

Allow me to compliment you upon the high standard of your paper. I have yet to see an article that would prompt the conclusion that the corporations had any more "Stand in" than the rest of us.—A. T. WHERRY, Cashier.

The Evening Times-Republican.

The T.-R. brings the news of Iowa and the world concisely told. It has told the news, both general and political, as it secured it from the best authorities and published it without coloring to suit the notions of the editor.

STEAMER BERLIN SINKS; 140 PEOPLE PERISH

Awful Ocean Disaster This Morning Off Rotterdam, Holland, Attended With Large Loss of Life, One Man Surviving

VESSEL HITS BAR DURING GALE

Breaks in Two in Sight of People on Shore and All on Board Are Precipitated into the Raging Sea—Life Savers Make Brave Attempt to Reach the Ship But High Seas Prevent—One of the Passengers, an Englishman, is the Sole Survivor.

London, Feb. 21.—The Rotterdam mail steamer Berlin, from England, with 141 passengers and crew, was wrecked off the Hook of Holland, at the entrance to the river Maas, leading to Rotterdam, shortly before 6 o'clock this morning, and with one exception all on board perished. A terrific southwesterly gale was blowing right inshore and drove the steamer in the sand bank close to the northern jetty, as she was trying to enter the new waterway. Heavy seas quickly pounded the vessel to pieces. She broke in two, the forepart sinking immediately, while the doomed passengers and crew could be seen for a brief space of time clustered on the afterpart. Then the afterpart slipped off the ledge and disappeared in the mountainous waves. Tugs and lifeboats promptly put out to the assistance of the Berlin, but the violence of the gale made it impossible to approach the wreck. The helpless would-be life savers saw the steamer break up and the crew and passengers washed away without being able to render the slightest assistance. One man, an Englishman, was saved. Already twenty-five bodies have been washed ashore.

Agents of the vessel at Rotterdam, while not positive, believe the Berlin carried 120 passengers and a crew of fifty. Many of Those Lost are Prominent. Among those drowned are nineteen members of the chorus of a German opera company who had just concluded a season at Covent Garden. Arthur Herbert, one of the King's messengers, who was journeying to the continent, is also lost. It is said there were more than second class passengers aboard the vessel, most of them being commercial men or persons having professional or business engagements on the continent, or else inhabitants of the continent returning home from business trips to Great Britain. Much difficulty is being experienced in obtaining the names of passengers. Members of the crew were mostly Englishmen, from Harwich.

Few May be Rescued. Noon.—The after part of the wrecked steamer Berlin did not slip into deep water, as at first reported, but seems to be firmly imbedded in a sandbank. There are still a few persons on board clinging to the wreckage, and it is hoped it may be possible to effect their rescue at low tide. During the high water, at the height of the storm, the waves shut off all view of the wreck, which led to the belief that no trace of the Berlin had been left. The only person who succeeded in reaching shore was Captain Parkstone, of Belfast, Ireland. He is now in a high fever, as the result of his experience.

SHEA SOON TO KNOW FATE

Evidence in Arguments Begun, Jury Gets the Case Tomorrow. Chicago, Feb. 21.—It is expected that the Shea trial will come to an end today and that the jury will have the case under deliberation by Friday at the latest. The presentation of evidence was practically concluded yesterday afternoon and only the arguments of the attorneys remain to be heard. Each side will be allowed seven hours in presenting its closing argument and no rebuttal testimony will be heard. The argument for the state was begun yesterday by Attorney Holt and the defense will commence today. Attorney George W. Miller for the state will make the closing argument. Remarkable progress has been made in the second trial, as compared with the first one. It was begun on February 1, and the jury was secured in five and one-half days. Several night sessions were held and this helped to expedite the proceedings. At the beginning Judge Kavanaugh also set down a number of rules which were strictly followed, and much of the evidence and argument which figured in the first trial was eliminated. Steve Sumner, Hugh McGee, James Barry and George Golden followed Shea on the witness stand and each was examined briefly. The defendants, like Shea, entered general denials to the charges that they had conspired to ruin the business of Montgomery Ward & Co. They also denied having taken

part in any acts of violence, the throwing of acid or instigating blockades.

