

from the books of the firm of Messrs. Patterson, Teale & Dennis, the well known firm of public accountants, as of January 28, 1910. A condensed summary of the statement is as follows:

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash, Accounts receivable, Furniture and fixtures, etc. Liabilities include Loans payable, Deposits, Accounts payable, etc.

It has been impossible as yet to ascertain the exact amount of secured and unsecured obligations of the firm. The secured obligations will amount to about \$5,000,000 and the unsecured debts to over \$1,000,000.

The cause of the failure is attributed by members of the firm to the shrinkage in market value of the 4 1/2 per cent bonds of the Louisiana and Susquehanna Railway Company and the preferred stock of the Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad Company, of which the firm were carrying a large amount.

As soon as the statement of Patterson, Teale & Dennis of January 28 is brought down to date a detailed statement of the financial condition of the firm can be made.

Companies for which the firm has undertaken the flotation of securities are the Kansas City Viaduct and Terminal Railroad, the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad, the Louisiana and Susquehanna Railroad, the Keystone Telephone Company of Philadelphia, the New Orleans Great Northern Railroad, the Kansas City Western Railroad and the Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad.

Several of these companies have not yet completed the construction for which they were organized and financed, so that their securities were naturally in demand to dispose of. For instance, the Kansas City Viaduct and Terminal Company, which has outstanding \$3,500,000 stock and \$2,500,000 bonds, is still engaged in building elevated railroads and viaducts traversing and connecting Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan.

The Keystone Telephone Company, for which the firm had long been fiscal agent, is the principal independent telephone company in Pennsylvania. It has shown excellent returns for the past year, but Mr. Brown complained that so bad was the bond market the bankers cannot sell its bonds on a 5 1/2 per cent basis.

The Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad Company was first incorporated with a capital stock of \$4,000,000 common and \$4,000,000 preferred and \$10,000,000 bonds. This company has its headquarters at Buffalo, Pa., and is controlled by the Buffalo and Susquehanna Railway Company, which is incorporated in New York.

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ROME ANNEXES NIOBE.

Mayor Nathan Smashes a Door, but Leaves the Weeper in Milan. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ROME, Feb. 1.—It is stated that notwithstanding the maneuvering at Milan yesterday which prevented for the time being Mayor Nathan of Rome from getting possession of the much discussed statue of Niobe, which the Court had ordered to be placed for safekeeping in his custody, Signor Nathan to-day, assisted by the Sheriff, burst open the door of the room in the Sforza Palace, where the statue was kept, and formally seized it. He did not remove it, however, pending the outcome of the present lawsuit.

More complicated litigation is likely to follow since the Roman municipality now claims absolute ownership of the statue on the ground that it was found in municipal territory and that consequently it is unlawfully held by the Commercial Bank. Mayor Nathan will return to Rome tomorrow and a demonstration has been prepared to welcome him. The Milan municipality has telegraphed deploring the hustling and snowballing to which Signor Nathan was subjected yesterday by a crowd at Milan.

TEMPLE OF THE SUN FOUND.

Important Excavations in Egypt—Values of Merotic Letters Settled. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 1.—A Temple of the Sun, erected by Ergamenes has been discovered in the locality of Meroe by Prof. Garstang. It seems to be the temple mentioned by Diodorus. The Greek inscription of the building is obvious in building elevated railroads and viaducts traversing and connecting Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan. The Kansas City Western is also an unfinished enterprise. The New Orleans Great Northern, a 270 mile railroad between New Orleans and Jackson, Miss., was completed only last year, so that there has been little chance for a return on the \$4,000,000 stock and \$7,000,000 bonds, or little opportunity to appraise the value of these securities according to the results of actual operations of the companies.

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3,750 FORKING CHARLES'S BED.

