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PRESIDENT ON POSTAL GRAFT

General Bristow's Report Is Made the Subject of a Caustic Memorandum.

Mr. Roosevelt Does Not Mince Matters, but Is Outspoken in Condemnation.

Documents Reveal an Astonishing Story of Official Rascality and Corruption.

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CONGRESS IS KILLING TIME

The Senate Won't Work and the House Has Nothing to Do but Wait.

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COLLEGE FIRE AT JEWELL, IOWA

One Student Burned to Death and Another, From Red Wing, Is Missing.

Webster City, Iowa, Nov. 30.—The main building of the Jewell Lutheran college burned to the ground at an early hour this morning. The cost of the structure was \$22,000. One student is supposed to have perished and there were many narrow escapes. Among the students who attempted to save themselves by jumping from the building, Burton Maloney, son of Ole Maloney of Rose Grove, is missing, and is supposed to have lost his life. The origin of the fire is unknown. The structure was insured for \$12,000. Nothing was saved from the building. Later to-day the body of Maloney was found in the river. A young man named Peterson from Red Wing, Minn., is also missing, and it is feared that he perished.

TO RIVAL OUR IRON AND STEEL

British Iron Men Hear That Canada May Do So Shortly, With Development.

Ottawa, Canada, Nov. 30.—A special cable by the Canadian government subsidized press reports a significant speech by T. Shaw, member of the imperial parliament, to the Wolverhampton chamber of commerce. Wolverhampton is one of the greatest centers of the British iron and steel industry. Mr. Shaw declared that in the coming years Canada might prove a more formidable rival to the British iron and steel industries than the United States.

This must have been a startling revelation to the iron and steel producers who constitute five-sixths of the membership of the Wolverhampton chamber of commerce, but to Canadians the only surprise is that British manufacturers have been so slow to arrive at glimmerings of the future in store for Canadian metal manufacturing industries.

These undertakings are passing thru the struggles of infancy but that they are destined to receive enormous development within the next decade no one practically acquainted with the geographical, climatic and natural conditions can for one moment doubt.

FISH UNDERGOES OPERATION.

New York, Nov. 30.—Hamilton Fish, assistant treasurer of the United States in this city, underwent an operation for appendicitis at his home in this city. Mr. Fish is reported to be doing well.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Falling snow and slippery rains caused a collision between Ogden avenue and Erie and Sangamon street electric cars last night in which thirteen persons were injured. A police sergeant who risked his life to save the passengers, was among those badly hurt.

Injured were on the Sangamon street car, which was struck by the heavier Ogden avenue car and partly overturned. Police Sergeant Thomas Meany was on the rear platform and saw the futile efforts of the motorman of the Ogden avenue car to apply the brakes.

The shout of the conductor aroused the passengers to their danger and they made a rush for the rear platform. The police sergeant saw that the car would be struck at that platform while the passengers were crushed in the door, and he leaped inside the car and forced the leaders back.

Many were thrown to the floor by the charge of the policeman, but the platform was clear when the collision occurred.

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WANT TO SECURE FRENCH ISLANDS

Canada Fears Lest Their Control Shall Come Under the American Flag.

Holds That the Monroe Doctrine Does Not Apply to Great Britain.

As an American Power Britain Has a Right to Extend Her Possessions.

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—Canada's latest fear is that the United States has its eyes on the French islands and Greenland. Senator Lodge's reference to the acquisition of St. Pierre and Miquelon by the United States are seized upon here as an incentive to Canadian action.

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road," said Mr. Yerkes, with a smile, "you have to sit down beside it every day and study, too, or somebody will steal it or parallel it. In Great Britain if a company wants to parallel another road it must show that it will not cut down the profits of the present enterprises, and bills have been introduced by old companies and enacted compelling projected concerns to bind themselves to pay to the old company any deficit that may follow the establishment of the new enterprise. In this country we are likely to have plenty of money, but will not see the inception of any great new enterprises until after the next presidential election."

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THEY ARE WARY OF INDUSTRIALS

Charles T. Yerkes Says Shipbuilding Disclosures Resulted in Frightening Foreign Investors.

Declares American Capitalists Are Now Placing Money Abroad Where It Is Safer.