THREATEN DENMARK PASTOR.

Unknown Persons Try to Blow Up Home, Explosion Causing Furor. Special to Times-Republican. Fort Madison, Feb. 21.—A bold attempt was made to blow up the home of Rev. C. N. Manchester, pastor of the Baptist church at Denmark, and that little town, eight miles north of here, is in a state of excitement over the affair. A loaded pipe of gas pipe was thrown into Rev. Manchester's yard, the explosion frightening the whole town, but no one was injured and no property damaged. The following day he received a letter notifying him to leave within ten days. The story is that he uttered language in the pulpit which incensed some of the people of the town. The result of the affair is feverishly awaited. The matter has been placed in the hands of the authorities.

THE SMOOT VOTE

Actual Standing on Resolution to Oust Utah Senator, Was Fifty-one Against, and Thirty-seven For It—Smoot Receives Hearty Congratulations. Washington, Feb. 21.—The four years' contest against Reed Smoot being permitted to retain his seat as a senator of the United States from Utah, which was ended yesterday, was by forty-two of his colleagues voting to sustain him, as against twenty-eight for the resolution to unseat him. Added to these were eighteen senators paired, making the actual standing on the resolution fifty-one votes against it and thirty-seven for it. Senator Smoot himself did not vote, and Senator Wetmore was absent and not paired.

Altho it was a foregone conclusion that the resolution would fail and thus end the long fight against the Utah senator, the roll call contained some surprises. Of the forty-two votes in favor of Mr. Smoot, there were three cast by democrats. They were Messrs. Blackburn, Clark of Montana, and Daniel, Senator Teiler, was paired in favor of Mr. Smoot. Of the twenty-eight votes against Mr. Smoot, nine were republicans. They were Messrs. Burrows, Clapp, Dupont, Hale, Hansbrough, Hemenway, Kittredge, La Follette and Smith. At the conclusion of the voting there was a rush of republican senators to the cloak room to congratulate Mr. Smoot. A large number of members of the house followed and the senator was patted on the back and his hands were shaken in hearty fashion by men who expressed their admiration of his bearing in the long and trying ordeal through which he has passed. On the floor of the senate and in the galleries, it was many minutes before order could be restored.

Following is the vote in detail on the Burrows amendment declaring Senator Smoot not entitled to his seat: Years—Bacon, Berry, Burrows, Carmack, Clapp, Clark of Arkansas, Clay, Culberson, Dubois, Dupont, Frasier, Hale, Hansbrough, Hemenway, Kittredge, La Follette, Latimer, McCreary, McLaurin, Money, Newlands, Overman, Pettus, Rayner, Simmons, Smith, Stone, Tillman—28. Nays—Aldrich, Allee, Ankeny, Beveridge, Blackburn, Brundage, Bulkeley, Burkett, Burnham, Clark of Montana, Clark of Wyoming, Crane, Curtis, Daniel, Depew, Dick, Dillingham, Dooliver, Flint, Foraker, Frye, Fulton, Galbreath, Gumble, Heyburn, Hopkins, Keam, Knox, Lodge, Long, McCumber, Millard, Mulkey, Nelson, Nixon, Penrose, Perkins, Piles, Spooner, Sutherland, Warner, Warren—42.

No Declaration of War. Washington, Feb. 21.—According to Ambassador Creel, of Mexico, and Minister Corea, of Nicaragua, both of whom today saw Secretary Root, the United States has not declared war against the other.

IN HONOR OF CUMMINS.

Iowa Club at University of Michigan, Give Elaborate Dinner. Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 21.—The Iowa club at the University of Michigan gave an elaborate six course dinner last evening in honor of Governor A. B. Cummins, who delivered an address yesterday by Attorney Holt and the defense will commence today. Attorney George W. Miller for the state will make the closing argument. Remarkable progress has been made in the second trial, as compared with the first one. It was begun on February 1, and the jury was secured in five and one-half days. Several night sessions were held and this helped to expedite the proceedings. At the beginning Judge Kavanaugh also set down a number of rules which were strictly followed, and much of the evidence and argument which figured in the first trial was eliminated. Steve Sumner, Hugh McGee, James Barry and George Golden followed Shea on the witness stand and each was examined briefly. The defendants, like Shea, entered general denials to the charges that they had conspired to ruin the business of Montgomery Ward & Co. They also denied having taken

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Governor Cummins, who commented upon the progress of the Iowa club and of Iowans wherever found, and spoke briefly of the Hawkeye spirit. He then discussed topics of general interest. The address, which was enthusiastically received, was followed by hearty cheers and nine "rahs" for the governor. During the evening one of the student orchestras furnished music.

