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## CZAR REJECTS THE ZEMSTOV REFORMS

### Emperor Nicholas Formally Notifies Country That the Agitation Is Useless

#### SAYS REFORMERS ARE TACTLESS

**Declares Questions of State Administration Are of No Concern to the Zemstovs, Whose Rights and Duties Are Clearly Defined by Law—No Hope of Immediate Reforms.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Emperor Nicholas formally notified the country today that agitation for a constitution and convention of the national assembly is useless. Such is the construction placed upon the endorsement written in his own hand on the resolutions telegraphed by Chernia's government of Zemstvo, begging him to convocate the legally elected members of Zemstvos to present a program of reforms for his consideration.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—On the margin of a telegram from the president of Zemstvo government, Chernia, regarding reforms in state matters, Emperor Nicholas, according to a communication published in the Official Messenger today, appended a note as follows:

"I consider the action of the president to be presumptous and tactless. The questions of state administration are of no concern to Zemstvos, whose functions and rights are clearly defined by law."

#### BULLETIN.

London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says Kuropatkin has telegraphed the general staff that he has received a report from Chinese sources to the effect that the Russians have recaptured 203-Meter Hill at Port Arthur together with guns mounted by the Japanese.

#### BULLETIN.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—4 p. m.—Japanese troops have captured some important positions on Pigeon bay.

Tokio, Dec. 22—A dispatch today from the Japanese army before Port Arthur, says:

"The right column of the army at 5 o'clock this morning, taking advantage of the enemy's excitement, drove the enemy off an eminence north of Housanyentao on Pigeon bay and occupied the position. At 7 o'clock they dislodged the enemy from a height on the peninsula west of Housanyentao, which we occupied, capturing one small gun. After the Japanese occupation of the positions, the enemy made a counter attack, but was immediately repulsed. At present our occupation of the positions is practically secure."

#### MANY JAPS SUICIDE.

**Russian Soldiers Marvel at the Custom of Japs When Defeated.**

Mukden, Dec. 22.—One of the most inexplicable things to the Russian soldier is the habit of the Japanese to commit suicide when confronted with defeat. There are so many eye witnesses reports of this nature that it is impossible to discredit them. Japanese officers especially seem to make a practice of saving their last cartridge for themselves. A Russian under the circumstances would rather go down fighting, leaving his enemies to do the killing, or else surrender, if he thought there was nothing to be gained by holding out. In the capture of Poutiloff (Lone Tree) hill, especially, there were a number of such cases. When the Japanese batteries were captured one officer shot himself with his gun. Another drew his sword and fenced at the empty air until he was shot. During the same fight two villages occupied by the Japanese were surrounded and burned. Numbers of Japanese remained quietly in their huts and were burned to death. A Russian officer hauled two Japanese prisoners out of a blazing hut, but one slipped back and perished in the flames. Japanese officers were found in huts after the fight burned to death or suffocated, sitting in chairs as though they had been quietly awaiting their doom.

**Sevastopol Disabled.**

Headquarters Third Jap Army, before Port Arthur, Dec. 22.—During the morning of the 19th, Sevastopol was torpedoed by the Jap fleet and immediately listed ten degrees to the right, remaining fast on the shallow shore at the foot of Liaoti mountain. The vessel is considered absolutely useless for further offensive operations.

Jap bombardment of the Russian gunboats and torpedo craft in the harbor continues.

#### PIG OUTWITS BOTH ARMIES.

**Russians and Japs Chase Fresh Meat That Keeps on Neutral Ground.**

[Correspondence of Associated Press]

On the Front Line of Russian Defense, Below Mookden, Dec. 22.—The thermometer is 5 below zero. We have just come in from a ride around the front. It was a desolate ride. We caught up with the officer of the day visiting his outposts, and accompanied him along miles of trenches, where thousands of soldiers are burrowing into the ground for bomb proofs and habitable dugouts before the ground freezes seven feet down. The men have plenty of tea and are fairly fed, but fresh meat is a luxury that is not to be neglected.

While we were talking by the fire at one place some fresh meat appeared. There was a row toward the front line of trenches that might have presaged a Japanese attack and we rushed to a knoll that commanded a view. There, from a seemingly deserted Chinese hut, rushed a half-grown pig of the Manchurian razorback variety. After it went a Cossack in hot pursuit. Other Cossacks joined in the chase, but the pig, threading the trenches, gained the open ground and headed for the Japanese lines, less than 400 yards away.

