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TO EXTEND OUR TRADE

Consular Agents of This Government Should Be Scouts of Our Foreign Commerce.

IDEA OF CONGRESSMAN ESH

Says We Should See to It That Terms of Monroe Doctrine Are Lived Up to by All of the Countries.

New York, Dec. 18.—In the address at the annual banquet of the group eight of the New York State Bankers' Association, Congressman John J. Esh, of Wisconsin, who discussed "steps to promote trade," said: "The battles of the future will not be on tented fields, but on the highways of commerce. In these battles that nation will best succeed which has best solved the questions of production, transportation and legislation. 'What ought we to do to obtain our just share of South American commerce? We ought to enforce the Monroe doctrine and apply it to any European power that attempts to get a coaling station on or near the American continent. 'If we would improve our commerce we must improve our consular service. Our consuls are and ought to be the scouts of our foreign trade. To do this they should be keen, active diplomatic men of business, men learned in maritime and commercial law and versed in the language of the people with whom they do business.'"

Chicago, Dec. 18.—While working on a salary of \$9 a week Gus A. Grigsby has robbed his employers at the rate of \$200 a day, according to Manager David L. Rose, of M. L. Barret & Company. When arrested \$250 worth of costly vanilla beans were found concealed in Grigsby's clothing. In the few months that his meager salary has kept him attached to the firm it is believed that he has stolen between \$12,000 and \$15,000 worth of stock. Grigsby has held the position of chemist helper for the importing firm for the past nine months. After his arrest Grigsby admitted that his speculations had been made during most of that time. "I needed a little ready money," he said, and made no other explanation.

SMALL SALARY—BIG THEFTS.

Nine-Dollar a Week Clerk Steals \$200 a Day From Employers

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MINISTER WAS TURNED DOWN.

Turkish Representative Receives Very Scant Satisfaction.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Chekib Bey, the Turkish minister, called at the state department yesterday afternoon with a cablegram from the sublime porte to the effect that the American consul at Alexandria, Mr. Davis, had treated the police in a rough way. He was politely informed that his explanation did not agree with the facts as the state department had learned them. It was plainly indicated to the minister that the explanation sent by the Porte was far from satisfactory and that if it had been presented in the hope of tempering the vigorous policy already begun by the state department to obtain reparation and apology, the hope was a vain one.

STOLE FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS.

Claims Aggregating \$150,000 Filed Against New York Broker

New York, Dec. 18.—Claims thus far aggregating \$150,000 have been presented against Hyman Gattle, a diamond broker, who disappeared last July. Bankruptcy proceedings brought against Gattle have disclosed, it is alleged, that he had procured from dealers in Amsterdam, Holland; Utica, N. Y., and this city diamonds worth more than \$200,000 on the memorandum plan and had pawned much of the goods. Pawn tickets showing a face value of \$37,000 have thus far been found, but it is said \$30,000 worth of stones can not be located. The creditors assert Gattle kept in good standing for several months by making the first payments to the dealers, who allowed nine months for the balance.

SERUM TAKEN FROM HORSES.

New Cure for Typhoid Discovered by Swiss Physician.

New York, Dec. 18.—It has been learned that the new typhoid serum in use at Beth Israel hospital, in this city, where 30 cases already have been successfully treated, is prepared by immunizing horses just as that for diphtheria is manufactured. It was discovered by Dr. Jeze, of Berne, Switzerland, and sent by him to a staff physician of the hospital.

The Tacoma's Officers.

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 18.—The following officers have been detailed for duty in the new cruiser Tacoma, soon to be commissioned: Commander, Reg-

inald Nicholson, in command; Lieutenant-Commander Harry George, executive officer; Ensign, H. K. Cage; midshipman, W. W. Galbraith; first lieutenant, Paul E. Chamberlain, who is to drill and instruct a marine guard for the ship.

Defalcation Was Heavy.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 18.—Wm. McKowan, the defaulting secretary of the board of university regents, is still in jail, and is not making any effort to secure his release on bail. It is stated that McKowan's disposition at present is not to make any defense whatever but to throw himself on the mercy of the regents. Many rumors are in circulation concerning the amount of defalcations, some of the statements placing the amount as high as \$70,000.

STOLE MONEY TO PLAY POKER.

Brown University Student Confesses to Long Series of Thefts.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 18.—Poker playing among students of Brown University has led to the arrest of Ralph E. Bancroft of Stoneham, Mass., on the charge of larceny. He was put on probation, after the case was heard but has been dismissed from the university. Members of the faculty declare that the card playing which involved Bancroft did not take place in the college building. Ever since the college year opened students who patronized the swimming pool had been losing money and other valuables. In a most mysterious manner wallets disappeared from their clothing. Various traps were set, but none proved effective until yesterday afternoon when an electric "buzzer" was rigged in the office. At the other end of the wire was a pocketbook. Bancroft was left alone in the locker room and a few minutes later the alarm sounded. A marked bill which had been placed in the pocketbook is alleged to have been found in Bancroft's shoe. He confessed that he had perpetrated the long series of thefts the proceeds of which ranged from small change up to \$25 and declares his losses at cards had drawn him into the trouble.

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ASKS HELP FOR BOERS

General Dewet Says People of the Transvaal Are Greatly in Need of Assistance.

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Japan Made the Offer.

New York, Dec. 18.—It is understood here, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, that the reported offer by an English firm to purchase the Argentine war vessels built in Italy, was made on behalf of the Japanese government. No decision has been reached by the Argentine government.

SEEKS TO GET HER FORTUNE.

Woman Wants \$135,000 Left to Her in Her Infancy.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Left an heiress in her infancy and only discovering the fact when she was 27 years old and married, is the experience related to Probate Judge Cutting by Mrs. Clara Laine Malcolm, in proceedings begun to ascertain what had become of an estate valued at \$135,000, alleged to have been dissipated by her father and guardian, C. W. Laine, once a real estate dealer in Chicago. The court ordered a box in the safety deposit vault opened in the hope that some remnant of the property may be discovered.

Mrs. Malcolm told the court that her mother died in 1876. Immediately afterward the little girl was sent to her father's parents in Lapeer, Mich. Occasionally she said, her father sent her money, the largest sum being \$30, but she never knew she was an heiress until she was married last June and went to reside in Ann Arbor.

Judge Cutting ordered a citation issued for the plaintiff's father to compel his appearance in court.

GOVERNMENT FORCES BEATEN.

San Dominican Revolutionists Gain Decided Advantage.

New York, Dec. 18.—This city has been surrendered to the revolutionists without fighting, says a Herald dispatch from Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo.

The government forces, after a severe battle, have been forced to abandon Santiago de Los Caballeros. They were short of ammunition.

General Caceres, who announced that he would support the provisional President Morales, has fled and covered up his tracks. This is reckoned as establishing the supremacy of Ex-President Jimenez in the northern part of the island.

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