The club is now three years old, has about eighty members, and under the able management of its present head, T. V. Bird, a junior law, of Missouri Valley, has had a most successful year. In addition to the banquet, a series of smokers have been planned for, one of which has already been given, and was largely attended. The present officers of the club are: President—T. V. Bird of Missouri Valley. Vice President—T. S. Farrell of Ft. Dodge. Secretary—C. E. Partch of Des Moines. Treasurer—E. C. Moody, of Nora Springs.

VICTORY FOR MUTUAL

Administration Ticket Wins by Large Vote, 199,000 to 77,000 for the Opposition—Fusion Ticket Gets Small Vote. New York, Feb. 21.—Inspectors of election for the Mutual Life sent yesterday to the company's proxy committee a summary of the tally sheets, giving the result of the preliminary canvass an count of ballots cast at the recent election for trustees. This count is complete, subject to elimination of duplicates and ballots of policy holders found by reference books of the company to be disfranchised by reason of their policies having been terminated for any cause prior to December 18 last. The count shows these figures: Administration ticket 199,182 United committee ticket 69,163 Third or fusion ticket 3,445

Of 199,182 votes, 132,499 were not challenged. This in itself is almost twice as many as the united committee ticket secured. Of the votes cast, 28,864 were declared void and not counted. The process of elimination will affect only a few thousand votes. It covers a number of policy holders who mailed their votes and died before the day of election; also those who may have voted and surrendered their policies before the election took place, or policies that lapsed.

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New York Woman Acquitted of Mother's Murder by Coroner's Jury. New York, Feb. 21.—Upon the report of the coroner's jury today, which has been investigating the death of Mrs. Ida Binge, whose daughter, Mrs. Lotta Wallau has been under arrest on suspicion of having poisoned her mother, Mrs. Wallau, was discharged. As she was leaving the court room she was rearrested on a charge of murder, preferred by the district attorney's office.

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Grilling of Jerome Forces Witness to Detail Most Intimate Relations With White

DELMAS OBJECTS TO RECESS

Defense Insists That State Continue Its Cross Examination, Regardless of Condition of Witness—Mrs. Thaw Says White Led Her to Believe All Women Were Unchaste.

New York, Feb. 21.—The climax of sensationalism seemed to have been reached in the Thaw trial today when District Attorney Jerome continued to lash Evelyn Nesbit Thaw in a pitiless cross examination. No secret of the woman's past was too intimate for the district attorney to make her lay it bare. He made her admit, with tears streaming down her cheeks, that her relations with White continued for several months after the first event when she claimed she had been drugged. Mrs. Thaw declared that in every instance she had been pined with wine.

As the district attorney bared her relations with White, Mrs. Thaw wept bitterly. Thaw sat with his face buried in his hands. Two newspaper women, used to varying scenes of life, left the court room. Jerome wanted every detail. Mrs. Thaw tearfully told all. She said she had informed Thaw of these experiences with White, but had forgotten to relate them during her direct examination.

Toward the close of the morning session there came a great surprise, when Delmas stated threats by the district attorney to indict Mrs. Thaw had been overheard in the court. Jerome denied any such statement had been made in court, but that as far as he would go. Mrs. Thaw at this time had been temporarily excused to allow Jerome to question Attorney Hartridge regarding certain of White's letters, said to be in his possession. Hartridge declined to answer the questions put to him, on the ground that he had been retained by Mrs. Thaw to protect her interests.

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Mrs. Thaw stamped her foot. She said that she could not remember ever having gone to a doctor with Jack Barrymore.

