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MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1909.

The investigation of the charges against Secretary Ballinger, by a Congressional committee, will probably result in a generous coat of whitewash for him. A committee constructed by Vice President Sherman... The root of the whole trouble is found in the appointment as head of the Interior Department, of Mr. Ballinger who was, up to the date of his appointment, attorney for the alleged public land grabbers.

In the annual report of the Postmaster General, the former recommendation of the establishment of postal savings banks is renewed. Following are the arguments advanced: As 98 per cent. of the savings of the people are deposited in the banks of 14 States, the need for additional savings depositories for other parts of the country is apparent.

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The assumption that the money sent abroad by foreign-born residents, is sent for deposit there, may or may not be well founded; we are inclined to believe that it has slight, if any, foundation. That postal savings banks would serve as "feeders to local banks," may reasonably be doubted, for it is predicted that their deposits will be dumped into Aldrich's proposed central bank.

Banker Clews still expresses confidence in the general business outlook. Railroads are prosperous; the Western farmers and Southern planters are receiving high prices and purchasing luxuries liberally, and also investing in securities. Industrial plants are on full time; labor is employed; all conditions indicate general prosperity.

Dividend distributions in January will be larger than usual, and there will be issues of new securities to absorb them. Old gilt-edge securities are both scarce and high, which fact will aid the floating of the new issues, some of them perhaps of doubtful value. Mr. Clews attributes the high prices of securities and commodities to "the depreciation of gold (the result of increased production), the activity of trade, the comparative scarcity of agricultural products, the advance in land, and numerous other causes which enter into the complex make-up of prices."

He does not mention trust exactions as contributing to the high prices of commodities; that is a subject which Wall Street men usually avoid. With regard to "individual securities and individual commodities which are unjustifiably high," he says "there is little reason to anticipate any important recessions in the price level for some time to come"; on the contrary, he says, "the indications point to a continuance of the upward trend." In other words, the cost of living will probably increase, though he expects that before long "the price of meat will drop from its present high level as a result of increased production."

With regard to the stock market, Mr. Clews says: Liquidation may be expected in a few of the high priced stocks which have been discounting dividend increases, but January may see a concerted movement for the rise, aided by the support of big banking interests, who will be obliged to make a market for their new flotations. There is still some anxiety as to what President Taft's policy towards the railroads will be; and the Interstate Commerce Commission's request for more power is not taken kindly. The latter's proposal to place a valuation upon American railroads is absurd and impracticable.

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SALOON PROPRIETOR HAD MONEY TO BURN. John McCormick, proprietor of a saloon at 55 Artizan street, New Haven, stopped to strike a light while counting his night's receipts late Friday night and set fire to a bunch of bills and before he could put the blaze out about \$15 went up in smoke.

YALE PLAYERS

GET LOANS OF REAL ANTIQUES

THE FURNITURE IS TO BE USED IN "LONDON ASSURANCE" TO GIVE THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE OLDEN TIME.

The cast of "London Assurance" which comes here December 30, had its first formal rendition of the show in New Haven, Wednesday in preparation for the opening which took place in Meriden last Thursday night. The result was such as to decidedly please the students and members of the faculty who were given special invitations to be present. It can be said positively that this year's production will take rank with the foremost that have been produced by the New Haven University in the past. There was some awkwardness in the group formations and the lines did not always come with the smoothness demanded by Frank Lea Short who is again coaching the production, but this is thought to have been due to the fact that this was the first experience of some of the players on a regulation sized stage.

The character of the scenery is such as to do credit to any first class professional production. Every stick of it has been especially made for the piece and the result is more than pleasing to those directing the drama. The Yale organization, The furniture is another item of which particular pains have been expended by the management. Some of the pieces have been made by special order and there are a number of real antiques which have been loaned by collectors.

An usual the Association has had the play with such changes as have been made in the rendition of it printed in book form. It contains an introduction by Professor William Leitch Phelps the head of the University English Department and is illustrated with half tones of the leading players. The Yale Dramatic Library has grown to quite respectable proportions. Some of the plays which have been printed in the past still command a ready sale which would seem to show that the literary value of the pieces chosen is more than fleeting.

James S. Metcalf, the dramatic critic of "Life" who recently raised a fund of \$435 which he presented for a number of other contributors as a mark of his and their commendation is especially interested in the revival of "London Assurance" and has offered a number of suggestions which have aided in creating a finished production.

REMINGTON PAINTER AND AUTHOR DEAD

Ridgefield, Conn., Dec. 27.—Frederick Remington, painter, sculptor and author, died yesterday, at his new home about a mile from here, at the age of 43 years. His cause of death was general septic peritonitis, arising from appendicitis. Last Monday Mr. Remington went to New York to look after an exhibition of his pictures in a Fifth avenue gallery. He became suddenly ill that day and went to a hotel. He returned to Ridgefield the next day. He suffered from violent pains in his side. On Wednesday he sent for his physician in Ridgefield. Another physician was called from Danbury, and Dr. H. Abbe was called from New York on Thursday.

The trouble had already gone too far for any hope. All operations were immediately performed to relieve the pain as much as possible. Frederick Remington was born in St. Lawrence County, New York; his father, the late Pierre Remington, editor of The Ogdensburg Journal. His ancestors along the border line separate Canada from the United States, fought in the French and Indian war, the Revolution, the War of 1812 and the Civil War.

