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WAS DECLINED BY CRANE

Massachusetts' Chief Executive Could Not Take the Position for Business and Domestic Reasons-Hawkeye Man's Friends Doubt His Being Able to Accept the Place as He Cannot

Washington, Dec. 24.-A tender of the office of secretary of the treasury 1) succeed Secretary Gage has been made to Governor Leslie M. Shaw of lowa, but it is understood that so response has yet been received from Governor Shaw to the inquiries sent him. At the White House no information on the subject is obtainable pending a definite authorization that a successor to Secretary Gage has been ob-

The portfolio was first tendered to Governor Crane of Massachusetts, who declined it for business and domestic reasons.

GOVERNOR SHAW GOES EAST. Disclaims All Personal Knowledge of

His Appointment, Des Moines, Dec. 24.—Governor Shaw has left for the East. He said:

patches which state that I have been selected by President Roosevelt to succeed Secretary Gage as secretary of the treasury. I have no other in-formation on the subject. Manifestly I cannot discuss it. I have not re-ceived any intimation on the subject from Washington, either from President Roosevelt or any Iowa friends

The governor declined to state his purpose in leaving the city for the East, but said he had not been called to Washington.

It is well understood among politicians here that the president has definitely determined upon Governor Shaw for the treasury portfolio. But his insistence that he has no informa tion on the subject leaves them unable

to discuss the proposition.

The impression prevails that Governor Shaw will probably not accept the proposition. While he is well to do he has not a large fortune and it is possible that he would think himself unable to afford in a financial sense to accept the place. At any rate he could not determine the metter before consultation with some of his friends who are high in the councils of the party.

INSURRECTION IN CUBA.

Prophesied That One Will Occur Before a Year Has Passed,

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 24.—"You will see insurrection on the island of Cuba before a year has passed," seed Dr. F. O. Young, who has just returned from a visit to his brother, Lieutenant Laicarry. As metters stand he predicts that the Cubams will prove incapable of self-government and that their un-restrained prejudices and the ignorance and discontent of a certain class will soon result in uprisings. He says that a number of officers to whom he talked chared this view that annexa-tion was the hope of the island.

LET THE ISLANDS CHOOSE.

Latest Suggestion Regarding Sale of Danish West Indies.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The negotiations between the governmencs of the United States and Denmark looking to the cession of the Danish West Indies are dragging. No substantial progress has been made since last week. The latest suggestion from the Danish side is that the people of the islands shall determine by a plebiscite whether or not they shall be ceded to the United States. The outcome of such a test cannot be foretold, for the strong feeling of attachment for the mother country on the one hand might be offset by the great trade advantages expected to follow the cession of the islands to the United States.

FAVORS FRENCH IDEA.

National Business League Approves Commercial School in America,

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The executive committee of the National Business league at a special meeting here adopted resolutions favoring the establishing of a French industrial and com-The resolutions set forth that the creation and permanent maintenance of already cordial relations between the United States and France. It was agreed that a copy of the resolutions be transmitted through the French ambassador to the French minister of

Will Be a Total Loss.

Ludington, Mich., Dec. 24.—The wrecked car ferry Muskegon is slowly sinking into the sand and the prospec of saving the steamer and cargo grows less every hour. The government in spector of hulls from Grand Haven ade a survey and says she is broken in two and will be a total lose.

Alger's Condition Favorable, Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—The following bulletin has been given out by the surgeons attending General Alger: "General Alger's condition is favorable; pulse 76, temperature 99.8. Spirits good and he is suffering less pain than at any time since the operation was performed."

"Joe, get your ax!" is now the byword on the street. The capture of the wanted criminal was the topic of conversation Tuesday, and those knowing the circumstances consider the capture was well made and fortunate that no one was injured.

The following from a circular sent the Sheriff, \$150 reward will be paid for the arrest and detention of Chas Kerfuss in any jail in the United States. Kerfuss is 23 years old weight about 135 pounds, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, light brown hair generally worn a little long and parted in the middle, blue eves, smooth shaved, erect in bearing, prominent forehead and very active.

When last seen he wore a wine colored suit and light gray hat. He has with him Maggie Blick and will probably represent her to be his wife. She is 19 years old weight about 100 pounds, very heavy black hair, a little near sighted ,and does not hear very well.

These people were last seen at Sugar City, Colo., on Sept. 25, 1901, headed toward Denver driving small black horse to top buggy. Kerfuss is wanted for grand larceny, burglary, breaking jail and shooting with intent to kill. He is a young man with unusual nerve and when cornered by an officer will do any thing to get away. He has made his escape from two sets of officers since breaking jail here Sept. 2, 1901. Once at Salem, Kas., on Sept. 9 1901, and again at Sugar City. Colo., on Sept. 25, 1901. Kerfuss and this girl speak German are very good looking and pleasant, can look you square in the eye when talking to you. Both have open countenances and one is more apt to sus. pect Kerfuss of being a preacher's son than a thief. He is very fond of good horses and is likely to be found at a horse ranch, sale yard or livery stable. The pictures hereto attached are very good. Wire any information to M. E. Dixon, Chairman board of County Commission ers, Hays City, Ellis Co., Kansas.