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OLD THEATER RAZED BY FIRE

The Historic Academy of Music in Brooklyn Now Merely a Smoking Ruin.

Theater Was the Largest in That City and the Scene of Many Notable Gatherings.

One Boy Is Missing and May Have Been Killed—Loss Estimated at \$300,000.

New York, Nov. 30.—The historic Academy of Music, the largest theater in Brooklyn, was completely consumed to-day by fire. For a time the flames threatened adjoining property and when the roof fell in part of it struck the saloon building adjoining. The saloon was destroyed. The loss was estimated at \$300,000, no insurance.

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 30.—The steel steamer J. T. Hutchinson went on Eagle River reef at Keweenaw point this forenoon and is a total loss. She was loaded Saturday night with 190 tons of iron ore for the Cargill Commission company for the National Lead company.

The ship is new and worth \$300,000. The cargo was insured for \$1.02 a bushel.

The point where the vessel lies is exposed to all the winds and with deep water on three sides, the vessel is already breaking up. This is the biggest loss on the great lakes this year.

Paris Press Comments Upon Protest of the International Socialist Bureau at Brussels.

New York, Nov. 30.—The protest of the International Socialist bureau at Brussels, denouncing the lynching of negroes in the United States, is commented on by the Paris press at length. The protest, which has been cabled only in part, calls attention to the "rapid increase" in the number of lynchings in America.

"In 1902," it says, "there were 103 lynchings in a single state. Investigation made by the federal government has revealed a state of affairs recalling all the horrors of slavery."

"The negro works under whip and bludgeon and is frequently beaten to death to prevent him from escaping from his master's hands. He is compelled to work naked. He is imprisoned and shot. Men, women and children of the colored race are massacred, their dwellings destroyed and they are burned alive, thanks to the indifference or with the encouragement of the authorities."

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LOOKS SQUALLY IN THE FAR EAST

Russia Prepares to Buy Warships Originally Built for the Chilean Government.

Russian Army Official Is Reported to Have Declared Manchuria Unalterably Russian.

London, Nov. 30.—The Newcastle correspondent of the Telegraph says that Russia has opened negotiations for the purchase of two battleships that were built for the Chilean government, but which were not required after Chile's differences with Argentina were settled by arbitration.

London, Nov. 30.—A dispatch from Tokio says that Admiral Alexief, Russian viceroy in the far east, has sent the battleship Poltava and three torpedo boat destroyers to Chemulpo to support Russian demands for redress in connection with the recent affray between Russian and Japanese sailors, regarding which the Russian minister at Seoul maintains an unyielding attitude.

A sensational conversation is reported from Tientsin, in which General Wogack stated to Yuan Shai Kai, director general of the Peking-Shan-Hai-Kwan railroad, that the demand for the evacuation of Manchuria is reasonable and impossible of fulfillment.

Yuan Shai Kai replied to this that a third power would never consent to accept such a view.

General Wogack rejoined that a third power meant Japan and that Russia could easily crush so small and poor an opponent at one blow, adding that China must accede to Russia's wishes.

Russia Fast Drawing American Trade Out of Manchuria.

New York, Nov. 30.—By the successful inauguration of commercial departments of the Russo-Chinese bank, and by means of the Siberian railway, and the extension of Russian influence to all principal points in Manchuria Russia is now supplying to the trade butter, kerosene, flour, cotton and other products, the Russians handling lines of goods identical with those coming from the United States. It is the intention of the Russians to make a wholesale acquisition of foreign trade in Manchuria.

The acquisition by the Russo-Chinese bank of a large area of government land at Niu Chung and the construction of permanent administration buildings will undoubtedly prove oppressive to foreign trade at that port. The Russian administrator has openly threatened to injure by every means in his power the influence and authority of the American consulate, which has been the object of hostility on the part of the Russian administrator.

The prospect awaits the opening of Mukden and Antung.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Chief of Police O'Neill stated to-day that Charles Kruger, in jail at Greensburg, Pa., has confessed to the murder of Policemen Pennell and Dive in Chicago.

According to Chief O'Neill Kruger has also confessed to the murder of sixteen other persons in Kentucky and the east. The prisoner was arrested on the charge of burglary originally and has been sentenced to be hanged Jan. 14, 1904.