Reckless of death or anything else, six Cossacks dashed in pursuit, with their long brown coats, tucked about their waists, but the pig headed across the imaginary dividing line and charged the Japanese position. The opposite hill slope had been to all appearances vacant and silent as the grave, but a hidden trench suddenly gave up a party of Japanese and away they went after the pig. The Cossacks stopped and the Japanese headed the pig diagonally back toward the Russian lines. They did not catch it, but a fresh relay of Russians took up the chase and the pig veered over again to the Japanese.

Not a shot was fired all this time and the Japanese and Cossacks stood within 100 paces of each other in the open, laughing at each other's nonsuccess and hurling mutual maledictions after the pig.

The last we saw of it, the pig was keeping strictly to the neutral strip between the forces and heading westward in the direction of the Liao river.

## JAP SHIPS ON WATCH

**Admiral Kamimura With Fleet of Cruisers and Battleships Now Off Signapore Waiting Chance to Intercept the Russian Pacific Squadron.**

Singapore Straits Settlement, Dec. 22.—Two Jap auxiliary cruisers are patrolling off this port. The cruisers called here this morning and left at noon. They reported two Jap battleships, four cruisers, and twelve torpedo boat destroyers near by, steaming west.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—A squadron of powerful cruisers under Admiral Kamimura has gone south to the China sea to meet the Russian Second Pacific squadron.

#### RETURNS $40,000 OF FUNDS.

**B. B. McGreevy Admits He Was President of Defunct Nebraska Bank.**

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Henry McDonald, captain of Rangers, yesterday recovered from Bernard B. McGreevy, president of the defunct Elkhorn National bank of O'Neill, Neb., bank paper to the amount of $40,000. McGreevy for the first time admitted he had been president of the institution, having previously insisted that he was only bookkeeper and that if there was a shortage it was the fault of Cashier Patrick Hagerty.

Captain McDonald says $15,000 of recovered money is on deposit in an Arizona bank and $25,000 in a Nebraska bank under an assumed name. Captain McDonald says that correspondence he took from McGreevy, shows that Cashier Hagerty had made an appointment to meet McGreevy here and also that one more person had guilty knowledge of the hypothecation of funds.

## DR. CHADWICK ALSO

**Grand Jury at Cleveland Indicts Mrs. Chadwick and Dr. Chadwick on Charge of Forgery in Connection With the Andrew Carnegie Note.**

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—The county grand jury this afternoon returned indictments against Dr. and Mrs. Chadwick on the charge of forging Carnegie's name to a $5,000,000 note.

#### LONDON FOGBOUND.

**Enormous Losses Caused by Weather Conditions in the Metropolis.**

London, Dec. 22.—Such a complete disorganization of railroad traffic and shipping as has resulted from the present fog has been unknown for many years. The dismal pall is spread over the greater part of the kingdom, causing enormous business losses. Statisticians estimate the losses in a single day in London alone amount to fully $3,000,000.

#### TRAVER PIANO COMPANY FAILS.

**Closing of Bank of Which Traver Was President Was the Cause.**

Conneaut, Ohio, Dec. 22.—The C. M. Traver Piano Co., assigned today. The failure resulted from closing the First National Bank, C. M. Traver being president of both the bank and Piano Co.

**Retrial of Dreyfus Case.**

Paris, Dec. 22. — It is unofficially announced that the attorney general, who is examining the Dreyfus case, has decided to recommend a re-trial before the court martial.

## NAN PATTERSON'S FATE WITH JURY

### Justice Davis Delivers His Instructions and the Jurors Retired at Noon

#### FAVORABLE TO THE PRISONER

**Court Instructs Jury to Take Into Consideration the Lack of a Proved Motive For the Crime — Verdict of Manslaughter Would be Possible — The Evidence.**

New York, Dec. 22. — Before leaving her cell in the Tombs prison today, Nan Patterson packed up all her belongings. Her grips and suit case, locked, ready for removal stood by the door as she started on what she believed to be her last journey across the bridge of sighs. "I know I will be free before night," she said.

When the prisoner reached the court room, Judge Davis at once began his charge to the jury.

Justice Davis in his charge referred to the alleged failure of the prosecution to show that Miss Patterson had any motive which might lead her to kill Young. He instructed the jury that while it is not always necessary for the prosecution to prove a motive, it is important in connection with other facts. "In circumstantial evidence," said he, "the question of motive often becomes important, but it must not be a motive that is imagined; it must be proved."

