

PATENT FRAUD CHARGED. THREE MEN ARRESTED.

Electrical Invention Valued at More than \$5,000,000 Involved.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Three arrests to-day brought to light a scandal in the Patent Office which has been under investigation since early in February, and which revolves around an invention valued at more than \$5,000,000.

It is alleged that through connivance with Barton, Heany and Everding outwitted more than twenty of the largest electrical concerns in the country striving to get the same patent.

Secretary Garfield, after a conference with Commissioner Moore, called on District Attorney Baker last Friday, and the latter immediately presented the case to the grand jury.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—Henry E. Everding has an office on the fifth floor of the Hale Building.

York, Penn., Feb. 27.—John A. Heany came to this city about four years ago from Philadelphia.

FIRE OVER MORGAN'S OFFICE.

Excitement in Financial District When Can of Turpentine Explodes.

A small fire on the third floor of the Drexel Building, No. 3 Broad street, which contains the banking rooms of J. P. Morgan & Co., caused considerable excitement in the financial district yesterday afternoon.

THIEF USES ROPE LADDER.

Surprised in Architect's Home, But Slides to Freedom.

A burglar was surprised in the home of Richard W. Buckley, an architect, at No. 85 East 78th street, at midnight, but escaped before Mr. Buckley reached the top floor with his revolver.

FORECLOSES ON LABOR LYCEUM.

Brooklyn Unions Hit by Mortgage Foreclosure for \$25,000.

Justice Carr, of the Supreme Court, granted permission yesterday to William Maurer to foreclose his mortgage on the Brooklyn Central Labor Lyceum, at Willoughby and Myrtle avenues.

C. M. SANFORD CARRIES BULLET AWAY

Won't Submit to Operation Unless Surgeons Use Local Anesthetic.

Charles M. Sanford, the lawyer, who was shot in the back of the head by Miss Jennie Blunt on Tuesday, left his home at Smithtown, Long Island, after noon for his home at Smithtown, Long Island.

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD TO ENTER HARVARD

Boston, Feb. 27.—A twelve-year-old boy will enter Harvard next June. He is Cedric Houghton, son of the Rev. Edward Houghton, a Universalist minister of Somerville.

DOCTORS VISIT EVANS.

Admiral Has Rheumatic Gout, but Is in No Danger.

Lima, Feb. 27.—Two Peruvian physicians, Drs. Larric and Rospioglio, to-day paid a professional visit to Rear Admiral Evans, on board the flagship Connecticut, and after a consultation declared that Admiral Evans was suffering from rheumatic gout, but that his condition was not serious.

MR. EDISON OPERATED ON.

Treated by Dr. Ducl Again, This Time for Mastoiditis.

A second operation was performed yesterday on Thomas A. Edison at the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. This operation, which was performed by Dr. Arthur E. Ducl, was for mastoiditis.

HEYNE LONG DELAYED.

German Tramp Steamer Had Desperate Battle Coming Across.

Not since the disabled steamer Ponce was missing more than a year ago has a steamship taken longer to make port than did the German tramp steamer Robert Heyne, which arrived yesterday with a cargo of chalk from Dunkirk and Queenstown.

NEW MERCANTILE HEAD.

John H. Edwards Slated to Succeed Seth M. Milliken.

The adjourned annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mercantile National Bank will be held to-day and afterward the directors will meet and elect a new president to succeed Seth M. Milliken, who announced some time ago that he would have to be relieved of the cares of the presidency.

MARDI GRAS OPENS.

Parade of Knights of Momus a Brilliant Spectacle.

New Orleans, Feb. 27.—The street parades of the Mardi Gras carnival began in New Orleans to-night with the parade of the Knights of Momus.

ERIE TO USE HUDSON TUNNEL.

President Underwood Announces Closing of Contract for Through Service.

Montclair, N. J., Feb. 27 (Special).—President F. D. Underwood of the Erie Railroad has announced that through service in the McAdoo tunnel will be available for passengers from Montclair and other points.

L. & N. MEN ACCEPT REDUCTION.

Louisville, Feb. 27.—After an all-day conference between the officials of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad and a general committee of adjustment, headed by J. D. Keene, general chairman of the Order of Railway Conductors, it was announced to-night that the Louisville & Nashville conductors have agreed to a reduction in wages, consisting of a return to the scale in effect prior to March 1, 1907, to take effect March 1, 1908.

WEIGHED 300, FLOATED ALL NIGHT.

Lebanon, Penn., Feb. 27.—His horses having been washed away and drowned while he was attempting to ford the swollen Quittaphilla Creek last night, Solomon Croh, of Cleona, floated on the water in his boxlike wagon throughout the night to be rescued to-day by persons who heard his shouts for assistance.

RAILROADS PROTEST.

Big Losses of Revenue.

Say They Cannot Comply With Requirements of Nine-Hour Law.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Operating officials of railroads from all parts of the country were in attendance on the hearing given to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission on applications for an extension of the time of the going into effect of the nine-hour law.

C. R. Gray, of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, directed attention to what he termed the "marvelous depression of the revenues of railroads" which had taken place since October 1 last, amounting in general to fully 20 percent.

Mr. Gray declared that there was no question about the Southern Railway since October 1 had been tremendous, resulting in part in the taking off of passenger trains alone to the amount of five thousand miles a day.

NOT EARNING FIXED CHARGES.

