

McCALL EXPLAINS BUCKLEY LOANS

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Justice Satisfies Mr. Hotchkiss That Checks Represented Only Personal Advances.

Justice Edward E. McCall, whose name had been brought into the fire insurance investigation because of certain checks of his, and one endorsement he placed upon a check to W. H. Buckley from the Phenix Fire Insurance Company, issued a long explanation last night which, in the opinion of Superintendent Hotchkiss, clears him of the implication that he had been cognizant of any juggling of the books of the Phenix to deceive the State Insurance Department.

NEW MOVE ON POOLS. Wise Plans Injunction Against Steamship Combinations.

United States Attorney Wise is getting papers ready in injunction proceedings against the several shipping pools which, according to investigations made so far, control the freight and immigration business entering in this port. It was found by the government counsel that the pools can be reached best by means of the proceedings now preparing.

A SEALER CRUSHED. Over 160 Men Rescued—Catch Valued at \$600,000.

St. John's, N. F., April 1.—The sealing steamer Iceland, one of the fleet operating in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, was crushed in the ice on Wednesday last and went to the bottom. The sealer Florizel, which arrived here to-day, bringing news of the loss, rescued the 163 members of the crew and brought them here.

EGGS FOUND GUILTY. Led Away To Be Executed—Millions of Germs.

Philadelphia, April 1.—In a case brought by the government against a barrel of desiccated eggs accused of harboring 42,000,000 bacteria to every grain, Federal Judge McPherson returned a verdict to-day in favor of the government. The case is considered important as establishing a precedent for future actions.

NO DIVORCE FROM INSANE WIFE. Boston Judge Holds She Was Sane at Time of Marriage.

Boston, April 1.—Although Eva D. Salzberg was for a time insane previous to her marriage to Harry E. Salzberg, a Boston metal dealer, on May 25, 1906, and has since been committed to the Boston Insane Hospital on different occasions, Justice Raymond to-day refused to annul the marriage, finding from the evidence that the woman was sane at the time of the ceremony. He said:

A THEATRICAL CENSORSHIP. Verdicts of Committee May Bar 20,000 Pittsburg Catholics from Shows.

Pittsburg, April 1.—The Allegheny County Federation of Catholic Societies has appointed a standing committee to act as a censor of theatrical performances in greater Pittsburg. The twenty thousand parishioners which the federation represents are expected to abide by the decision of the committee on what is good or bad to see on the stage.

CAUGHT ON TRESTLE. Boys Have Narrow Escape Near Poughkeepsie.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 1.—Caught by a Central New England freight train on a high trestle over Manchester Creek, near here, George Cornell and William Angevine, son of the Rev. Frederick Angevine, both thirteen years old, of this city, and Henry Frey, twelve years old, of Manchester, escaped death by crouching on the edge of the structure. The lads stood on the trestle throwing stones into the creek when the train bore down on them. They scrambled down between the ties because there was not time for them to run off the structure. As the engine passed over them Frey raised his head to look at the train and he was struck by the steam chest of the locomotive. Unconscious, he started to fall, but was grasped by Cornell and Angevine and held until the train was stopped and trammem pulled him up. He was brought to Poughkeepsie in a caboose and taken to the hospital. His condition is serious, but he will recover.

ALIEN MAY HAVE TO REMAIN AFLOAT. Perplexing Questions Arise in Case of Austrian Who Fights Deportation.

"If a man, an alien, went on a fishing trip, sailed beyond the three-mile limit and then came back, would that constitute a re-entrance into this country?" Judge Hand asked that question yesterday in the United States District Court when the case of Joseph Uherall, an Austrian lawyer, who was fighting deportation, came up before him. The proceedings against him were originated by the Austro-Hungarian Consul in this city, Alexander Nuber von Persek, of No. 125 East 17th street.

A STIR OVER EGYPT. London Reviews Praise and Blame Mr. Roosevelt.

London, April 2.—Theodore Roosevelt's speech before the students of the University at Cairo last Monday continues to be a subject for the editorial writers of the London newspapers. The week-end journals take it up with avidity to-day, but their opinions of it are extremely diverse. The incursion of Colonel Roosevelt into Egyptian politics has displeased the Liberal organs, but it is applauded by those of the Conservatives, which contented that the British policy in Egypt is weak kneed.

SAVES WOMEN; KILLS HORSE. Driver of Hook and Ladder Truck Swerves Apparatus Into "L" Pillar.

In his efforts to keep his three horses from running down two elderly women, John J. Tarpey, driver of Hook and Ladder Truck 11, last evening turned the animals half way into the left rein, and the pulled sharply to the left and avoided the two women, who had stood stock still. The horses swerved so suddenly that the one nearest the middle of the street was thrown violently against an "L" pillar and died in about five minutes.