Justice Davis defined the various degrees of murder and told the jury they could find the prisoner guilty of murder in the first degree, in the second degree, manslaughter, or they could render a verdict of not guilty. If the defendant fired the shot without premeditation she would be guilty of murder in the second degree. He explained she might be found guilty in the first or second degree of manslaughter, if not of murder, but added that if there was a reasonable doubt of her guilt in any of the degrees, of homicide, the jury must acquit her. The judge finished the charge at 12:15 p. m. and the jury immediately retired, but took a recess until 2 o'clock.

**Story of the Crime.**

The crime with which Nan Patterson, the former show girl, was charged in the trial to end today was one of the most sensational in New York criminal annals. Its peculiar circumstances, the prominence of Caesar Young in sporting circles and the glamor thrown around the central figure in the case because of her membership in one of the famous "Floradora" sextettes, all tended to lend it an interest hardly rivaled in recent years. Miss Miss Patterson sitting beside him in a cab, Young was on his way to the steamship pier, where his wife awaited him, to sail with her for Europe. The trip avowedly was planned to break his relations with the girl. It was early in the morning and but few pedestrians were on the street thru which the cab was hurrying to the dock. There was a pistol shot and Young fell forward, his head in the girl's lap, dead with a bullet in his chest. Just what transpired in the glass enclosed vehicle probably will never be known. The cabman testified he heard the report. He knew nothing more. For some time absolute silence prevailed and then a flood of eyewitnesses turned up. Their stories, however, could not stand investigation and one after another the witnesses were put aside as sensation seekers. Then an old man, Martin Hazelton, of Oneonta, came forward. His probity was unquestioned, his standing in his home town was of the best and he told what he had seen on that June morning. He saw a man and woman, their hands clasped and held face high. Then a flash, a puff of smoke and the report of a revolver broke the stillness of the morning. He was the most important witness placed on the stand and the efforts of the prosecution to shake his brief but vital testimony went for naught. The defendant herself went to the witness chair and told the whole story of her relations with Young. It was a cruel ordeal, but she told it all in a straightforward manner. She said her companion shot himself. He held both her wrists with one hand and as she struggled to free herself, she heard a revolver report and Young sank into her lap dead. This in brief is the story of the case that has been three times a nine days' talk in New York. There were many sensational sidelines to it, none of which were brought out at the trial. One of the strangest of these is a missing eye-witness. Hazelton said that another man stood beside him and saw the tragedy. He was a casual street acquaintance who gave him the Masonic greeting and whose name he did not know. He had introduced himself as a "brother from Rocky Mountains." The unknown has been searched for far and wide by both the prosecution and defense. The story of his presence has been published in every newspaper in the country, but he did not come forward, even tho a human life might have depended upon his word.

#### LABOR RIOTS PREDICTED.

**Strife Amounting to Civil War Expected in California Next Year.**

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 22.—"I look for riots almost amounting to civil war in California next spring," said a traveling man who was in that state a short time ago.

"The trouble will be over labor matters," he added, "and will probably exceed the Colorado conditions in intensity. With the introduction of politics into the present disturbed labor conditions there will be a flaring up which will call for the best thought and most effective action in order to restore quiet and confidence.

"The feeling is very bitter among laboring men and employers in many places, the efforts being in some instances to break up the unions altogether and declare for the open shop. In Los Angeles this is particularly noticeable, and even girls and women are taking an active, aggressive part to aid the cause of the working people as they see it. I look for much trouble when the election of state officers comes on."

#### WIFE ISSUES ULTIMATUM.

**Will Pay Part of Husband's Defalcation if He Is Not Prosecuted.**

O'Neill, Neb., Dec. 22. — Mrs. Patrick Hagerty, wife of the fugitive cashier of the Elkhorn Valley bank, has written a statement to creditors of the bank in which she promises them at least 60 per cent of their claims in return for assurances that her husband and her brother, President McGreevy, shall not be prosecuted. Otherwise, she says, the case will be fought to the end and no property will be surrendered.

## REFUSED THE ORDER

**Judge Grosscup Declines to Order Sale of the Car Companies Controlled by the Union Traction Company.**

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Federal Judge Grosscup today refused to order the sale of the street car companies controlled by the Union Traction Company. The receivers of the companies made application for authority to issue certificates to pay for equipment, repairs and improvements. The bondholders objected and intimated the court should sell the property. The judge, in the interests of the bondholders and stockholders, declined to order the sale and ordered the Union Traction Company to produce the money required by the receivers, under their agreement with the underlying companies.