In Mrs. Thaw's statement that her relations with White ceased after January, 1902, that the incidents occurred usually after the theater over in the Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth street studios, and in the tower. That they were not frequent, were against her consent, and they were accomplished partly by violence, partly by too free indulgence in wine. She said that she objected to going to the studio on the first occurrence.

"Why did you go then?" asked Jerome. "I had to." "Was your mother back then?" "Yes." "Did she meet you after the theater?" "Not that night." "When you came to the theater that night, what did White say?" "He did not come to the theater, he wrote me, but met me afterwards."

"Why did you go with him?" "Because he insisted." "And you did not want to go?" "I wanted to go to supper."

Jerome continued to press the witness for details. He asked her why she did not tell her mother of these occurrences. "I was afraid. He made me swear never to tell her," replied the witness.

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"If I take the stand," said Mrs. Thaw, "I will tell the truth. I will not lie. I will not say anything that I do not know to be true. I will not say anything that I do not know to be true. I will not say anything that I do not know to be true."

Jerome then questioned witness at length regarding her visits with Thaw to "Dead Rat" cafe, Paris, endeavoring to show it was a questionable resort; that there were dances of a suggestive character performed, and that many of the demi-monde were present. Mrs. Thaw's recollection of the visit was very defective, he answers to most of the interrogatories being "I don't remember."

Mrs. Thaw said that after her first experience with White, her relation with him continued for a time. "First came into her eyes and her voice trembled as Jerome continued to question her intimately about her relations with White. One newspaper woman left the room. She said that her relations continued against her will. She cried bitterly. Thaw hid his face in his hands, as Jerome bitterly attacked his wife. Once Jerome offered to suspend his examination for a time, but Delmas would not consent.

Jerome questioned the witness at length, as to whether she believed, before her talk with Thaw in Paris, that meretricious relations between men and women were wrong. She said that she knew they were indelicate, vulgar, and in bad taste, but that she didn't fully recognize that it was wrong until she went to Paris. Jerome asked the witness if it was solely because of the occurrence with White or because she had been found out, that she refused Thaw.

"It was both together," answered the witness. "When Thaw proposed, it was the first proposal that I ever had, and it all struck me very seriously. It all came together."

"You felt that a most heinous wrong had been done you at the time of your ravishment?" "I did not know anything about it at the time. All I remember is what I felt like when I woke up. I didn't understand what had taken place."

Jerome fiercely demanded from the witness a reason why she had written to White from Bologna. Mrs. Thaw raised her voice as she replied: "Because my mother would give me no peace until I did it. She said that

A BRYAN BILL IN IOWA HOUSE

Plan Suggested by Nebraskan to Permit Absentees to Vote is Offered

FOR COLLEGE EXTENSION WORK

Money Asked to be Appropriated for Agricultural College Branches—House and Senate to Hold Joint Session in Memory of Washington—Other News.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Feb. 21.—Sidney, of Adair, introduced a bill recommended by Bryan at the recent democratic luncheon, providing that electors necessarily absent or unable to reach the polls on election day, may make affidavit before a notary or clerk of the district court, stating in writing the persons for whom he wishes to vote, which affidavit must be mailed by the notary or clerk to the election judges, and when received by them is to be counted subject to challenge, as tho the elector were present and voting.

Wolfe introduced a bill compelling contractors on public work to give bonds for liability for damages; Lister, a bill appropriating \$20,000 for a correspondence school of agriculture in connection with the state college, and \$20,000 for college extension work; Brander, a bill allowing towns and cities to appropriate not to exceed \$150 for the observance of Memorial day; Meredith, a bill requiring railroads to put track scales, and weigh all carload shipments and settle for freight on the basis of weight, scales to be put in at division points and wherever the railroad commission orders.

The house passed the Brandes bill, fixing the time for meetings of the soldiers' relief commission, the bill making compulsory reports of accidents in factories to the state labor commissioner, and after debating the Peterson senate bill, allowing the service of original notice of suit against a corporation, or any agent of the corporation, sent it back to the judiciary committee. The house adjourned till tomorrow at 10.

