

MCCURDY RESIGNS

President of Mutual Retires

Gives Failing Health as Reason

Board of Trustees Accepts Withdrawal and May Appoint Former Controller of Currency James H. Eckels as Successor

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Richard A. McCurdy today resigned as president of the Mutual Life Insurance company.

His resignation was accepted by the board of trustees and Frederick Cromwell, treasurer of the Mutual, was named as his temporary successor.

While no definite announcement was made regarding the selection of a permanent successor for Mr. McCurdy, it was persistently reported that the presidency of the company had been offered to James H. Eckels, who was comptroller of the currency during the administration of President Cleveland.

Mr. Eckels is now president of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago.

Mr. McCurdy's resignation was submitted to the board of trustees in a letter in which he declared that his condition of health imperatively demanded his immediate retirement from active business.

He had been persuaded from severing his connection with the company last June when he reached the age of 70 years "only by the serious disturbance which previously had arisen to the board of trustees in view of these conditions he believed it his duty to remain at his post.

Resignation is Accepted
He found, however, that he overestimated his physical strength and was upon the advice of his physicians that he tendered his resignation.

The resignation was accepted unanimously and the trustees passed a resolution in which they expressed the hope that "much needed rest may afford the relief requisite for such recovery as may be hoped for at his time of life and assure him of their best wishes for his future comfort and happiness in his retirement, more congenial to his present tastes and inclinations."

The resignation of Justice Rufus W. Peckham of the United States supreme court as a trustee of the Mutual also was presented to the board of trustees at today's meeting and accepted. Justice Peckham has been a trustee of the Mutual for more than 20 years.

One interesting feature of the insurance investigation today was the issuing of a "Threatening and Defamatory" to the policy holders by Senator William A. Armstrong, chairman of the investigating committee, in which he advised them against allowing their policies to lapse because of anything revealed in the investigation and told them they are in a better position now than before the investigation began and that the committee would recommend legislation to safeguard their interests.

George P. McClelland, a former state senator from Westchester county, testified before the committee today that he lived in the Mutual Life insurance company's house in Albany, conducted by Andrew Fields, in 1903, while he was a senator and member of the insurance committee of that body. He stated that it never occurred to him as improper, as he and Fields were old friends.

Witness Loses Memory
It was shown that in several years, while Mr. McClelland was not a senator, he was retained by the Mutual Life insurance company at \$200 a year and Mr. Hughes had much difficulty in obtaining a statement of what he did to earn that retainer. He said he appeared before legislative committees to argue against the savings banks tax and franchise tax bills.

Mr. McClelland had just stated that he was never employed by the Equitable Life Assurance society when Mr. Hughes showed him a voucher for \$3500 paid by that society to the Mutual of which Mr. McClelland is a member. It was written in his handwriting, but Mr. McClelland said he could not remember it. It was credited to a "water company" account, as were also other vouchers paid by the Equitable society to William N. Johnson and Charles T. Lewis, amounting to \$6500.

John C. McCall, son of the president of the New York Life insurance company, told the committee today that Andrew Hamilton, the legislative agent who got large sums of money without an accounting from the New York Life insurance company, had been located in Paris and that he had received a message from President McCall asking him to come to New York to appear before the committee and render an accounting of his expenses. To induce him to do that, Mr. McCall said, he was going to start for Paris on Saturday.

The committee held its counsel held a protracted executive session at the close of the day's hearing, after which it was announced that the committee would complete the investigation by December 31, as it is due to report to the state legislature the first week in January. The committee will sit five days next week and throughout Christmas holidays.

S. P. OFFICIALS WIN WAGER

Succeed in Landing Oranges From Palermo in Chicago Before Thanksgiving Day

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD.
CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—The traffic officials of the Southern Pacific have won a wager of \$1000 by landing a carload of oranges from the Palermo district of California in Chicago in time to be eaten on Thanksgiving day. The carload was shipped about one week ago and was received in Chicago Tuesday night in good condition.