#### WINS RHODES' SCHOLARSHIP.

**Milwaukee Boy at University of Minnesota Captures That Honor.**

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 22.—Harry Mitchell, a former student at the west division high school, now attending the University of Minnesota, has been awarded the Rhodes' scholarship for Minnesota. This is doubly interesting in Milwaukee high school circles because Richard Scholz, also a west division high school graduate, recently won the Rhodes scholarship for Wisconsin.

#### GUILTY OF CONTEMPT.

**Denver Election Officials Are Sent to the Jail.**

Denver, Dec. 22.—City Detective W. H. Greene, John Desaye, Frank McMahon and Robert Goodman were today adjudged guilty of contempt by the supreme court for irregularities at the late election and each was sentenced to six months in jail.

## COMMISSION MEETS

**International Commissioners to Inquire Into the North Sea Incident Convenes in Paris Today—Admiral Von Spaun Chosen Fifth Member.**

Paris, Dec. 22.—The international commission appointed to inquire into the North Sea incident, met at the foreign office this morning. Rear Admiral Davis was present. The commission unanimously elected Admiral Baron Von Spaun of the Austro-Hungarian navy to be the fifth member, completed the preliminary organization and adjourned until January 9.

#### MESSAGES BY TYPEWRITER.

**J. C. Barclay, Former Chicago Man, Perfects System.**

New York, Dec. 22.—J. C. Barclay, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and formerly of Chicago, has perfected a mechanism to send telegrams by typewriter. It needs no knowledge of the Morse code and no receiver at the other end, another typewriter putting it down as sent. The system has been in operation between New York and Buffalo since Monday.

Briefly, the invention consists of an appliance to an ordinary typewriter, by which a person sending from one city has his message printed by a similar typewriter in another city.

Unlike any other telegraph printing inventions, the typewriter does not click off the Morse alphabet, but the sender writes his mesage before him, just as an operator on a typewriter would do, and the printed message appears in duplicate on the typewriting machines miles distant.

All that it is necessary to do at the receiving end, it is said, is to feed paper into the typewriting machine, or a roll of paper can be so arranged that it will unwind as the messages are received.

According to Mr. Barclay, the sender need be only a typewriter operator to use the machine.

Mrs. William Gladden shot and killed her husband at their home at Requa gulch, south of Cripple Creek, Col. She says he beat her.

A decree was handed down in the federal court at Beaumont, Tex., foreclosing a mortgage for $1,500,000 on the Port Arthur Channel and Dock Company property. There are numerous stockholders in Illinois and Iowa. Sale was ordered.

## CAPTAIN THRIFT SUCCEEDS BYERS

### Melvin H. Byers Resigns Office of Adjutant General and Successor Is Named

#### CHANGE TAKES PLACE SOON

**General Byers Was Appointed During the Administration of Governor Jackson and Has Made a Great Record in the Guard—Something About the New Adjutant.**

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Dec. 22. — Melvin H. Byers, for a number of years adjutant general of Iowa, will be succeeded the first of the year by Captain William H. Thrift, of Dubuque.

Gen. Byers, the retiring adjutant general, was a soldier in an Iowa regiment during the war of the rebellion, and was for many years engaged in business in Glenwood, Mills county. He was also justice of the peace for a number of years. He became connected with the Glenwood military company many years ago and always took an active part in guard affairs. During the administration of Governor Jackson when a controversy arose in the guard as to who should be adjutant general, and the bitterness engendered promised to disrupt the organization, Gen. Byers was selected as a compromise, and he was given a difficult task. He remained at the head of the guard under Governor Shaw and had upon his shoulders the responsibility for equipping and sending to the front the four Iowa regiments of the volunteers formed out of the four guard regiments. After the return of the regiments he reorganized the guard, and he has continued in the service to the present time. During his term there has been great changes in the guard and the annual appropriations have greatly increased and the national government gives more liberally.

Capt. William H. Thrift, of Dubuque, who is to become head of the guard, is probably the officer in the guard of longest continuous service, or practically in continuous service. He has been many years at the head of the company at Dubuque and went with the company to Cuba. Capt. Thrift is a native of Iowa and was one of the first white persons to be born in what is now Des Moines. His father was an officer located at old Fort Des Moines. Capt. Thrift also served in the civil war with credit. He has been connected with the guard for many years, has never mixed in politics and is engaged in business in Dubuque. If the selection had been left to the members of the guard there is very little doubt that Capt. Thrift, altho he is a strict disciplinarian, would have been chosen.