Home-Lacy Sale of Old Furniture in London Marked by Low Prices. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 1.—The prices at the second day of the Home-Lacy sale were not sensational. The highest figure was obtained for the state bedstead in which Charles II. slept. It is well preserved. It realized with its crimson silk hangings \$3,750. A carved oak table of the period of James I. sold for \$1,785. A smaller Tudor table brought \$1,050. A Chippendale bookcase, with cupboards, realized \$1,732. A dozen tapestries, regarded by experts as not justifying their considerable reputation, brought a total of less than \$9,450.

TO REVISE PORTO RICO RULE.

Speaker of Island Legislature Gets a Week to Make Suggestions. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. SAN JUAN, P. R., Feb. 1.—The campaign that has been going on for thirty days to raise \$50,000 toward the \$175,000 necessary to build a public building here has ended successfully. The land will be obtained through the Legislature. Similar buildings in other cities are planned. Congressman Olmstead has called to Speaker de Diego of the House of Delegates giving him a week to present recommendations relative to changes in the government of the island. Señor de Diego has requested that the time be extended to February 16 in order that he may reach Washington.

URBINO PALACE IN DANGER.

Historical Italian Pile Damaged and Threatened by Landslides. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ROME, Feb. 1.—A landslide on Mount Ingino above Gubbio struck yesterday the historical palace of the Dukes of Urbino, demolishing part of the roof. Further falls are threatened from a direction menacing the facade. With a view to repairing and preserving the magnificent building a Government architect has gone there from Perugia.

MORGAN WON'T COME HERE.

Netel London Pastor Declines Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Call. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, pastor of the Westminster congregational church, London, has declined the invitation of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York. Representatives of the church in London made overtures to Mr. Morgan following the recent refusal of the Rev. John J. Jowett, pastor of Carr's Lane Chapel of Birmingham, to accept the offer.

TO STUDY THE PARIS FLOOD

FRENCH CABINET WILL APPOINT SCIENTIFIC COMMISSION. John Burns Belittles the Damage—Germany Praises French Courage and Organization—Halley's Comet May Be Responsible—War on the Loaters.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Feb. 1.—President Fallières presided to-day at a meeting of the Cabinet, at which upon Premier Briand's suggestion it was agreed to appoint a special commission to inquire into the cause of the floods and to suggest means for preventing or at least lessening disastrous results. The commission will consist of scientists, engineers, architects, representatives of the civil service, members of the Senate, the Chamber of Deputies, the Municipal Council and others. M. Dupuy, Minister of Commerce and Industry, described the measures taken to maintain food supplies, the supply of petroleum and other indispensable commodities and to prevent an artificial increase in prices.

The American Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Bacon presiding, has passed a vote of sympathy and subscribed \$40,000 to the relief fund. The Government is receiving vigorous support from private charitable organizations and every indication of trouble will be promptly and fully remedied without the available resources being exhausted. The Temps prints an interview with John Burns, President of the British Local Government Board, who is here making an inquiry into the flood situation. It quotes him as saying that after a minute personal examination embracing some of the worst affected suburbs he considers the situation not nearly so grave as some of the reports published abroad might have led one to believe. He had every confidence in the capacity of Paris to meet all difficulties.

Notwithstanding the great subsidence in the flood the worst afflicted suburbs are still in a bad way. A Gennevilliers, for instance, an area of three miles is under water varying from one foot to four feet in depth. Seven thousand persons there are almost entirely dependent upon charitable relief. None of the houses at Ivry is yet inhabitable. Some of the Paris hospitals are still greatly hampered by the lack of heating and lighting facilities. Several urgent operations have had to be postponed. The morgue is full of bodies which the floods have prevented from being buried. The administration has been obliged to ask a big cold storage company to care for some bodies until the cemeteries can be used. Occasional cases of looting continue, but there is nothing approaching general plunder. It is stated that to-day a policeman shot and killed a looter who had refused to surrender.