Denver—Nearly two-thirds of the 2,000 miners of the northern Colorado coal fields missed work to-day and it is expected that within a week or two the full force will be at work.

CHIEF FOILED PLAN TO ESCAPE

Chicago's Boy Bandit Had Made All His Arrangements to Take French Leave.

Intended to Jump Thru Window, but Didn't as Police Were Stationed Outside.

Neidermeier Has Confessed—Bandits Are Indicted, Several Bills Being Found Against Each.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Chief of Police O'Neill has in person frustrated a plan by which the boy bandit, one of the car barn bandits, sought to escape from the Harrison street station in the course of an interview with the chief. As a result of the incident, however, the police to-day redoubled the guard over the cell in which Neidermeier is locked.

Neidermeier, all but carried out his plan to make a dash for liberty. He arranged to meet Chief O'Neill alone in Inspector Lavin's office ostensibly to make a number of confessions. He intended, while gesticulating in illustration, to try to leap thru the window to the street.

His plan was frustrated by the foresight of Neidermeier, seeing his plan checked, signified that the "interview" need not go further and that he was ready to return to his cell.

Retain Their Bravado. "We will all walk to the scaffold without a tremor. This was the statement made to-day by the murderers, Mark, Van Dein, Neidermeier and Roeskil, as they sat in their cells.

Van Dein may plead insanity. This plea may also be entered by the other bandits.

A great-grandfather of Van Dein's is said to have murdered his wife and daughter in Maine and to have been adjudged insane and sent to an asylum in which he died.

Van Dein's mother has been working with charitable organizations for several years, devoting much time to organizing boys' clubs, the purpose of which was to keep boys from smoking and reading lurid literature. She told Police Inspector Lavin to-day that she never suspected her son of any wrongdoing.

Prompt action was taken by the grand jury against the young bandits now in jail here.

Against Van Dein, indictments were voted charging him with complicity in five murders; against Neidermeier, indictments in connection with four murders, and against Marx, indictment for four murders. Roeskil will stand trial for one murder.

The following are the crimes for which indictments were voted by the jurors:

Van Dein, Roeskil and Marx, for the murder of Otto Bauder, July 9.

Neidermeier, Van Dein and Marx, for the murder of Frank W. Stewart during the car barn robbery.

Van Dein, Neidermeier and Marx, for the murder of John B. Johnson at the barns at the time Stewart was slain.

Marx, for the murder of Detective John Quinn, Nov. 21.

Van Dein and Neidermeier, for the murder of Adolph Johnson, Aug. 1, at North Forty-seventh and West North avenue, in the saloon of B. C. Le Gross, also the murder of Le Gross at the same time.

No cognizance can be taken in Illinois of the murder of Brakeman L. J. Sova in Indiana Friday, nor of the shooting of detectives Driscoll and Zimmer in Indiana.

Peter Neidermeier in a second confession added several more crimes to the long list already charged against him, Van Dein, Marx and Roeskil.

Solicitors for His Mother. "I want to know that my mother will be cared for after I am hanged," said the 21-year-old boy, who now is the self-confessed murderer of five men. "I am a victim of crimes of which you know nothing and for which innocent men are now suffering. There are rewards offered for the culprits' arrest and conviction. If you guarantee that these rewards will go to my mother I will convict myself. I will confess crimes that will startle you."

A few of the additional crimes he claims to have participated in are as follows:

Robbery of the Illinois Central limited express at Paducah, Ky., in which Farth, one of the robbers, cut his throat while surrounded in a swamp. The others escaped.

Hold-up of a stage coach, committed in Butler, Neb., two years ago, and the robbers escaped.

Hold-up and robbery of Chicago & North-Western passenger train near Claybourne, Iowa, six months ago.

Hold-up and attempted robbery of Baltimore & Ohio train at Edgemoor, Ind., four years ago.

Minor hold-ups and robberies in Chicago were mentioned by Neidermeier, but in all cases he was exact and North-Western promised him that in crime, merely giving sufficient outlines of the crimes to warrant Chief O'Neill in believing that Neidermeier was telling the truth.

Mother to Get \$500. When Neidermeier was taken back to his cell it was with the assurance that his mother would be bettered \$500 financially.

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