

HOW THE STATE HAS LOST MONEY

THOUSANDS DUE ON TRESPASSES

Many Settlements at Less Than Value—Law Prescribes Triple Value.

TIMBER TRESPASS FACTS

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Includes 'AMOUNTS DUE THE STATE' and 'AN INTERESTING COMPARISON'.

AN INTERESTING COMPARISON

Table comparing 'Average receipts per trespass settlement' and 'Average price received at public sales'.

Many thousand dollars were lost to the state of Minnesota from 1895 to 1902

This is the gist of the long awaited report made to Governor Van Sant by S. T. Johnson, public examiner.

Suits Are in Prospect

Governor Van Sant sent the reports to the attorney general with a letter indicating his belief that suits should be brought to recover what the state has lost.

The report upon its face seems to indicate that in order to maintain the interests of the state money takers upon state public land should be proceeded against forthwith.

I respectfully urge that you give this important matter your immediate and earnest attention, and that such action be taken as in the time may be required.

S. R. Van Sant, Governor.

May 4, 1904.

Mr. Donahower said to-day: "I have not had opportunity to examine the records of the state for some time what my action will be. As the governor requests me to make them public, I will do so."

One is the Akeley case, already made public. A case against Congressman C. E. Buckman, in which the state was settled for less than the estimated value of the timber, is treated in a separate report, and another report gives the record of sixty-seven other cases.

Sensational features are found in the testimony of state cruisers, who say it was the talk in their camps that men of influence could make easy settlement for timber taken from the state.

How It All Started.

The governor thus passes on to the attorney general's department for action the results of months of investigation in the records of the state auditor's office, by the employees of Public Examiner Johnson. It all grows out of the investigation conducted by the house committee on public accounts and expenditures which had John Barry, the expert accountant, go over the records as well as he could in the limited time allowed. They recommended a further investigation of several subjects, including that of timber trespass.

The records show that R. C. Dunn, while state auditor, had by his own settle trespass cases for about the value of the timber as returned by his cruisers. These values are always low, and the records of state sales run 50 and 100 per cent higher than the estimates. The number of cases shows that trespassing was prevalent, and the record shows that the same firms committed wholesale trespasses year after year, settling at values much less than the state received at stumpage sales.

Did Not Carry Out Threats.

The law makes willful trespass a felony in order to force the penal settlements of timber. But by the use of timber illegally cut. This recourse to criminal prosecution was often threatened by Auditor Dunn in cases which he would not award state sales the cruisers' estimate, or very little over. The threat of criminal action was not carried out.

The most flagrant case referred to is that of Congressman Buckman, who succeeded in settling for \$28,094 feet of timber, valued by the cruisers at \$3 a thousand, and therefore worth \$9 in a trespass settlement, for \$4,000. The records show the settlement made by the state timber board, which has nothing to do with the case according to law. The matter of trespass settlements is all in the hands of the state auditor as land commissioner.

The governor and state treasurer, who were the other members of the timber board, do not have any recollection of such action by the board. Payment was made in 1902, after a summary of trespass prices, compared with prices secured at stumpage

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DISEASE PUZZLES GOYHAM DOCTORS

Death Follows Discovery of Symptoms Within Twenty-four Hours.

New York, May 5.—Seven children have died within the last few days, and many others are suffering from a new disease which has appeared in the neighborhood of Madison avenue and One-hundred-and-fifth street. At least twenty cases are reported from one hospital.

COAL STRIKE IN COLORADO ENDS

National Organization Fails to Give Necessary Support to Mine Workers.

Pueblo, Col., May 5.—From a telegram received from H. M. Simpson, secretary of the Victor Fuel company in this city, it is inferred the coal strike in the southern coal fields is declared off.

GRAND MASTER MASON'S ACCOUNTS IN DISORDER

New York Sun Special Service. New York, May 5.—The annual meeting of the grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons only developed a sensation when it was reported that there was an irregularity in the accounts of Grand Master Elbert Crandall.

CANADIAN CANAL MAY SHIFT TRADE

From The Journal Bureau, Colorado Building, Washington. Washington, May 5.—The danger that flour milling industries, if not the wheat carrying trade, will be transferred from the United States to Canada, has again been brought to the attention of the department of commerce and labor by the discussion of the project to cut a canal from Georgian Bay to Lake Ontario.