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SAYS HIS FATHER IS REGISTERED IN BERLIN. But the Remittance Didn't Come, So He Stole a Clock—Tale of Rich Larceny by a Wandering Nephew Who, Detectives Say, Has Passed as a German Count. If the steamship Amerika, in yesterday from Hamburg, brought a remittance for Frederick Paul Anders, Jr., he will be glad to get it. Frederick Paul's address for the present, is the West Side court jail. If the ship had arrived twenty-four hours earlier Anders would have been down to meet it, but he was arrested Monday night for stealing a clock, a photograph, some picture frames and embroidery from Mary A. Fagen of 514 West Forty-third street and was held in \$1,000 bail for trial. Anders admits stealing the clock, but says he wouldn't have done it if the remittance had come sooner. Anders, who is 27 years old, asked Magistrate Breen yesterday to reserve decision in his case until the German Consul could be notified. "He is a great friend of my father, the Regierungsrat in Berlin," said Anders. "Anders tried to explain, but Magistrate Breen cut him short. "You stole these things, didn't you?" he asked. "I took the clock," said Anders, "but don't make good when my money came" replied Anders. Detective Lieber of the Central Office said that after paying the things Anders left without saying for his lodging and went to live at 247 West Forty-fourth street, where he was arrested. Anders told the reporters that his father was one of the highest officials of the Government and that two of his uncles, Richard Anders and Max Anders, were among the wealthiest men in Germany. He said that the uncles are lumber kings and landowners and that Richard Anders in addition to a city home in Berlin has a large place in the woods at Ostpreussen. Anders left home a little over a year ago he says, because he had failed in his examinations for admission to the bar of Berlin, after a three and a half year course at the Friedrich Wilhelm University. He had entered the university after finishing his time in the army with the Friedrich Wilhelm Grenadier and he speaks Spanish, French and German. Anders' story is that he went to Paris without the knowledge of his parents and after seeing the sights met the German Consul there at Busch, who gave him letters of introduction to people in America. He arrived here last March and says that he at once got a job in the banking department of the silk firm of Fleitman & Co., at 484 Broome street. Last October, in response to a telegram, Anders says he went to Cuba to take a position in the banking firm of H. Uppenberg & Co., at Havana. The place was filled before he arrived and he remained there until late in November awaiting another opening. Then because his funds were giving out, he returned to New York. Finally, unable to secure employment, he appealed to his father to send him funds. It was lack of money, he says, that drove him to steal. He had been notified, he says, that the money was being forwarded but did not know just when it would come. After Anders was sent to jail he sent a message to Charles Weiner, manager of the Commercial Wireman of New York, at 2 Stone street, to notify the German Consul of his predicament. The messenger learned there was money awaiting Anders but was unable to collect it for him. The detectives say that Anders has been posing as a German count. Anders when arrested had in his possession two passports, his discharge from the German army and his certificate of graduation from the Friedrich Wilhelm University, as well as a birth certificate.

FIGHT FOR SACKVILLE TITLE.

Suit of the Late Peer and a Spanish Dancer Plaintiff in English Court. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 1.—The famous Sackville peerage case, which will decide who is to succeed to the title and estates of the late Lord Sackville, who at first as Sir Lionel Sackville-West was the British Ambassador at Washington and got his name because he wrote a letter during the Harrison-Cleveland Presidential campaign in which he advised a supposed British subject in California to vote for the Democratic candidate for the Presidency, came up in the Probate Court to-day, with Sir John Bigham presiding. The petition was brought by Ernest Henri Jean-Baptiste Sackville-West. He says he is the son of the late Lord Sackville and a Spanish dancer, Josephine Duran de Ortega, who, the petitioner declares, was married to Lord Sackville at some date between January, 1863, and August, 1867. The petitioner alleges that he is the eldest and legitimate son of the late Lord Sackville and he desires to oust the present holder of the title and estates, Lionel E. Sackville-West, the present Lord Sackville, a nephew of the late Lord Sackville, who married his cousin, a sister of the petitioner. The present Lord Sackville denies that his uncle married the Spanish dancer who was the petitioner's mother. Sir Edward Clarke in presenting the case for the claimant said that Lord Sackville, who was then Lionel Sackville-West, provided the dancer with a home from 1858, when he was an attaché at the Madrid Embassy. He resided with her at various places in Italy and France and six children were born to them between the years 1862 and 1869. The first legitimate child was born at Bordeaux in 1865. The claimant to the title was born at Arachon in 1869. Sir Edward said the certificate of the marriage of Sackville and the dancer could not be produced, but the certificates of the claimant's birth and his mother's death in 1870 described her as the wife of the late Lord Sackville. "Witnesses from the Continent gave evidence that it was generally understood that the couple were married and that they lived as man and wife. Sir Robert Finlay for the defence said the whole claim must fail because there never was or could have been a marriage between Sackville and the dancer as Josephine Duran de Ortega was married in 1851 to Antonio Olivia, her dancing master, who died in 1858. Evidence was produced showing that the entry of this marriage in the register at Madrid had been tampered with. The hearing was adjourned.