A similar effort was made last year which failed and the traffic officials lost their wager. This year the Palermo oranges ripened a few days earlier and the Southern Pacific and other Harri-man lines quickly put together a carload and started them Chicagoward on passenger train schedule.

HEAP CURSES ON CHARITY

London's Unemployed Jeer Daughter of the Unemployed of the British King

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—Thousands of unemployed men mustered in strong force around the church army tents off the Strand today and jeered and hissed the Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, eldest daughter of King Edward, who performed the ceremony of dedicating the tents which were presented by the king and endowed with \$5000 from Queen Alexandra's fund.

Shouts of "religious sweeper" and "curse their charity" greeted the princess and the crowd became so boisterous that large numbers of police had to be summoned to disperse them.

STRIKE ASSUMES A MORE SERIOUS PHASE

Workers Accused of Cutting Derrick Ropes

New York Police Investigate Falling of Huge Machine, Which Caused Serious Damage to Building—The Owner Involved in Labor War

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—A serious phase was introduced into the threatened strike of 16,000 members of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers and Housepainters' union today. The police began investigation of the fall of a ten ton derrick which greatly damaged the American Tin Can company's new building in West Fourteenth street. They say violence was resorted to and that the guy ropes supporting the derrick were cut.

Union men say that it fell through the carelessness of non-union workers.

So tense has the situation become that M. F. Ryan of Cleveland, president of the union, announced that he had decided not to return home to spend Thanksgiving.

The building is being erected by Post & McCord, a contracting firm against whom a strike has already been declared. The other building employers are supporting the firm.

The derrick stood on the seventh floor and fell to the fourth floor, carrying away portions of the new iron frame work on three floors. The guy ropes were fastened in the street outside of the building and the police suspect that some one cut them just before daylight today.

WANTS CLOSER INSPECTION

Army Officials Get More Help in Quartermaster's Department

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—In order that supplies furnished the government under contract may be submitted to a closer personal inspection by commissioned officers of the army, in accordance with an order recently issued by Secretary Taft, as an outgrowth of the developments at the Schuylkill arsenal, additional quartermaster officers have been assigned to duty at several of the principal quartermasters' depots as assistants to the officers in charge.

Under this order Capt. Courtland Nixon has been appointed to the general depot at San Francisco.

SHIPS GOLD TO MEXICO

New York Sends Nearly Two Million. Price of Silver Still Rising

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—It was definitely learned today that the \$750,000 in gold engaged for export yesterday was shipped to Mexico direct. Besides this amount, arrangements were made for the export of \$1,000,000 additional.

The gold goes because of the high price which silver is selling and the bankers today regard that the situation has reached a point where gold exports to Mexico were profitable on an ordinary exchange basis.

Silver sold today at 65 1/2c. This is the highest price since December, 1896.

EXPLOSION WRECKS BUILDING

Dynamite Destroys House in San Francisco—Police Investigate Case

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—An explosion occurred this morning which destroyed a building at 10 St. Charles Place and endangered the lives of forty persons who were in the house at the time.

Editor Sellinger and his wife, Augusta Sellinger, were badly injured. They are being treated at the emergency hospital. What caused the explosion is a mystery. The police are inclined to believe that it was due to dynamite stored on the premises.

SENATOR IS FINED \$1,000

Supreme Court of Colorado Holds Newspaper Publisher for Contempt

By Associated Press.

DENVER, Nov. 29.—The supreme court today held United States Senator Thomas Patterson to be in contempt of court for printing certain cartoons and editorials in his two newspapers and fined him \$1000, directing that he be committed to jail until the fine is paid.

Subsequently the court ordered a stay of execution for sixty days, pending an appeal by Senator Patterson to the supreme court of the United States.

RENOUNCES TARIFF COMPACT

Germany Withdraws From Reciprocity Clause Under Dingley Act

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The German government today, through its embassy here, formally renounced to the state department the agreement of July 10, 1900, drawn under section 3 of the Dingley act which regulates the admission of certain German products to the United States in return for minimum tariff rates on American products. The agreement will expire March 1 next.