BIG LOCKERS FOR GIRLS' HATS. Chicago Schools Will Also Have Cinders Yards for Marble Playing.

Chicago, April 1.—Chicago's public school yards hereafter are to be made more attractive to the pupils. To-day the Board of Education ordered that schoolyards be paved with pulverized cinders instead of brick, so that the boys could play marbles. Mrs. Ella Plank Young, superintendent, said it was contemplated for boys to play marbles properly on brick pavements.

MIDSHIPMAN WILSON WORSE. Long Fight Against Death Will Probably Be Futile.

Annapolis, April 1.—The attending surgeon at the naval hospital announced to-day that Midshipman Earl D. Wilson, whose neck was fractured in a football game on October 23 last, was much worse. A vegetable garden was ordered planted in the grounds of one school, to teach the children "the difference between a squash and a tomato."

LINES TO FIGHT TAX. May Defend Pools and Oppose Corporation Law.

London, April 2.—"The Daily Express" says that negotiations have just been opened between all the principal European shipping lines to organize an international protest against the American tax of 1 per cent on income derived from business transacted with the United States, and also the new government's intention to oppose the pooling of steamer profits as a contravention of the anti-trust act.

LURE OF DRESS. Led Young Y. W. C. A. Secretary to Jail in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, April 1.—Miss Irma Freeman, twenty-two years old, who came here a year ago from Kansas City and who was employed as secretary of the local Young Woman's Christian Association, was arrested to-day, charged with fraud in obtaining valuable clothing and jewelry from stores under the name of a well known Western Pennsylvania woman who had accounts with the establishments. Miss Freeman, who is said to come from an excellent Western family, broke down and declared she had watched so many well dressed women that she decided she must have the clothes and jewelry, and that she had hoped to be able to pay for them some time.

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Boston, April 1.—After having signed an agreement with her husband to live apart in a sort of trial divorce for three years, Mrs. Sara E. A. Puffer yesterday secured a divorce decree nisi from her husband, the Rev. Charles H. Puffer, of Salem. The extraordinary pact between the minister and his wife bound them to live apart for three years, to remain silent regarding their specific troubles, to say nothing unkind of each other, and then, if, at the end of that time, one or the other found the arrangement satisfactory, a divorce was to be granted on the grounds of desertion.

ATTACK HILPRECHT. SCIENTISTS SCOFF AT DELUGE TABLET.

"A Fraud, Exploited Purely for Sensational Purposes," Says Professor Barton.

Baltimore, April 1.—The tablet which Professor Herman V. Hilprecht, of the University of Pennsylvania, announced two weeks ago he had discovered on an expedition to Palestine, and which he asserted upheld the Biblical story of the deluge, was denounced to-day at a meeting of the American Oriental Society, at the Johns Hopkins University, as a fabrication and as an exploitation of an archeological fraud for purely sensational purposes.

"The ancient Babylonians had fiefs of their own," said Professor Barton, "so it is not even probable that the alleged tablet could refer to the story of the Biblical deluge." This declaration was made in a paper on "One of the Latest Additions to the Babylonian Literature of the Deluge Story" presented by Professor George A. Barton, of Bryn Mawr College. He took up in detail the contentions of Professor Hilprecht and asserted that they were fallacious in every particular.

"Instead of waiting for the meeting of the American Oriental Society," said Dr. Barton, "Professor Hilprecht chose to present his paper to a feminine congregation of the elite of the Philadelphia fashionable set at a meeting of the Acorn Club of that city. The announcement occasioned widespread newspaper comment, and the discovery was hailed as a very important one, supporting in every particular the priestly document of the Pentateuch. I hope to show that Professor Hilprecht's statements about the tablet are not only incorrect as regards interpretation, absolutely wrong as regards the alleged age to which he attributes them and totally of no significance from a Biblical standpoint."

Dr. Barton said that the scholarship which Professor Hilprecht manifested in his translation of the text of his tablet was "hardly worthy of a first year student in Hebrew," and that the restorations which he made in the case of filling in broken lines were "purely conjectural emendations," so that the chances of his interpretations being correct were "only about one in one hundred."

"While occasionally his translation of a line is sound," continued Dr. Barton, "his drawing upon his imagination in filling out the broken lines was entirely too free." "In the second place, Dr. Hilprecht claims that the tablet was written some time between 2137 and 2005 B. C. Any student of the Oriental languages could tell from even a casual examination that the dialect in which the tablet is written belongs to a wholly later period and that instead of the real date of the tablet being that of the time alleged, it really belongs several centuries later. Thus, even if the interpretation had been correct, the tablet is of no scientific value, since it belongs to a period several centuries after that on which it was alleged to throw historical light.

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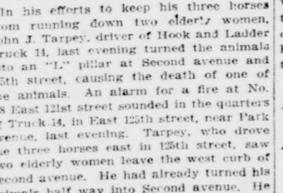
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