The change in the headship of the Iowa national guard does not reflect in any way upon General Byers or his administration. He was not commissioned for any definite term, but the adjutant general, who is the personal representative of the governor, holds his position entirely at the will of the governor. General Byers had been long at the head of the organization, had been efficient in many lines; but the governor had reached the conclusion that the growth of the guard work and the changes incident to a great development of the work demanded placing a new man at the head. There had grown up the inevitable friction between officers of the guard and an unsettled condition due to the desires of many of the company commanders to have more progress.

Governor Cummins, on taking his office, determined upon making attention to the national guard a personal matter with him and he attended every camp in person and made every review required of him. He also familiarized himself with the guard and its work, became acquainted with all the officers, consulted with the regimental and company officers and has given attention to every detail of the guard. This attention to detail ripened into the order for certain changes in the guard regulations which were prepared by Governor Cummins recently and which were transmitted to the company commanders by him thru official channels. The new regulations were in the line of progress and advancement of the guard and were chiefly on some points much desired by the rank and file of the guard.

There have been some great changes in the guard in recent years. The guard formerly had over seventy companies and nine regiments; but at that time the state gave very little support. Now the state is liberal in appropriations and there are four regiments with twelve company each and a signal corps. The guard has about $25,000 to spend each year in Iowa.

#### VAN SANT FOR SENATOR.

**Minnesota Governor is a Passive Candidate for the Senatorial Toga.**

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—Governor Van Sant last night addressed a large audience at Hastings, Minn., a small city about eighteen miles from here, on "Freight Rates," and his speech is regarded here as his entry into the senatorial contest as a candidate for the seat in the United States senate now occupied by Senator Clapp of St. Paul.

Before going to Hastings, Governor Van Sant was asked by the Associated Press if he would make a formal announcement of his candidacy for senatorial honors. He said: "I won't make an announcement of that nature. I'm going to let that take care of itself. If the people of Minnesota I am the man who represents the ciples I advocate, and that I am the man to carry them out as United States senator, then my address may be looked upon as an announcement of my candidacy."

In his speech last night the governor said: "All men are interested in the question of freight rates. What is a freight rate? A freight rate is a tax on everything which enters into the life and commerce of the country. Unreasonable rates are charged and discriminations are common. These evils exist and should be remedied.

"This question will be settled, and settled promptly. To admit that we are helpless is to declare that constitutional government is a failure.

"I shall urge the legislature to memorialize congress in favor of granting increased power to the interstate commerce commission. I trust it will do this.

"A great deal of favorable sentiment has been created already from many quarters. I am ready to join hands with any man or any body of men to carry on the contests. Before joining battle you would better take time for reflection. Do you know the power of corporate wealth? Do you fully realize the vast influence it wields? Do you know how mercilessly it punishes those who stand in its way, and oppose its will? I do. And I enter this fight with the full knowledge of these facts."

## FIRE AT FORT DODGE

**Blaze Originating in Furlong & Meloy Dry Goods Store Causes Loss That May Exceed $50,000—Express Company, Bank and Telephone Buildings are Destroyed.**

Special to Times-Republican.

Fort Dodge, Dec. 22.—A disastrous fire that had its origin in the dry goods store of Furlong & Meloy, at 1:45, is burning this afternoon, altho at 4 o'clock it is thought to be under control. The loss can not as yet be estimated, but it is thought will reach close to $50,000. The store where the fire originated is badly gutted, and there will be but very little salvage. The walls of the building are standing. In the second story, which was occupied by the Iowa Telephone Company, everything was burned, but the new switchboard and that is practically ruined by water.

From the dry goods store the flames spread across the street, where they are now burning. The American Express Company building is gone, but most of the contents were saved. The Farmers' Commercial Bank building is on fire, but it is thought it can be saved, altho it woll be badly damaged.

Later—The fire has been put under control and is now nearly extinguished. Practically everything in the express office was saved, altho the building is totally destroyed. The loss is difficult to estimate, and previous estimates may be too high. The late afternoon trains had not arrived, and incoming business was therefore small at the express office. At first it was feared Christmas goods had been lost in the flames. The Iowa Telephone Company's loss will be considerable, but arrangements will be made to resume business at an early hour and the interruption will be only temporary.