French Ship Posted as Missing
By Associated Press.
LONDON, Nov. 29.—The French ship Lafayette, Capt. Boju, from New York February 24 for Saigon and Hongkong, was posted at Lloyds today as missing.

FOUR HURT IN STREET CAR CRASH

ONE WOMAN MAY DIE FROM INJURIES

Grand Avenue and Eastlake Park Coaches Collide—Passengers Hurlled From Seats by Impact

STREET CAR ACCIDENTS

Collision between Grand avenue and Eastlake park cars at Naud Junction. Four persons hurt, one seriously.

Collision Ninth and Main streets between San Pedro and Long Beach cars. No one hurt. Freight car on the Los Angeles Pacific jumps the track at Ivanhoe Junction.

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By Associated Press.

WOULD CHLOROFORM MOTHER

Testimony Shows That Daughter of Explorer Wanted to Administer Death

Special to The Herald.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 29.—Miss Anna Hall of this city, who recently attracted a great deal of attention by advising that her persons hopelessly ill should be chloroformed, in an address before the national convention of Humane Workers in Philadelphia, is a daughter of Explorer Hall, who lost his life many years ago on a trip to the far north. The government paid Explorer Hall's family \$15,000 and this money has caused litigation in the family.

Today, in Judge Pfeifer's court, in the hearing over the will of Miss Hall's mother, Mrs. Simcoe testified that frequently while the alleged poolroom where Mrs. Hall lay dying she had heard Miss Anna Hall urge the attending physician to let chloroform be administered to end her mother's sufferings.

Miss Hall insisted, the witness stated, that her mother was in great pain, and as death was inevitable, it was not right to let her suffer.

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LONDON, Nov. 29.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post says it is decided, in addition to Pei Nan Yang shung, to form a third squadron, which will be composed of two battleships and a number of gunboats and torpedo boats and destroyers.

FLOODS THREATEN TOWN OF YUMA

COLORADO RIVER ON WILD RAMPAGE

Feared Dams May Give Way at Any Minute—Imperial Head Swept Away by Angry Waters

Special to The Herald.

YUMA, Ariz., Nov. 29.—The Colorado river is on a wild rampage and threatens every minute to break over the dams and sweep the valley. The stream is higher than it has been in fifteen years and is continually on the rise. It now measures thirty-two feet.

Heavy rains are reported to be falling at several points above and it is believed that the flood of water will reach here soon. If it comes the last dam, which is in the process of construction at the point where the river divides, will be swept away as though it were composed of straw and the water will rush unchecked through the valley, carrying everything before it.

The only damage which has been done so far in Yuma is the flooding of the electric light plant, which leaves the place in total darkness. All of the people have been warned so that there is no danger of the loss of life, and a careful patrol of all of the weak places in Yuma levees is being maintained.

It would require an additional rise of several feet for the water to break over, but fear is felt on account of the reported floods farther up the river.

Everything is lost at the Imperial heading and all hope of ever changing the course of the river back into the old channel has been despaired of. All of the work has been destroyed and all the material machinery and camp supplies have been swept down the river. The water is cutting the channel deeper and the banks wider very rapidly and gives promise to very soon overflow all of the adjacent property.

MAY TIE UP RAILWAY TRAFFIC

Southern Pacific Officials Fearful of Results of Flood

Local officials of the Southern Pacific have received advices from Yuma stating that the headgate of the Colorado river above Yuma may go out at any moment and if it does, it will mean that both bridges at Yuma will be washed away.

The water rose six inches yesterday and was still rising at the last reports. The headgate cannot possibly last if the water rises much more and if it goes out and takes the Yuma bridges, traffic on the Southern Pacific may be tied up for several days until a temporary bridge can be constructed.

It is believed that if the headgate goes out the Salton sea will be so much enlarged that nothing can be done to lower it for several years.

The Colorado river is running a perfect torrent and if rain in the mountains continues there it is expected that it will burst all boundaries and tie up the southern branch of the Southern Pacific indefinitely, for no bridge could be constructed over the Colorado at the rate at which it is running now.

