

THE OLD STORY REPEATED

WINE, WOMEN, EXTRAVAGANCE AND SPECULATION

Cause the Downfall of a Truited Man, Who Systematically Steals \$100,000--Other Crimes.

Chicago, Ill., December 2--The Inter Ocean this morning says: The most sensational, as well as the heaviest defalcation that has taken place in Chicago, probably during its commercial history, has just been brought to light. Miner T. Ames, the millionaire coal miner, is the victim, and Theodore S. Mizs, his confidential book keeper and cashier, and secretary of the Chicago and Meade Coal and Coke Company, at No. 142 Lesalls street, is the perpetrator of a robbery that is estimated at \$100,000, and may exceed that amount. From his position as book keeper, cashier, confidential clerk and secretary of the coal company, Mizs had absolute control of the money of the company and the private funds of Mr. Ames. Mizs is one of the best known men in local business circles, having a very extensive acquaintance, and has also been one of the most popular men of his set. He was a member of the Union Veteran Club and the Apollo Club, being a singer of much ability. Mizs is handsome, stylish talented, and of late years, it is rumored, his speculations frequently reached the stiff sum of \$100 in a single month. About a week ago Mr. Ames discovered that something was wrong with the money accounts. A brief investigation convinced him that large sums were missing. It is said that Mizs, in the face of his honesty, and declared he would engage experts to go over the books. Mizs at once weakened, broke down and confessed that he was guilty and had been robbing his employer for many years. He begged for mercy and promised restitution so far as it lay within his power. Since then all his property which could be found, including a fine house on Ellis avenue, have been turned over to Mr. Ames. Mizs could not be found last night, but is believed to be stopping for the present with his father. Besides the extravagant manner in which he and his wife lived, it is asserted that Mizs, at various times supported three different women, whom he lavished money with a generous hand. To a reporter last night, Mr. Ames said: "I am in hopes that the shortage will prove a great deal less than you have been informed. I could not tell you exactly what the amount will be if I wanted to. For I don't know myself. I am having the accounts examined, but it will be several days yet before they are in such a condition that we can tell for certain how they stand. Besides, Mr. Mizs has made a partial restitution by turning his property over to me, and I regard the feelings of Mr. Mizs's family as of more account than the loss of the money. His father and I have been close friends for thirty years."

The father and mother of Mizs were seen at their residence. They admitted the truth of some of the charges, but said the amount taken had been grossly exaggerated. They claimed that Mr. Ames had promised to keep the matter quiet, and that young Mizs went to the office regularly as if nothing had happened. They said that he had overdrawn his account, and then when Mr. Ames returned from Europe Theodore confessed and turned over his residence, No. 385 Ellis avenue, to his employer, and this, together with what the parents gave, made a balance in favor of the son. Mr. Mizs stood at the office door, looking gloomily out, as a reporter entered. "I don't wish to say anything more," he said, "until I have a talk with Mr. Ames. There are, as you know, always two sides to every story, and this is no exception to the rule."

"Is there any basis for the statement that you embezzled \$100,000?" "As I said before, I prefer to await my interview with Mr. Ames before I say anything. The matter was arranged with him satisfactorily and our relations have continued undisturbed, and will until I find that he is responsible for this publication."

A Mail Agent Gone Wrong

Detroit, Mich., December 2--A special to the Evening Journal, from Grand Rapids, says: A. H. E. Wood, mail agent on the Grand Rapids and Indiana road, between here and Cincinnati, was arrested at the postoffice in this city this morning by Inspectors Bassett and Kider. E. Wood is charged with systematically robbing letters, and seventy-five marked bills were found in his possession. He confesses everything and acknowledges that the pecuniations amount to \$2000. E. Wood's home is at Silver Creek, Ind., where he has a wife and three children. He was appointed four years ago, is 50 years old, a veteran soldier and in poor health. He says he was led to steal by financial straits and for fear of leaving his family unprotected for. The examination will be held today.

A Negro Murderer Lynched

ARKANSAS CITY, ARK., December 2--Early yesterday morning a party of masked men surrounded the jail at Monticello, the county seat of Drew county, and demanded from the jailer the surrender of Buck Hunter, colored, who was charged with assault with intent to kill two suspected citizens of that county. Finding that resistance would be worse than useless, the jailer surrendered the key to the cell in which the man was confined, and the mob seized Hunter, placed a rope around his neck and led him out into the suburbs of town and strung him up to a limb. To make sure of the work they then emptied their shotguns into the suspended body.