Special to Times-Republican.

Webster City, Dec. 22.—Word from Fort Dodge says the fire started in the basement of Furlong & Meloy's dry goods store, in a part of the basement where cotton is stored. A clerk says that she smelled smoke a day or two ago, while in the basement, and it is believed that the fire has been smouldering some time. The office of the Iowa Telephone Company is located over the dry goods store, and is badly damaged, sufficiently that communication for the time being is cut off. The cables and switchboard are damaged by water.

The fire has spread across the street, to the Farmers' Commercial bank, and the American Express Company's buildings. It will be impossible to save anything on account of the dense smoke, which fills both buildings and prevents the firemen and those assisting from entering the buildings. So far no one has been injured.

**An Example of True Laziness.**

President Clowry of the Western Union Telegraph Company holds that laziness, more than alcohol or anything else, is responsible for the failures that men and women make of their lives.

"Take the tramp," said President Clowry one day. "What is the tramp's dominant trait? Is it not laziness? You may say the tramp is fond of liquor. Well, I answer that he is fonder of idleness. He could swim in liquor if he would work for it. But he will not work.

"All failures are lazy. But the laziest failure is the tramp. A tramp knocked at the back door of my cousin's farm in Vermont one hot afternoon.

"'Lady,' he said to the cook, 'will ye spare a poor feller a drink of water?'

"'Certainly,' she answered. 'Here's a tumbler, and there's the pump.'

"'Thank you, kindly,' said the tramp. 'And now, if you'll just work the handle we shan't be long.'"

## T.-R. BULLETIN

### NOTICEABLE NEWS OF TODAY

**The Weather.**

Sun rises Dec. 23, 7:22; sets, 4:35.

Iowa—Threatening tonight with warmer in the east and central and snow in the northwest. Friday probably snow and colder.

South Dakota—Snow and cold wave tonight and Friday.

Missouri—Threatening tonight with warmer in the east and south. Friday, possibly rain or snow with colder in the afternoon or night.

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## THE JURY DISAGREES

**Fails to Arrive at a Verdict in the Gerber-Ford Assault Case at Webster City — The Jury Was Discharged This Afternoon.**

Special to Times-Republican.

Webster City, Dec. 22.—The jury in the case of County Superintendent of Schools L. N. Gerber, who was charged by City Superintendent L. H. Ford with an assault and battery with intent to do great bodily injury, disagreed this afternoon. The altercation occurred between the two men last May and for several days Ford is said to have laid at the point of death from a blow on the head.

#### SHE KISSED CULLOM.

**Galesburg Girl Travels to Washington To Help Her Soldier Lover.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Senator Cullom received a hearty kiss from a pretty girl in the room of the senate committee on foreign relations yesterday.

The girl was Miss Minnie Swigert of Galesburg, who had saved up $120 with which to purchase the freedom of her sweetheart, John Pierce, who is a private in the hospital corps of the United States army.

This money was deposited with the proper authorities. Pierce looked forward to his discharge in time to marry Miss Swigert during the holidays. He was thunderstruck, therefore, the other day when he received orders to leave with his company for the Philippines. He wired the news to his sweetheart and that young woman promptly came all the way from Galesburg to Washington to see Senator Cullom about it.

Miss Swigert went to the room of the committee on foreign relations, interrupting Senator Cullom while he was poring over the treaties pending with foreign countries. She told him her story and Senator Cullom took up the telephone, rang up Surgeon General O'Reilly, and pleaded for the soldier lover.

"Don't send him to the Philippines, general," pleaded Senator Cullom.

The girl's face was deadly pale and she was intensely agitated. Cullom turned from the telephone and said: "That matter is all arranged."

"What!" exclaimed the girl, jumping from her chair. "Isn't he going to the Philippines?"

"No, he'll stay at home."

"O, you dear old man," gasped the maiden, leaping into Senator Cullom's arms and giving him a hearty kiss. "You dear, dear old man."

Then she ran from the room, it not being long before Private John Pierce, hospital corps, received a message from the capitol telegraph office.

Senator Cullom turned to his secretary.

"Billy," he said, "I guess that's enough for one day. We won't go over those treaties any further."

#### SALOON PETITION FAILS.

**Not Enough Names Secured on the Consent Petition at Mason City.**

Special to Times-Republican.