The senate adopted the house resolution providing for a joint session tomorrow afternoon in honor of Washington's birthday, and a committee to prepare a special program of speeches. The senate passed a bill to reimburse Superintendent Riggs, for advances in educational work; bill for legalizing the making of plots for towns; the bill changing the meetings of boards of supervisors at certain times.

The bill for correction of erroneous assessments was discussed and referred for further consideration. A bill to authorize the secretary of state to designate a newspaper for the publication of emergency laws, was passed. The Saunders bill to prevent fraud in the sale of corporation stock was passed. Bills were introduced:

By Gilliland, making the smoke from Des Moines chimneys a nuisance. By Elerick, requiring the reduction of freight rates to the same as adjoining states. By Newberry, labels on binder twine. By Stinton, permitting a new contract for convict labor at Anamosa. By Dowell, compelling that electric wires be raised when they cross railroad tracks.

The Iowa library commission has arranged to co-operate with the extension work of the state agricultural college in the work of getting information to the farmers and farmer boys and girls who are unable to attend college. The legislature last year appropriated a considerable sum for the work of sending lecturers about the state to farmers' institutes and county fairs and everywhere else where an opportunity is given to address the farmers. The lecturers give information in brief and then inform the audience that the books on the subject can be had from the Iowa library commission. The names of the books most useful are given and instruction in how to use the books to get the most from them. The books are supplied by the commission for only the express or freight charges and thus there is put in the hands of the people of the state access to unlimited supplies of books.

BANK PRESIDENT FORGOT CASH.

Young Woodward Citizen Finds Valise Full of Gold in Depot. Special to Times-Republican. Woodward, Feb. 21.—A valise containing \$1,000 in gold was left yesterday in the waiting room of the intersuburban railway company by S. O. Conger, president of the State Bank of Woodward, while on his way to Des Moines. The valise was discovered by L. E. Edison, the watchman. The valise also contained many valuable papers, and the young man hurried at once to the bank and turned over his treasure. It is not stated whether he has been rewarded or not.

\$50,000 Given to Hospital.

Winona, Minn., Feb. 21.—Matthew G. Norton, a millionaire lumberman, yesterday announced a gift to the Winona General Hospital Association of \$50,000 in New York City bonds, running for fifty years and bearing 4 per cent interest.

FOLK HONORS REQUISITION.

H. Clay Pierce Will Be Taken Back to Texas. Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 21.—Governor Folk this afternoon honored the requisition of the governor of Texas for H. Clay Pierce, wanted in Texas on the charge of making false affidavits.

Causes Wreck; Now Insane.

Ashland, Wis., Feb. 21.—W. J. Dougherty, a train dispatcher for the Northwestern road, whose error is blamed for a collision last week, resulting in three deaths, near here, is insane in a hospital at Ironwood. He may not recover.

Children Die From Eating Hog Liver. Hillsboro, O., Feb. 21.—A 3-year-old son and a 5-year-old daughter of Fred Fenner, a farmer living two miles south of this city, died yesterday afternoon of ptomaine poisoning from eating hog liver.

T.-R. BULLETIN.

NOTABLE NEWS OF TODAY

The Weather.

St. Louis February 22 at 6:42; sets at 7:15. Partly cloudy, with probably snow in the west tonight or Friday; colder in the east tonight. Illinois—Generally fair tonight and Friday; colder tonight. South Dakota—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; rising temperature Friday. Missouri—Partly cloudy, with local snows tonight or Friday; colder in the east tonight.

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HEARING TEN DAYS

The Case of the Dougherty Farmers' Co-operative Society Against Wendt to Close Today—Flaws Picked in the Expert Accountants' Work. Special to Times-Republican. Mason City, Feb. 21.—The taking of evidence in the case of the Dougherty Farmers' Co-operative society against Wendt, closed today, after a ten-day's tedious session. The whole evidence is a surprise to all concerned, and while from the outside there seems to be little that can be classed as damaging to the defendant, it revealed a state of lax business methods and loose bookkeeping that is unprecedented by any similar investigation in the memory of the court.

