he knew had been stolen. Some of the goods were silks which had been stolen by Frank Burke from his employers, Stern & Stern, at No. 478 Broadway.

Harlam first made an offer to Duggan and Kinsler, but the detectives refused, and then went to make his proposal to ex-Assemblyman Maher. Harlam's plans, as disclosed by his offer, was first to have some of the goods stolen by Burke "planted" in the rooms of an Armenian named Melik, in West 16th-st. and have the detectives go there, find the goods and arrest Melik.

Maher put Harlam off a little and consulted with his friend, John McCullagh, the former Chief of Police. By Mr. McCullagh's advice he went with his story to the Detective Bureau, and Captain O'Brien related it to Mr. Jerome.

Harlam was arrested again on a bench warrant on Tuesday, and when he understood that information of his plans to manufacture evidence against an innocent man was in Mr. Jerome's possession he decided to plead guilty.

The affidavits probably will be submitted to Judge Foster when Harlam comes up for sentence to-morrow, along with a statement that Assistant District Attorney Lord recently was surprised by receiving a package containing a gold watch and a picture and a card of Harlam. The package was sent back to Harlam, and there probably will be no move to prosecute him for attempted bribery, in view of the fact that he has pleaded guilty to the indictment.

TROOPS DEFEAT YAQUIS.

Indians Said To Be Using Poisoned Ammunition.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 15.—A report from Hermosillo, Mexico, states that the Mexican troops in a campaign against the Yaqui Indians since the killing of the Americans overtook a portion of a band in the Mazatlan Mountains and killed many of them and wounded many others. After a bitter fight, at which the troops were outnumbered, the Indians were routed, and escaped to the mountain fastnesses with their wounded and several dead.

The Yaquis used poisoned ammunition of foreign make, and several soldiers were seriously hurt. Streams along the long trail have been poisoned by the Indians, and the troops and horses are suffering terrible hardships.

MAY BE A MILK TRUST.

Big Concern Incorporates with a Capital of \$17,000,000.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 15.—Marten & Nicholls, attorneys, of No. 43 Wall-st., New-York City, filed the incorporation papers of the American Butter Refining Company at the office of the Secretary of State here to-day. The concern has a capital of \$17,000,000, and its office is at No. 1 Exchange Place, Jersey City. It is rumored that this company is a reorganization of the Borden Milk Company of New-York, which concern controls the milk supply of more than three million persons.

The capital stock of \$17,000,000 is divided into \$2,000,000 preferred, bearing 7 per cent non-cumulative dividend, and \$15,000,000 common stock. The company is to deal in milk and all milk and food products, to refine butter and to acquire by purchase or otherwise the business and plant of any corporation, firm or individual.

INDIAN ON A LONELY WARPATH.

He Kills Three Squaws and a Man and Escapes to the Mountains.

Reno, Nev., Feb. 15.—An Indian to-day went on the warpath thirty miles south of Tonopah. He killed three squaws and a fellow Indian, and then fled to the mountains. He is still at large, though a posse of Indians is now in close pursuit.

MRS. DE MITKIEWITZ WEDS AGAIN.

Cambridge, Md., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Ethel de Mitkiewitz, daughter of Mrs. Charles Wells Small and widow of the Count de Mitkiewitz, and Dr. Arthur Lawrence Holland, if New-York, were married to-day at the home of the bride's mother, near Cambridge. The best man was Charles Robinson, of New-York. The bridal pair took an afternoon train for Palm Beach, Fla. They will live in New-York.

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