Mason City, Dec. 22.—The saloon petition failed of having the requisite number of names today, the last day to file.

**To Wed Miss Leiter.**

Washington, Dec. 22.—Henry Molyneux Paget Howard, earl of Norfolk, and Berkshire today took out a license to marry Miss Marguerite Hyde Leiter, daughter of Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter in this city, on the 27th inst.

## BIG FIRE LOSS AT MITCHELLVILLE

### Explosion of Gasoline In a Restaurant Causes Destruction of Business Block

#### LOSS ESTIMATED AT $20,000

**Baker in the Restaurant Badly Burned in Attempting to Put Out the Blaze —J. H. Jones, Clothing Merchant, Probably Heaviest Loser — Other Losses.**

Special to Times-Republican.

Mitchellville, Dec. 22.—Fire broke out in the restaurant in Mitchellville this morning and before the fire was put out there was a loss of about $20,000. This is the estimate placed on the loss by the cashier of the bank. The fire started from an explosion of gasoline. The baker in the restaurant was badly burned in trying to put out the fire at the start. Engines were sent from Des Moines, and assistance finally confined the fire chiefly to the one block, which was not the best block in the town.

The principal losses:

J. H. Jones, clothing store, who lost $4,000 on building. He had $10,000 stock of goods and the loss on this was half. Insurance was $12,000.

The City bank was in the same building and the money and papers were all removed to a place of safety. The safe is believed to be intact. The bank probably lost $1,000 on fixtures.

The opera house was on the second floor of the same building and the loss there was $300.

A. S. Alford, general store, was in a two-story block building, which burned. Loss $2,500; insurance $1,500.

M. M. Brown, feed store, loss $1,000.

A. G. Lyons, restaurant, where the fire started. Loss about $800 with $500 insurance.

The millinery store of Kittie Allen was burned with $100 loss. It was in the building owned by the Field estate. Loss $1,000; half insured. Mr. Jones was the oldest business man in the town and he felt his loss greatly.

#### OFFER A REWARD OF $1,000.

**Colorado Authorities Trying to Solve Murder Mystery.**

Colorado Springs, Col., Dec. 22.—The county commissioners offered a reward of $1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of the girl found dead on Cutler mountain. Coroner Law yesterday had the girl's remains buried in Evergreen cemetery in a lot provided by the county. The jaws and the half have been saved for identification purposes. George Childers, who, with W. S. Maunder, is engaged in mining in Bear Creek canyon, west of this city, yesterday gave the police the description of a man and a woman who were seen twice in Bear Creek canyon by himself and Mr. Maunder on December 6 and 8. Mr. Childers thinks the woman is the one who was found dead on Cutler mountain.

#### SAYS HE HELD UP PAYMASTER.

**"Red" Murphy, Charged With Robbing B. F. Cassell.**

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 22.—"Red" Murphy charged with assaulting and robbing B. F. Cassell, paymaster of the Great Western distillery, on Sept. 17, of $2,700, confessed yesterday, and implicated several others in the crime.

Murphy said that Thomas Dunn, a saloonkeeper, near the distillery, had instigated the crime, and that he gave the money to Dunn, who has refused to use any of it to help him out.

Dunn was arrested yesterday afternoon and gave bail in the sum of $5,000.

The holdup took place in broad daylight on a principal street. The paymaster was knocked down, and a satchel containing the weekly pay for the distillery employes in gold and currency taken, and the men made their escape across the river.

#### FOUR MEN INSTANTLY KILLED.

**Explosion in Coal Mine at Bolivar Causes Loss of Life.**

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 22. — Four men were instantly killed and many others nearly suffocated today as the result of an explosion of a coal mine at Bollivar, just east of the city.

**Was Blown to Pieces.**

Detroit, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Thomas E. Barnes was blown to pieces today in her home in Pine street by a cartridge that had been sent her by a brother, a sailor in the navy. It is supposed she accidentally struck the cartridge against the stove in such a manner that it exploded.

**Murder in West Virginia.**

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 22.—I. E. Christian, a leading lawyer, was shot and killed at Oceana today by Ken Canterbury, who made his escape to the mountains. Canterbury operated a "blind tiger" and had been indicted thru Christian's efforts.

**Trainmen Are Killed in Wreck.**

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 22.—The fast train from Chicago to the copper country on the C., M. & St. P. road was wrecked last night by a broken rail Lena, a point near here. Engineer Cavan and Fireman Louis were killed and fifteen persons were injured.