If the bridge goes out it will be necessary to run trains from the east over the Santa Fe. The Southern Pacific would connect either at Deming and over the Santa Fe by way of Albuquerque, or at Maricopa, Ariz., and the Phoenix & Prescott railroad, and run into the Santa Fe at Ash Fork, Ariz., from which point trains would be run over the Santa Fe.

A depth of thirty feet and six inches has already been reached at Yuma and if this is not the record high water, the lowlands surrounding Yuma are inundated deeply, and any more water coming down the river must go through the main channel, and consequently under the railroad bridge.

St. Paul Leases Tracks into Portland
By Associated Press.
PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 29.—The Oregonian tomorrow will say: "The Northern Pacific-Great Northern road down the north bank of the Columbia river will be double tracked from Wallula, Wash., to Portland, and the Chicago & Puget Sound and St. Paul will have track rights over the line, thus securing for the latter road an entrance into Portland."

WOMAN CLINGS TO HOPE

Mrs. Rogers, Under Sentence of Death, Encourages Lawyers to Further Effort

By Associated Press.

WINDSOR, Vt., November 29.—Despite the fact that the United States supreme court had decided not to interfere in the case of Mary M. Rogers, under sentence of death for the murder of her husband, another effort to effect a stay of execution will be made. A stay of execution will be made if the execution is set for Friday, December 8.

Her attorney told Mrs. Rogers that he had in mind another plan which might prolong her life, after all hope in that direction had to be abandoned.

Mrs. Rogers said: "What there is life there is hope." She added: "I'll take the chance you suggest."

Her attorney, Mr. Flynn, declined to state in what manner he would proceed.

RAIN RELIEVES DROUGHT

Precipitation at Sacramento Gladdens Hearts of Ranchers

By Associated Press.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 29.—Beginning shortly after midnight this morning and continuing without cessation up to the middle of the afternoon, rain fell throughout the central and northern parts of the state in such volume as to dispel the fears that many persons had held of a dry season. While the rainfall is still far below the normal for this date, and greatly less than last season, there is now no reason to fear that it will not meet all the requirements of the farmers, stock raisers and miners.

Indeed, enough has already fallen to insure good pasturage for stock within a couple of weeks, if the weather should not be too cold, and so much of the mountain streams that the miners and electric power companies will soon forget that there had been a shortage.

Refunding Scheme is a Success

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Secretary Shaw's offer to receive 3 and 4 per cent bonds, issued on September 23, for refunding into 2s, expired today. The amount received up to the hour of closing the department was \$52,415,000, of which \$39,425,400 were 4s and \$12,989,600 3s. Secretary Shaw says he is well pleased with the result of his offer.

Collins Seeks His Liberty

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—A jury was secured today to try Attorney George D. Collins on a charge of perjury and the trial began this afternoon. Judge Lennon refused the request of Collins that he be allowed his liberty during the progress of the case.

GAPON ADVISES MODERATION

Former Leader Returns to St. Petersburg With Modified Ideas

By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 29.—Father Gapon is here in hiding. In an interview today he expressed the opinion that the revolutionaries had been making the tactical mistake which he made before January 22 of preaching an armed rebellion, a democratic republic and an immediate 8-hour day. He added that his residence abroad had opened his eyes. Time was necessary to realize the Socialist ideals for the eventual struggle. If the emperor gives a constitution, swearing to abide by it, and grants full amnesty, the people should be content for the present.

Mr. Struve, editor of the Gavobidnits, also denounced the tactics of "the men with whom I fought during my long exile" as sure to end in disaster. He added:

"The strike, which is being worshipped as a deity, will end in industrial bankruptcy. It injures the cause. The evolution of a dictatorship of the proletariat would be as intolerable as that of the Blacks. Justice, freedom and industrial reparation should be the aims."

TO TRACE CRIMINALS BY THEIR THUMBPRINTS

FAMOUS DETECTIVE TELLS OF SYSTEM