C. H. Ackert, vice-president and general manager of the Southern Railway, testified that as to three hundred stations his system asked the commission for relief, and the Interstate Commerce Commission on the Southern Railway since October 1 had been tremendous, resulting in part in the taking off of passenger trains alone to the amount of five thousand miles a day.

"Are you earning your fixed charges?" inquired Mr. Moore, special counsel for the commission. "We are not," replied Mr. Ackert.

"We are not," replied Mr. Ackert. "We cannot comply with the law and at the same time meet our other obligations. We cannot increase our expenses and keep out of the hands of the bondholders of the road. We are struggling to prevent a catastrophe."

BALTIMORE & OHIO'S CONDITION.

George L. Potter, operating vice-president of the Baltimore & Ohio, said that road had already put the law into operation to a considerable extent, but that the situation is still worse.

FEARED SLUMP IN MARKET.

Thus, on April 2, when Thomas, Maclay & Co. owed more than \$300,000, which amount the firm had a right to demand from E. R. Thomas at any time, the Hamilton Bank, to which the firm was indebted, called a demand loan for \$100,000.

YONKERS WATER BONDS BRING 109.788

High Bid Made by N. W. Harris & Co. for Issue of \$100,000.

A \$100,000 issue of Yonkers forty year water bonds bearing 5 per cent interest were sold yesterday at the highest price ever paid for a similar security in that city.

INDICTS THE THOMASES

SPECIAL JURY ACTS.

Charged with Manipulating Provident Life Funds in Stock Deals.

Charged with manipulating the funds of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society for their own benefit in violation of the state insurance laws, Edward R. and Orlando F. Thomas were indicted yesterday by the special grand jury which two days ago finished the investigation of the affairs of that society.

Accompanied by counsel, the Thomases were promptly arraigned, pleaded "not guilty," and were released in \$5,000 bail for each indictment, which the Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Maryland furnished.

The indictments allege that the Thomases used the funds of the insurance company to enable customers of Thomas, Maclay & Co. to "play the market"—to buy or sell stocks on margin.

HISTORY OF THEIR DEALINGS.

An account of the stock speculations of the Thomases, especially of E. R., is given in the indictments. According to the indictments the brokerage firm lent them large sums of money on demand notes, which the Thomases validly guaranteed, to speculate in stocks on margin.

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MINE IMPRISONS 200.

Entombed by Explosion of Gas in Mexico.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 27.—A special from Sabines, Coahuila, Mexico, says that at 5 o'clock this morning there was an explosion of gas in mine No. 2 of the Cia. Carbon de Sabines mines at Rosita.

MISSOURI FOR TAFT.

Four Negroes Chosen Alternates by State Convention.

St. Louis, Feb. 27.—Resolutions favoring the candidacy of Secretary William H. Taft for President and commending the administration of President Roosevelt were adopted by the Republican State Convention here to-day.

The delegates chosen were United States Senator William Warner, Attorney General Herbert S. Hadley, John H. Bothwell, of Sedalia, and John R. Holmes, of Joplin.

The alternates, who are negroes, are Nelson Crews, of Kansas City; J. R. A. Crossland, of St. Joseph; C. K. Robinson, of St. Louis and H. G. Phillips, of Sedalia.

Mr. Curtis sought to interrupt again, and Mr. Owen brusquely declined to yield the floor.

BRYAN SCENTS TREASON.

Says Money Is Being Used—Also Attacks Ridder.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 27.—Charging that money is being used to defeat the will of the Democratic party in the selection of delegates to the Denver convention, W. J. Bryan will publish the following in the "Commoner" to-morrow:

Watch the personnel of delegations to Denver. Money is being used in some of the states of the Mississippi Valley to secure a delegation who will be obedient to the predatory interests.

SOME CAPITOL VALUES.

Wide Discrepancy Between Experts' Prices and Those State Paid.

Harrisburg, Penn., Feb. 27.—The first witnesses introduced in rebuttal in the Capitol trial to-day were four furniture experts, three of whom were sub-contractors under Sanderson, one of the defendants, and the other from Milwaukee.

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SAY MANAGER EMBEZZLED \$36,000.

Piqua, Ohio, Feb. 27.—J. M. Hudson, formerly secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Piqua Flour Company, was placed under arrest to-day, charged with the embezzlement of \$36,000 of the company's money.

INDIAN WAR IN SENATE

HOT, BUT NO BLOOD SHED.

Owen and Curtis Wild Verbal Tomahawks and Scalping Knives.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Tomahawks and scalping knives were brandished in the Senate to-day when Owen, of Oklahoma, and Curtis, of Kansas, clashed over an apparently innocuous amendment which the Senator from Oklahoma sought, with true Indian strategy, to insert in the Indian appropriation bill, and which, if adopted, would have probably made clear the title of Mr. Owen to that 2,999-acre ranch which, with small sums of cash and large amounts of persuasive oratory, he has almost procured from his brother Indians.

Consideration of the bill had not proceeded far when a provision authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to sell for the benefit of Indian tribes lands and buildings belonging to them but used for government schools was reached.

Senator Curtis, the only other Indian in the Senate, saw the point and objected. Then the tomahawks were brought out, and for a few moments it looked as if there would be blood shed.

Mr. Curtis pointed out that this language would operate to remove all restrictions now attaching to the alienation of their lands by the Indians.

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