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AMERICANS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The Tribune this morning says: American Association managers will begin gathering today for tomorrow's annual meeting and the advance gossip which floated into town ahead of them indicates they may have as protracted a session as the National League had in New York, with the result: the election of a dark horse to the presidency. Reliable information has preceded the club owners of the minor leagues to the effect that neither President O'Brien nor T. M. Chivington of Louisville will be elected at this meeting, but on whom the toga will fall is not disclosed. Recent reports credited President O'Brien with having the backing of four club owners and gave the other four votes to Chivington. The latest

told, however, is that O'Brien can count with assurance only on Minneapolis, Milwaukee and St. Paul, which three votes are certain to be asked for Chivington are those of Louisville, Kansas City and Indianapolis, leaving the balance of power with Columbus and Toledo, which clubs are said to be in favor of neither candidate but may swing into the Chivington column.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF CREW OF A SHIP

Hogquam Wash, Dec. 28.—Her crew reduced almost to skeletons by slow starvation and with the captain believed to be dying, the schooner Minnie A. Calne was towed into Gray's harbor yesterday, only a few pounds of mouldy hardtack standing between the men and death. The schooner sailed from Hyponis, China, September 20, and will still off the China coast when a typhoon almost wrecked the vessel and carried away most of the food supplies. For almost 100 hungry days captain

and crew were on such short rations that had adverse winds been encountered off this coast, all admit they must have perished. Captain Olsen was too near death from heart disease, superinduced by lack of food, physicians say, to permit him to be removed to a hospital.

NEW YORK TAKES PROMPT ACTION IN TONG WAR

New York, Dec. 28.—Determined to renew of the tong feuds which resulted last night in the death of two persons, the police department has quadrupled the ordinary force of patrolmen in the Oriental section. Today every street corner in Chinatown is the station of a watchful blue-coated guard and at least 50 policemen are within a minute's call in case anything happens. The police believe that the present trouble in New York is an indirect outcome of the recent tong wars in Boston and the subsequent hanging there of three members of the tong.

STOCK POSITION UNDERGOES TEST

New York, Dec. 27.—The Rock Island episode in today's stock market afforded an opportunity to test the stability of the present speculative position. The resisting power shown to the alarming intimations carried by the sensational gyrations in the Rock Island stocks served as assurance that the present position is not easily vulnerable. There was a dread that quiet liquidation might have been going on which would be followed after a certain stage by the withdrawal of support and abandonment of values to the natural play of forces. In some stocks where there has been a persistence in speculative activity since the general market has grown quiet there was a hasty unloading of stocks and a sharp bulge in prices. The general list, however, stood up well under the shock and they held.

The conclusion is forced that the heavy tone last week was due to a pause in the activity of the speculation for a rise rather than to any active pressure to sell stocks. Whatever the reason may lie of the Rock Island episode the movement of the stock was sufficiently extraordinary. A rise of 31.4 points in five minutes in a railroad stock having a substantial value and a widely disseminated market is a rare occurrence in stock market history. When it is followed in almost as little time by a complete relapse it may be said to be almost without precedent. Attempted explanations of the movement were widely varied and in some cases fantastic. Great heavy sales of calls on the stock by foreign stock operators and the purchases by them according to their rule, of half the amount required to meet the contract, undoubtedly played a part in the condition. The conviction that a miscarriage of the market mechanism in the stock had much to do with the unedifying spectacle grew as the day went on. That management has involved lavish outlay of resources and a very free display of manipulative tactics. Instead of the usual carefully calculated balance of such tactics today there seemed to have been a reckless or blundering upheaval in one direction without the intended effect on the other side. An error by a subordinate clerk was one specious suggestion brought forward with the confusion left by Christmas festivities of forced action for it. This was the only of its corollaries found more general acceptance than rumors of a struggle for control owing to the fact of the control lying with the preferred stock of the company. Having asserted its power of resistance to shock, the stock showed little disposition to move upward with decision pending the working out of the year and money market problem. Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, \$1,907,000. United States bonds were unchanged on all.

SANTA FE RAILROAD HAS MANY READING ROOMS

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—With the completion of five new buildings, every division headquarters of the Santa Fe railroad between Chicago and Los Angeles, is equipped with a reading room for employees of the road and an auditorium in which high class theatrical talent is employed at an annual cost of more than \$50,000. S. E. Busser, of San Francisco, head of this enterprise, said here today, that thirty buildings were now included in this entertainment system, and that the men were given not only the of correcting educational faults unavoidable in youth, but were being instructed in music and art. Four concert companies have been engaged to provide a series of entertainments in the various auditoriums and, in addition, lecturers of world wide fame have been engaged. The reading rooms thus far established are equipped with forty billiard tables and pianos in addition to 40,000 volumes of reading matter.