W. H. Blair, employed by Diechkoff Bros., was the first man to lay hands on Kerfuss. While he was transacting some business on the street corner of 10th street and 3rd avenue, he saw the man come out of the hotel followed by Mr. Doolittle and heard him call, "catch him." Blair at once took after the man also Mr. Doolittle, who lost sight of him in the vicinity of W. W. Loveless' residence. Blair jumped in a rig with Mr. Crandall near Rev. Aull's and they drove until Kerfuss was cien Young, who has recently been re-lieved as captain of the Havama port, but not yet resigned. Dr. Young says Blair took after him again, running that the thinking clase of Cubans de-sire ameration and that if the que-tion was submitted to a vote it would got sight of them, and grabbed an ax. The fellow turned to come out of the yard and as he saw Blair, raised the neck yoke as if he was going to strike. Blair told him to put it down which was done and Blair

then grabbed Kerfuss who gave up. He refused to get in rig that was at hand and said he would walk whereupon Blair picked him up and threw him in the rig. Mrs. W. W. Loveless was hanging out clother when Kerfuss ran through her yard, and was considerably frightened to see a man in his shirt sleeves, handcuffed and running as he was. He picked up the neck yoke in Earl Cutler yard. Mr. Blair was the first man to lay hands on him after he

Another report states that as Kerfuss started to come out the gate of the yard, Jos. met him with the ax raised in the air and the culprit at once surrendered.

was handcuffed.

Attorney Crandall was aware that the arrest would be made and had just come outside of the court house from his office where he had been to get his revolver so as to be prepared to render assistance as he was mercial school in the United States, aware of the character of the man they were to deal with. As he came such a school would strengthen the out of the court house he saw the chase and at once joined, going down 10th street to W. W. Loveless store he took the delivery rig and started after the pursued, hollering "catch the man," "look out for him, he has shot two or three men." He picked up Blair and assisted him with the rig in the capture.

him as he came down stairs but cause a little excitement by attemptfrom Kerfuss' manner in coming ing to get away. If he had had a down stairs thought the officers had gun or a charce they would not let him go, but when he reached the have caught him so easy. Thought bottom of the stairs and Kerfuss Officer Roshon was after him one first started as though going through night before when he was in saloon the office, and turning to the parlor so he went out the back door. He door on the run, Doolittle knew he will not return to Kansas without was escaping and at once took after requisition papers which have been him and gave the alarm, had he not wired for. Has not had counsel but done so the fellow would have se- requested Attorney Parsons be sent

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cured a good start and might have to him.

In the coat belonging to Kerfuse hanging in the hotel kitchen was found a 38 calibre revolver and the the other help of the house say the gun has been found in a bundle of sheets, this indicating that he was on the look out for the officers. It is reported that he said, he had no suspicion of officers when Mr. Doolittle called him into the parlor and that if they had come to the kitchen after him he would have given them a merry time.

The Advance interviwed the girl Tuesday morning and ascertained the following. Her name is Blick. Her parents were farmers, moving to town, Hays City, where, while out walking one evening was introduced to Kerfuss on the street by a gentleman in company with her sisters and afterwards was frequently in company with him. Knew when he was arrested and in jail. Says they were married about two months go. She has two sisters and six brothers. Her parents are alive. Says Kerfuss told her not to tell anything to anyone. He decines to talk about himself but says he accomplished what he wanted to with Mr. Doolittle might have caught the neck yoke, thought he would

It now develops that the couple want to get married here while in jail, stating that she is enceinte, bu this action is not permissiable at this time. She refused to go with officer McNair when he placed her under arrest at the hotel, but Frank was equal to the occasion so he picked her up bodily and carried her down stairs she consenting to walk from the hotel to the jail.

At Ellsworth it was found where they had sold horse, buggy, robes and two guns. The sheriff from Kansas says, the guns were stolen from a hardware store by cutting the window glass then taking them out through the hole. The horses was also stolen and the buggy was given them to assist them in getting out of town. He has known them since they were children. The girl was considered frivolous. She will be tken back for perjury, in swearing they were married.

Much credit is due, Officers Mc-Nair and Roshon, and W. H. Blair for the capture.

Kerfuss is considered the most desperate character known to have been in town for years.

The question now is, who will get the reward. According to the Schley Sampson deal, the sheriffs will. The reward is a very liberal one as it only requires his arrest and detention in any jail. The officers and men who took active part are certainly entitled to a share of it.

Later -- A message has been received stating that requisition papers were

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