CUNARD ENGAGEMENT BROKEN.

Granddaughter of Noted Shipmaster Will Not Wed Mr. Harcourt. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 1.—It is announced that the engagement of Robert V. Harcourt, Member of Parliament for Montrose, and Miss Margery Cunard, granddaughter of the founder of the Cunard Line, has been broken off. This engagement was of great interest to the American colony here. The Harcourts through their mother are grandsons of the historian Motley, and Robert has written several plays. He also led an attack on the censor of plays which attracted a great deal of attention. Miss Cunard is noted for her good looks.

NOBLE FAMILY SLAUGHTERED.

Russian Youth Kills Father, Stepmother and Their Children. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 1.—A nobleman of the name of Tschukny, his wife and their five children have been murdered by Tschukny's son in his first marriage. The crime was committed at the nobleman's home at Oskanyra.

MARRIED.

ATTEBURY-ADAMS—At the residence of the bride, Oak Hill, Howard county, Md., on January 31, by the Rev. J. H. McClinton, Edith, daughter of the late Isaac Adams, to Henry Atterbury of Summit, N. J.

DIED.

FINN—On January 31, at Flower Hospital, Mary Eleanor Goshin, wife of James E. Finn of Geneva, N. Y., aged 28 years. HAY—On February 1, 1910, at her residence, 1 Princess Gate, Hyde Park, London, Sally Dowager Lady Hay, widow of Sir Robert Hay, Bart., and daughter of Alexander Duff, Esq., deceased, of Providence, R. I., in the 77th year of her age. LOCKWOOD—Suddenly, on February 1, 1910, at Hartford, Conn., Buckingham Lockwood of Hartford, Conn., in his 50th year. Notice of funeral later. FAZELL—On February 1, Joseph F. Fazell, aged 71. Services at THE FUNERAL CHURCH, 34 W. 23d St. (CAMDEN BLDG.), Thursday, 5 P. M. PRILL—On Monday, January 31, 1910, at his residence, 324 West 104th St., F. P. Prill, Requiem mass at Church of Ascension, 107th St., near Broadway, Wednesday, February 2, at 10 A. M. San Francisco (Cal) papers please copy. SLAWSON—Suddenly, on January 31, Joseph Spencer, wife of George L. Slawson and daughter of Charles F. Spencer of Westport, N. Y. Funeral services will be held at her late residence, at Greenwich, Conn., on Thursday, February 4, on arrival of train leaving New York (Grand Central Station), at 2 P. M. WENDELL—Suddenly, on Monday evening, January 31, at his residence, 128 East 20th St., Gordon Wendell, son of Jacob Wendell, deceased, and Mary Bertold Wendell. Funeral from his late residence Tuesday, February 2, 9:30 A. M.

John Jameson Whiskey. The Whiskey of Quality. Noble Family Slaughtered. Russian Youth Kills Father, Stepmother and Their Children. MARRIED. ATTEBURY-ADAMS—At the residence of the bride, Oak Hill, Howard county, Md., on January 31,