Complications arose the moment the plaintiff in the case introduced expert testimony relative to bookkeeping in the person of Miss Mary Anderson, who examined the books and furnished a mass of footings in which she alleged certain shortages in coal and grain accounts. The work of the defendant's counsel has been to pick flaws in her statements, which was done to a great extent, to the end that the evidence which was introduced as exhibits had to be withdrawn and what was purported to be correct footings introduced. These were in turn found incorrect in part.

On the other hand the defendant introduced an expert accountant who had examined the books, but discrepancies in his footings were found aggregating something like \$700. What the jury will consider the statements of these accountants worth remains to be seen. It was thought at the beginning of the case that three days would terminate the evidence taking, but it has lengthened to ten days.

BURGLARS IN DARING RAID.

Porch Climbers Secure Much Jewelry While Family is at Supper. Chicago, Feb. 21.—Porch climbers entered the home of John Griffiths, a wealthy contractor, 3806 Michigan avenue, at 6:30 o'clock Monday night while the family was at supper and secured jewelry valued at \$300. The thieves climbed up the pillars of the front porch and entered a bedroom on the second floor. They ransacked the various rooms on the second floor. The men took five diamond rings belonging to Mrs. Griffiths which were lying on a dresser in her bedroom. They also secured other pieces of jewelry.

When the robbery was discovered the police of the Stanton avenue station were notified and a search for the men was begun. None of the jewels has yet been recovered.

Mr. Griffiths is senior member of the firm of John Griffiths & Son, contractors, with offices at 135 Adams street. The police consider the robbery one of the boldest that has been enacted on the south side since the burglaries a year ago in the Stanton avenue district.

Blood Poisoning Causes the Death of Prominent Dubuque Citizen.

Dubuque, Feb. 21.—Judge J. L. Husted, a prominent citizen, died suddenly this morning of blood poisoning, after a brief illness. The deceased served on the district bench and was nominated by the republican convention for the same position last fall on the non-partisan ticket. He was a Cleveland democrat.

Minnesota House Passes It.

St. Paul, Feb. 21.—The house today passed the 2-cent railroad fare bill. The bill is a special order in the senate Tuesday.

John Cunneen Dead.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 21.—John Cunneen, former attorney general of this state, died today.

MERGER OF BIG COPPER CONCERNS

Calumet and Hecla Companies Take Over Properties of Three Other Large Concerns

TAKES OVER MAJORITY STOCK

Properties of the Osceola, Centennial and Allouez Companies Merged With Those of the Calumet and Hecla—Consideration Involved in the Deal Not Announced.

Boston, Feb. 21.—Announcement was made today that the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company would take charge of the management of the Osceola, Centennial and Allouez mining companies. Acting under the Michigan mining laws, the Calumet company has purchased a majority of the Centennial and Allouez companies, and has secured practical control of the Osceola company, of which 20,000 shares were formally transferred to the Calumet interests today, in addition to a considerable amount of Osceola previously held by the Calumet company.

WISCONSIN LINES GIVE IN.

Milwaukee, Northwestern and Central Accept 2 1/2-Cent Rate. Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 21.—President Ewing, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, and President Hughitt, of the Northwestern, yesterday officially announced that their roads would accept the 2 1/2-cent rate fixed by the Wisconsin railroad commission without contest.

Officials of the Wisconsin Central railway declare that it would be ridiculous to wait for a decision from the state railway commission before putting a 2 1/2-cent rate for passenger service into effect. "We could not expect to do much business if we were to charge 3 cents a mile after the other lines adopt the 2 1/2-cent rate," said a Wisconsin Central official.

It is believed that every railway operating in this state will adopt the 2 1/2-cent fare as soon as the twenty days given by the commission for an appeal are up. "It is certain now that the legislature will pass no 2-cent rate bill.

FALLS NINE STORIES.

John C. Hart Instantly Killed in Drop in Riata Building. Chicago, Feb. 21.—John C. Hart, 2721 Ashland boulevard, fell from the eleventh to the second floor of the Riata building, Van Buren and La Salle streets, and was instantly killed. He fell thru the arway made by the circling stairs, but how he happened to fall over the railing is unknown. Several persons on the eleventh floor witnessed the accident. Some of those who saw the Hart committed suicide, while others say the fall was accidental.