In the local schools and at the Vermont Episcopal Institute Frederick Remington got the ordinary book training a youth in moderate circumstances, then he went to the Yale Art School. After Yale came a time in the Art Students' League in New York.

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Pastor 46 Years Preaches Farewell

Delhi, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The Rev. James Bruce, D. D., pastor of the United Presbyterian church of Andes, N. Y., preached his farewell sermon to an overflowing congregation there yesterday. He has been pastor of the congregation for forty-six years, and was recently elected Pastor Emeritus. Dr. Bruce has been in the ministry for over fifty years. He has had but two pastorates, one at Merceburg, Penn., and the other at Andes. Although 73 years old, he is strong and hearty. He has received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from several institutions, and has been elected to the General Assembly and of the Synod.

Body of Toy Found With His Throat Cut

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—Police authorities have unearthed a mystery which will probably occupy the entire attention of Greater Pittsburg's detectives for days to come. The body of fourteen-year-old James Lawrence Freil was found with the throat slashed down to the heart in a vacant house in Allegheny. It is believed the lad was murdered and his corpse taken to the vacant house where his partly clothed body was discovered. The parents of the murdered boy are well known in the community in which they live.

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SEES BROTHER DROWN

Two Were Skating on Lake When One Fell Through Ice.

Winsted, Dec. 27.—Alfred Dew, son of Nathaniel Dew, residing on West Hill, five miles away, was drowned while skating on Lake Waukonunkonk late Saturday afternoon. Dew's nine sons, four of whom reside in other parts of the State, were home for Christmas. Alfred, aged 12 years, and his thirteen-year-old brother George, went skating on the lake half a mile distant.

They were racing toward the "spring hole" near the middle, which never freezes till late in the winter. Alfred was in the van, when George, who was "Look out for the hole!" The warning came too late, however, for Alfred's speed, together with the wind at his back, carried him into the opening. He managed to get hold of the ice, and George, lying at full length on his stomach on ice now too safe, grasped his brother's hand and tried to pull him out. Making no headway, and fearing he too would be drawn into the lake, he relinquished his hold on his brother's hand and started home for help. Before reaching shore he heard an outcry, and turning saw his brother disappear. The father and his surviving sons worked two hours before they recovered the body, which was at this spot being fifty feet deep.

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HITCHCOCK PLANS TO END POSTAL DEFICIT

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These are statements in the annual report of Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock, just made public. Concerning the results of inquiries into the deficit, he says: "Recent investigations have shown that the two great sources of loss to the postal revenues are second-class mail matter and rural delivery. The loss on second-class mail matter has been increasing for many years, until it now amounts to \$65,000,000. The loss from rural delivery, a service begun hardly a dozen years ago and of unprecedented growth, reaches as high as \$28,000,000."

He says the President's economy plans are being carried out, but "it should be stated with emphasis that economy is not to be enforced at the cost of efficiency. Only such measures of economy will be adopted, therefore, as can be made a consistent part of a general programme having for its chief object the improvement of the personnel, the form of organization, and the business methods of the postal establishment."

Auto Turns Turtle And Six Injured

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 27.—Six persons were more or less seriously injured yesterday afternoon when the big touring car owned by George M. Lane of Chicago struck a curb and turned turtle. All the occupants were thrown violently from the machine. Mr. Lane's shoulder was fractured and it is believed he is internally injured. Mrs. Lane was badly bruised and cut about the face. Mr. and Mrs. Eimer, Lawrence of this city were severely shaken up, but not seriously hurt. Charles E. Smith was knocked out and Mrs. Smith was badly injured about the arms and body. The machine was badly wrecked.

Aged New Havener Overcome by Storm

Returning home from a happy day spent with his son, Henry Weason, Drexel, yesterday afternoon, when the eight years of age of 470 Middlefield avenue, New Haven, was stricken with what is now believed was either heart disease or apoplexy, brought on by over-exertion of making his way against the severe storm. The body of Weason was found lying in the middle of the road near his home about 6:30 Saturday evening by a colored man by the name of John Rogers.

EXPLORER WHO STARTS WORLDWIDE SEARCH FOR COOK



CAPT. AMUNDSEN

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the northwest passage, who has planned a four years voyage in Fritjof Nansen's arctic steamer Fram to prove that a current runs from the Bering strait over the North Pole, has begun a systematic search for Dr. Cook. The captain, who was one of Dr. Cook's most ardent supporters, does not expect to start on his arctic voyage until next July and says he will devote the intervening months, if necessary, to finding Cook.

Gas Poisoning Fatal to Koch

Charles Koch, who was found in his room at 48 Popular street, Wednesday, nearly asphyxiated with illuminating gas, died at St. Vincent's hospital Friday afternoon. He never regained consciousness. Koch was almost unknown here and had no family nor relatives in this city.

Woman Becomes Insane on Train

Mrs. Charles H. Bayer, wife of a diamond setter of Limerick, Me., and New York, became suddenly insane on the train to New York where she wanted to meet her husband Friday night. She was taken to police headquarters by Patrolman Williams and was later removed to Lakeview. Her husband was notified and came to this city Saturday night taking his wife away with him. He could not explain his wife's attack. She had recovered almost entirely when she left Lakeview home.

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