ATTITUDE OF WEST DECLARED UNSPORTSMANLIKE

New York, Dec. 28.—The presidents of the Massachusetts Metropolitan, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Rhode Island Golf associations will meet at Boston on January 17, to discuss the action of the western players in quitting the United States Golf association. The announcement of the conference was accompanied by a brief statement characterizing the attitude of the west as unsportsmanlike. "No instance is on record in which the views of the whole country have been so charitably considered by the United States Golf association," the statement. Chicago has received equitable representation on the executive board, has received her full share of the championship meetings, has had a voice in the amendments to the rules, which were adopted by the St. Andrews committee, and the method of nominating officers has been changed to meet her views.

"CHILDREN IN FLATS" CASE IS DECIDED.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The famous "Children in Flats" case came to an end yesterday in Chicago with the main point in the final decision undisputed. Robert F. Schenck, agent of a flat building who, with W. L. Boylston, the owner, was charged with having refused to renew the lease of Robert R. Longenecker, an attorney, because of children in his family, was discharged by Municipal Judge Hines on the ground that there was no evidence to show that Mr. Longenecker ever made application for a renewal of his lease. The suit was the first to result from the McNichols law passed last spring by the legislature, making it a misdemeanor for landlords to refuse to rent quarters to families with children under 14 years of age.

HAWAIIAN DELEGATES DENIES CALLING FRIAR "LIAR"

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Jonah Kulo Kalaniana'ole, delegate to congress from the Hawaiian Islands, denied last night that he called Governor Frear "liar" or any other epithet regarding the disposition of territorial lands and also asserted that rumors of a split in the Republican party in the islands were absolutely without foundation. The delegate said: "This matter arose during a trip

SHORTS STAMPEDE WHEAT ADVANCES

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Wheat for December delivery advanced 3 1/4c higher here today owing to a stampede of shorts. Other deliveries also made good gains. There was little of the December option on sale at any time and a fair demand for that month by a leading commission house started a wild scramble among shorts to cover, which resulted in the price jumping to \$1.19 3/4 compared with \$1.16 1/2, the low point of the day. The bulge in December forced May from \$1.10 7/8 to \$1.11 1/2. The strength of corn helped to stimulate demand for wheat. Weakness of the cash grain at Kansas City and St. Louis and a larger world shipment than had been estimated fearful sentiment. The market closed about steady, with December at \$1.18 1/8 and May at \$1.11 1/2@ \$1.11 3/8.

TWO SUPERFLUOUS WORDS SECURE FORGER'S FREEDOM

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Two superfluous words written in an indictment charging forgery have freed Wm. D. Tilden and Chauncey L. Graham, from convictions secured against them two years ago in the decision of the state supreme court that will serve as an example for years to come. Copies of the decision, which were received in Chicago yesterday, find the indictment valueless on account of the words "in substance" which were used in describing a copy of an alleged forged note. The supreme court held that the indictment must contain an exact copy and that the words "in substance" cast doubt on the accuracy of the copy. For this reason the merits of the case were not considered, but the indictment was declared valueless.

PREPARING FOR ANGLo-JAPANESE EXPOSITION.

Tokio, Saturday, Dec. 4.—The work of preparation for the Anglo-Japanese exposition is now approaching the final point and Mr. Beppu, the chief commissioner, left for London a few days ago to complete arrangements there. The list of exhibits from this country is very large, indeed, and in every department it is now fully understood that the exposition will be the best ever sent out from Japan to any other country, in fact, the exposition will be representative of Japan in every respect and of almost every phase of life in this country. The actual transportation of the exhibits will commence on December 8. Principal exhibits number 130 and their exhibits number about 18,000 all told.

ANNIS LEAVES ESTATE VALUED AT \$300.

New York, Dec. 28.—Wm. E. Annis, the publisher who was slain by Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., at the Bayside Yacht club in August, 1908, left an estate valued at only \$300, according to the report just placed on file here. The chief item in the assets is \$150, the proceeds of the sale of the cat in which Annis was standing when shot down by the army officer.

AMERICANS WILL BE FORCED TO MIGRATE TO CANADA.

New York, Dec. 28.—Expressing the conviction that within the next 50 years the surplus population of the United States will be forced to migrate to Canada, James Donville, of St. Johns, N. B., member of the Canadian senate, now in New York, last night discussed political conditions in Canada. Mr. Donville predicted that Canada would become a great empire.

PEARY TO RECEIVE HELEN CULVER MEDAL

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The Geographic society of Chicago recognizes Lieutenant Commander Robert E. Peary as the discoverer of the North Pole. A committee of the society decided yesterday to inscribe the Helen Culver gold medal, which has been voted to the explorer in recognition of his services as a scientific man, as follows: "Awarded January 26, 1910, to Lieutenant Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., for distinguished services in exploration and the first achievement of the north pole, April 6, 1909." The medal will be presented to the naval officer at the society's annual banquet January 26.

MONSTER JACKRABBIT DRIVE IN DECATUR COUNTY, KAS.