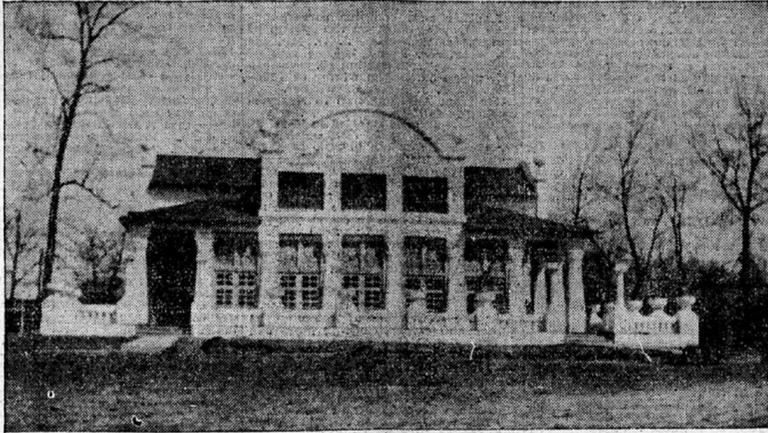
LEADERS OF YEGGMEN BAND ARE CAPTURED

Neper, Neb., May 5.—The three Kerring brothers, desperadoes and leaders, it is believed, of the organized band of yeggmens that have held up several trains and robbed dozens of banks in Nebraska recently, have been captured after a desperate fight with the sheriffs of four northern Nebraska counties and a large posse of citizens. The bank at Neper was robbed two weeks ago. Suspicion pointed to the Kerring brothers, and last week the sheriffs of the four counties organized a posse and set out in search of them. The brothers had given up a flight till morning, the desperadoes made a dash for liberty, but their pursuers quickly got around them and after exchanging a few more shots, captured them and brought them to Neper, where they were lodged in jail. Threats of lynching are freely made.

POPE PROTESTS AGAINST FRANCE.

Rome, May 5.—The Observator Romano, the Vatican organ, publishes an official note saying that the holy see considers President Loubet's visit to Rome as the gravest offense against its dignity and rights, and therefore has sent to the French government a formal and energetic protest which has been communicated to the other governments in diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

MINNESOTA STATE BUILDING IN ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION GROUNDS



The Minnesota state building is situated in the southeast part of the world's fair grounds, on the Plateau of States. It is a two-story building of the Byzantine style of architecture and is intended for a headquarters club house for Minnesotans who visit the fair.

12 MEN BURNED; RIOTING AT FIRE

Firemen Injured in Gasoline Explosion—Emigrants Give Trouble.

Philadelphia, May 5.—An explosion of a gasoline tank in the freight yard of the Pennsylvania railroad at Thirtieth and Market streets to-day, by which twelve firemen were burned, was followed by a riot among emigrants. Assistant Chief Waters of the fire department was seriously burned.

CASTRO MADE DICTATOR.

Caracas, May 5.—The Venezuelan congress, after having declared itself a constitutional assembly, to-day conferred on General Castro full dictatorial powers for a year, with the title of provisional president. General Valle was appointed second vice president.

EUGENE CANFIELD, ACTOR, DEAD.

New York, May 5.—Eugene Canfield, a well-known comedian, is dead here from pneumonia. His principal work in recent years has been in the Hoyt farces.

JURY IS FILLED AND CASE OPENS

Ames Defense Makes Belated and Futile Attempt to Quash Indictment.

County Attorney Gives Categorical List of Facts Which State Will Prove.

THE AMES' JURY. Otto Greely, fire insurance. George Odium, Newport investment company. E. Fitch Fabody, Jr., American Bridge company.

County Attorney F. H. Boardman's opening statement to the jury of what

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SHAW HOLDS UP PANAMA MONEY

Secretary Decides That Morgan & Co. Cannot Act as Fiscal Agents.

New York Sun Special Service. Washington, May 5.—There is a new snag in the Panama canal deal. Secretary Shaw declines to pay the \$40,000,000 over to J. P. Morgan & Co. as the financial agent of the government, as arranged by Attorney General Knox.

FATHER OF MARDI GRAS DEAD.

New York, May 5.—Joseph Stillwell Dean is known as the father of the celebration of Mardi Gras in this country. He died here aged 72 years. In 1855 he turned out on the streets of Mobile the first Mardi Gras parade. The celebration went from that city to New Orleans.

SEA BATTLE OFF COAST OF KOREA

BOOM CULLOM FOR VICE PRESIDENCY

Roosevelt's Friends Convinced That Cannon Will Not Accept Nomination.