A Cowardly Assassination

ARKANSAS CITY, ARK., December 2--Information reached here this morning of a cowardly assassination which occurred near Red Fork, near here, today or two ago. Lee, Charles and Bud Malpass, and Bud Bolton, Esquire Bains and others, while intoxicated in a saloon at Red Fork, quarreled about the weight of some cotton. The Malpass crew led the saloon first, and were soon followed by Mr. Bains and one Watkins. They had not proceeded far when they were fired upon from an ambush at the side of the

road. Bains was instantly killed. The Malpass boys were arrested for the crime, and were committed to jail without bail.

A Collector Embezzles. St. Louis, Mo., December 2--Gerald Farar, collector for the firm of Evans Bros, wholesale tobacco dealer, was arrested last night on a charge of embezzlement. A member of the firm states that the amount collected and not accounted for by Farar they already have reached \$1000, and the examination of his books had not yet been completed.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

A CIRCULAR CONTAINING A DECLARATION

Of Their Principles and the Objects of the Movement to Form a Labor Party.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., December 2--A circular has just been issued by the National Committee of the United Labor Organizations containing a declaration of their principles and objects of the industrial movement to form a national union labor party. At the convention to be held at Cincinnati on February 22, 1887, the following representatives have been appointed to represent the various organizations: Thomas A. Armstrong, Pennsylvania; B. S. Heath, Illinois; George L. Jones, Wisconsin; J. T. Cole, Kansas; Ferdinand Steger, New York; John F. Potter, Michigan; Isaac Freeman, Ohio; S. L. Douglas, Indiana; J. C. Greenleaf, New Hampshire; J. M. Laidley, West Virginia; John R. Winston, North Carolina; A. M. West, Mississippi; C. R. Canningham, Arkansas.

The circular or pamphlet set forth that the representatives recognize all other political parties to the end that legitimate labor may be emancipated and the government restored to the people. The plan of organization contemplated the appointing of an organizer for each State and Territory in the Union; the State organizer to appoint a district organizer for each Congressional district in his State, and the district organizer to appoint local organizers. The basis of representation gives to each Congressional district one representative for each of the following orders of organization in such districts: Knights of Labor, Trades Union, Farmers' Alliance, Farmers' and Patrons of Husbandry, Anti-Monopoly League, Peoples' Party, Farmers' and Laborers' Co-operative Union, Agricultural Wheel, soldiers' organizations and all other organizations which endorse and subscribe to the new declaration of independence.

Iron Clad Rules Laid Down by a Soulless Corporation.

New York, December 2--The employment of the Philadelphia and Reading, the Jersey Central, with the different divisions of the system are greatly excited over circular notices which have been sent to them individually. There is widespread dissatisfaction among the men in consequence, as the notices are regarded as arbitrary and oppressive. The circulars state that all quarterly passes are to be returned at once as none of them are good after November 30th, 1886; second, that no employe will be allowed to ride free after November 30th; third, that no employe will hereafter be allowed to live at a distance from his place of work except by special permission from the head of his department or a division superintendent; fourth, when such special permission is given, a season special ticket, covering the necessary daily travel of each employe may be obtained under the regulations issued by the general passenger and ticket agents; fifth, the special rate will be one-half that of the regular season ticket--good only between the places of residence and work; sixth, in case an employe leaves his place of work, his ticket must be returned to the office and will be redeemed. The order applies to every man in the employe of the road, including clerks, engineers, conductors, trainmen, all kinds of mechanics, even to laborers. The orders are considered a great hardship by the men, many of whom are poorly paid and live in suburban villages along the roads. They cannot afford to pay rents in the city. Those who obtain special rates have about \$10 to \$15 per month added to their expenses. It is claimed that the orders are unusual, and that no other road in the country enforces similar rules. The indignation among the men is very strong and trouble is feared. The engineers, it is said, have determined to call upon their order of Locomotive Engineers to aid them. The other employes of the roads are Knights of Labor, and are said to have called a meeting of their order at Jersey City to discuss the situation. The requirement for all employes to live near their work is deemed an invasion of their rights, and arbitrary and unjust. The employes generally refused to talk about the circulars with outsiders. They discussed the matter among themselves, and have agreed to abide by the action of their organizations.

THE AMERICAN OPERA.

The Cause of the Recent Trouble Explained.