Oberlin, Kas., Dec. 28.—One thousand men, mounted, on foot and in wagons, will scour Decatur county today in a monster jack rabbit drive, organized to rid the country of these pests. Wires will be stretched between wagons driven 200 yards apart so that no rabbit will be left undisturbed. The refrigerators can be furnished by the railroad and the results of the kill will be shipped to the Salvation Army in Kansas City for distribution among the poor.

WOMAN NINETY-NINE YEARS OLD IN GOOD HEALTH

St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Catherine Cleary, Missouri's oldest woman will celebrate her 99th birthday anniversary New Year's day. She has drawn up a list of resolutions to commemorate the event and among them is a vow to live until Ireland is free. She is in excellent health and swears she will never use glasses or consult a physician. Another of her vows is that she will live to be at least 120 years old. She came to St. Louis 75 years ago from Tipperary.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY MAY LOSE HALF A MILLION

New York, Dec. 28.—The American Bible society may lose \$500,000 unless it can raise \$125,000 between now and next Friday. It is that much short of the \$600,000 subscription which it has been endeavoring to raise in order to take advantage of a \$500,000 endowment gift offered by Mrs. Russell Sage. Officials of the society say there is small likelihood of raising the necessary sum. They hope that Mrs. Sage may be induced at least to duplicate the amount already subscribed.

FREIGHT STEAMER GIVEN UP FOR LOST

Hamburg, Dec. 28.—The German freight steamer Capua, with her crew of 23 men has been given up for lost. The vessel belonged to the Sloban line and sailed from this port December 1st for Genoa. She was last sighted two days later. The Capua was built at Glasgow in 1889 and registered 1,282 tons net.

CHICAGO NEGOTIATIONS OFF.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 28.—President Murphy of the Chicago Nationals spent several hours here today conferring with Manager Griffith concerning prospective deals. Griffith declared tonight that all negotiations with Chicago were off and that there would be positively no trading of Cincinnati and Chicago players.

NEGROES WAGER ON JOHNSON.

New York, Dec. 28.—A pool of \$10,000 has been raised by negroes in New York city to wager on Jack Johnson in the championship contest next July. "EUROPE'S UNCLE" ILL. Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—Prince Hans of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg, a brother of the late King Christian of Denmark, and generally known as the "Uncle of Europe," is critically ill. The prince was born in 1825.

OUTLINES USEFULNESS.

New York, Dec. 28.—The old Cunard liner Umbra, which gave the water front a thrill when she came over the first time in 1884, will arrive here on Saturday on what will probably be her last trans-Atlantic voyage. She has outlived her usefulness and probably was the old flyer. On her trial trip she developed a speed of 21 knots which in those days was considered marvelous.



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FIRST MODERN RAILROAD OPENS IN KOREA.

Tokio, Saturday, Dec. 4.—The first modern road in Korea, except that connecting Seoul and Chemulpo, was opened a few days ago and connects the town of Kunsan and Chobji. This policy of building highways is being pursued all over the country and an expenditure of several millions of yen will within a very short time make itself felt in the increased traffic and business. The reports from the town of Kunsan and Chobji are jubilant, it being stated that already the effect of interchange of commerce and the opening given the country people to get their goods into the new towns are being felt.

AMERICAN SCIENTISTS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING IN BOSTON

Boston, Dec. 28.—The discussion of subjects of importance to the scientific world was continued today by the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the second day's session of its annual meeting. The meeting of the American Chemical society, the largest organization of its kind in the world, and the most important affiliated body of the association was begun today. The remainder of the scientists were divided up into sections which hold meetings in different parts of the city.

TWO YOUNG MEN DROWNED.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 28.—While crossing Kootenay Lake yesterday, George Northernman and Herb Cole, young men, were drowned by the capsizing of their canoe.

HALLEY'S COMET IS NOW VISIBLE.

New York, Dec. 28.—For the first time since Halley's comet reached this section of the heavens on its present visit, it is visible to the naked eye in New York. Prof. Eastman, of Columbia University, has been studying the comet with the use of a telescope. It is in the northeast 20 degrees in length. For two weeks it will be visible and it will be plainly seen for several nights.

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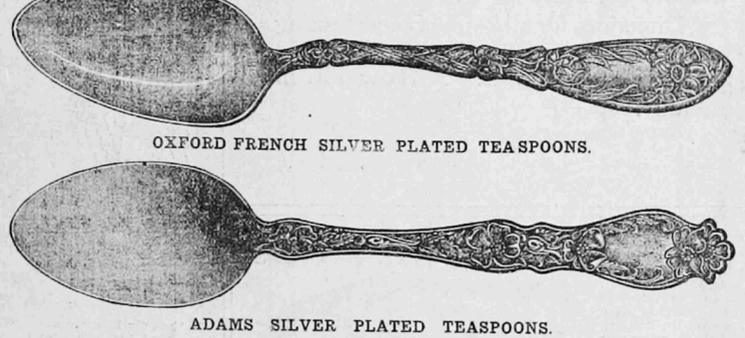
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