From The Journal Bureau, Colorado Building, Washington. Washington, May 5.—There is an effort here to switch the Cannon boom to Uncle Shelby M. Cullom. The strong stand taken by the speaker has convinced the party managers that he is in earnest, and will not consent to be forced to take the vice presidential nomination.

AMERICA SECOND IN NEW WARSHIPS

United States Heads List of Nations in Battleship Construction.

London, May 5.—A parliamentary return, issued to-day, giving the number of warships built and building of the seven strongest navies in the world, credits Russia with only one completed submarine boat. Russia is credited, however, with fourteen others in course of construction.

3 MEN PAY DEATH PENALTY TOGETHER

Winchester, Tenn., May 5.—Henry Judge, Joe Delp and John Evans were hanged here to-day for the murder of Simon Bucher and his wife, last August.

RAILROAD CONGRESS TO MEET IN CAPITAL

From The Journal Bureau, Colorado Building, Washington. Washington, May 5.—The first convention of the International Railway congress ever held in the United States will be held in Washington just a year from the present month, and arrangements are already being made for what is regarded by railway men and mechanical engineers all over the world as a very important event.

CATTLE GROWERS FORM UNION AGAINST TRUST

Denver, May 5.—The committee composed of delegates of cattle growers organization of the states west of the Missouri river has completed the organization of the Cattle Growers' international association and adjourned.

Relieved of Command.

It is understood here that General Sasulitch has already been notified of his command for disobedience of orders and that his action is under investigation.

KUROKI PLANS ATTACK.

London, May 5.—The Express correspondent at Seoul telegraphs: "General Kuroki is carefully planning another attack in force. He will make good the losses suffered in Sunday's battle with troops drawn from bases in Korea, and will deliver a determined onslaught on the Russian forces before they have had time to recover."

SUGAR PRICES ADVANCED.

New York, N. Y., May 5.—Grades of refined sugar were advanced 4 cents a hundred pounds to-day.

VLADIVOSTOK AND JAP FLEETS MEET

Russian Cruiser Squadron Believed to Have Been Surprised During Raid.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—There are persistent rumors here of a naval engagement between the Vladivostok squadron and Vice Admiral Kamimura's squadrons, but no confirmation of the reports had been received here up to 1 o'clock this afternoon. The admiralty says no further news has been received here from Port Arthur.

CRUIERS OUT ON RAID.

Seoul, May 5.—The Japanese merchant steamer Haginowa bound from Yuen-san to Fu-san, is considerably overdue and fears are entertained that she has met the same fate as the Kinshui.

17,000 LOSS IN BATTLE

Second Fight at Kiulen-cheng Reported to Have Taken Place.

London, May 5.—The dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg says a rumor is current there that a second battle has been fought at Kiulen-cheng, in which the Russian loss was 7,000 men, and the Japanese loss 10,000 men and resulted in the Japanese being driven back in disorder. The dispatch adds that no confirmation of this report is obtainable.

JAPANESE THIRD ARMY CORPS REPORTED TO HAVE CAPTURED TOWN.

London, May 5.—It is semi-officially announced at St. Petersburg that the Japanese Third army corps has landed at Niu-chuang. The Japanese are therefore supposed to be in possession of the city. The capture of Niu-chuang means the isolation of Port Arthur and its eventual capture or surrender. Following the sinking of the fire ships Monday, 7 transports were the first ships at Port Arthur. The bombardment was renewed Tuesday and continued yesterday.

PREPARING FOR BATTLE

St. Petersburg, May 5.—General Kuropatkin has gone to the front from Liao-yang to inspect the situation personally. Troops are being hurried forward from the Liao-yang and Mukden line to the position near Feng-huang-cheng. All the Russian wounded have been sent back toward Liao-yang in order not to encumber the operations of the Russian army.

Delay Is Enforced.

It is necessary for him to await the development of the Japanese plans and ascertain the direction, strength and whence the other column will come before deciding how to fight his adversary in detail.

Relieved of Command.

It is believed here that the Japanese plan for concerted action have been embarrassed by their failure to block the entrance to Port Arthur Tuesday and a repetition of the attack on the Russian Gibraltar is momentarily expected.

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KUROKI WILL ADVANCE ON FENG-HUANG-CHENG; NOT WITH AN IDEA OF TAKING THAT POSITION, BUT TO HOLD THE RUSSIANS OFF.

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The Democrats Will Concentrate Their Forces on 'the House' in the Coming Campaign.