St. Louis, Mo., December 2--The trouble in the American Opera Company a few days ago which resulted in the temporary retirement of Mme. Fursch-Madi, as now stated, originated with Signor Vio, the prima donna's "personal agent." The Signor was on the stage during the rehearsal, when Stage Manager Hoek requested him to withdraw. This angered Mme. Fursch-Madi more than the table incident, and she burst into tears. She could not proceed then with the rehearsal and left the stage, but offered to return. The orchestra and chorus, however, had been dismissed and the rehearsal was postponed, and Miss Pierston was substituted in her place. Mr. Thomas telegraphed while on his way to New York that if Mme. Fursch-Madi would discharge Signor de Vio she would be allowed to assume her former position in the company. The Madame then telegraphed Mrs. Thurber at New York that she was willing to sing at any time without conditions, and would leave for New York on Friday morning. In the meantime it was arranged here that Madi should sing "Aida" tonight, and Mrs. Thurber telegraphed to her that she (Fursch-Madi) would sing tonight the board would not meet. So the matter rested, and it is understood that Fursch-Madi considers the affair settled. Henry Vio, the Madame's husband, will arrive from New York tomorrow, and it is understood will hereafter travel with his wife, and thus bring themselves in harmony with the rules of the National Opera Company in regard to singers employing special agents. Thus perhaps ends the tempest in the spot, and the waters of the opera company are flowing smoothly again.

"DOC" WILSON'S STORY

THE OUTCOME OF A VIVID IMAGINATION.

Mr. Moen's First Wife a Woman Possessing a Firm and Unimpeachable Character.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 2--"Doc" Levi Wilson was seen at the office of his counsel, J. West, this morning. He appeared pale and haggard, as though he had passed a sleepless night. The excitement of the past few hours seems to have agitated him greatly and he was nervous and apparently worn out. He said that now the secret was out he felt better than he had since he was 17 years of age.

"I, said he, the Wilsons (meaning the people with whom he had lived during his boyhood days), stand by me now, I shall win my case and triumph over Moen."

He said his alleged mother lived in East Thompson, Conn. and his two sisters, Mrs. Downs and Mrs. Young in Birmingham and Ansonia, Conn. Wilson stated that the story as published is true and that Moen's statement is false in nearly every particular.

"Moen," Wilson said, "knows that I am his son. He is an admitted perjurer. He said he would continue his case in his courts to the conclusion, which, he felt confident, would be in his favor."

Wilson was advised by his physician to go to his home, take some quieting potion and devote the rest of the day to sleep.

The secret of the case remains as much of a mystery as ever. The dates and all the evidence collected today contradict the sensational story telegraphed from Providence last night that Doc Wilson is the son of Phillip Moen. Wilson, by his own statement, and the statements of his friends, cannot be more than 31 or 32 years of age. Moen was first married in 1846, forty years ago, and his first wife died before Wilson was born. These dates alone contradict his story completely.

Lifelong residents of Worcester say it is impossible that Moen could bear any such relation to Wilson. The first Mrs. Moen was a lady of very lovely character. She was a firm and upright woman, and neither she nor her family would have countenanced any such proceedings as are alleged. Moen's father was a New York iron merchant, residing in Brooklyn when Phillip L. Moen came to Worcester. An old chum of Wilson's in this city says there is no truth in the story and that Wilson is no more Moen's son than he is.

Miss Asst. Sampson, an aged nurse, says she went to live in Ichabod Washburn's family when E. J. Washburn, Moen's first wife was only 12 years old. She has nursed in and been intimate with both families from that time to this. She has nursed both of Mr. Moen's wives, and both of his children, and had known him intimately since he was 21 years of age. He was a just and upright man and a most faithful and loving husband and father. Moen and his counsel both deny wholly and in detail and in the most positive and complete manner Wilson's story.

Wilson Born Eleven Months After Mrs. Moen's Death. WORCESTER, Mass., December 2--The records of the town of Oxford, Mass., show that Levi Wilson was born there on December 1st, 1853, eleven months after Mrs. Moen died.

Eight Earthquake Shocks. CHARLESTON, S. C., December 2--There were eight slight shocks of earthquake at Summerville last night and this morning. There was a severe shock at Columbia at 8 o'clock this morning and two slight disturbances in Charleston, one about 1 o'clock and one at 8. The one in Charleston made more noise than shocks. No damages are reported in any quarter.

Fires of November. NEW YORK, December 2--The New York Daily Commercial Bulletin of December 1st, estimates the November fire loss in the United States and Canada at \$10,000,000, which is an increase of one-third upon the November average since the Boston fire of 1872. There were 180 fires, whose reported loss was \$10,000,000 and over. The large fires of from \$100,000 up to \$900,000 numbered nineteen and caused a loss in the aggregate of \$4,000,000.

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