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FRENCH SCANDALS AGAIN.

THREE MORE PARTIES ARRESTED FOR COMPLICITY IN THEM.

Wilson's Anxiety to Shift His Responsibility—London Police Promise More Startling Dynamite Revelations Next Week.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—M. Daniel Wilson again appeared before the investigation commission to-day, and was examined with reference to a newly discovered decoration scandal at great length. The details of M. Wilson's testimony were not made public, but as a result of his examination three men named Dubreuil, Herbert, and Rebaudrau were arrested on a charge of having attempted to obtain the decoration of the Legion of Honor through Wilson's influence. This quite evident desire of the commission to probe M. Wilson's connection with the scandal is highly commended by the press generally.

It is pretty plain that M. Wilson's anxiety to shift the load from his own shoulders to those of anybody who may be unable to escape has in no wise abated. When the three men arrested to-day are arraigned for examination it may be made clear that they were not nearly so anxious to obtain the decorations as the president's son-in-law was to influence their issuance for a consideration

The visit of Lord Randolph Churchill to St. Petersburg continues to confound the political sages and others who are usually in a position to obtain information from inspired sources, and many of the latter persons express views on the subject diametrically opposed those of their fellows. It is morally certain, however, that he has gone on his own hook, and that nothing he may say or do will receive sanction here. Lord Salisbury flatly denies the assertion of Mr. Justin McCarthy concerning the alleged home rule proposals which the tory government attempted to bring forward through Lord Carnarvan, who was charged with the duty of making overtures on their behalf to the Parnellite leaders. Lord Salisbury declares that neither he nor any other responsible member of the government ever authorized the proposals, and further asserts that they would have received no countenance from the government had they become the subject of serious discussion among the nationalist leaders.

Extremely important and absolutely fresh "dynamite revelations" are promised by the police next week in the search for evidence against Mellen and Melville the police have discovered—or they claim to have done so, at least—that these presumed dynamiters have been known in London under several aliases other than those mentioned in the warrants for their arrest. This discovery has led to the springing of a number of clews which the police claim will result in the apprehension of persons hitherto unsuspected, and the officials are scouring the vicinity of Kingsbridge, as well as Glasgow and other centers, in hope of bagging Mellen, Melville, and other accomplices.

The government has decided to increase the strength of the Life Guards by two regiments, drawing from the Dragoons for this purpose.

Mr. Thomas Sexton, member of parliament for the west division of Belfast, is seriously ill in Dublin. He is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

The inhabitants of the island of Cyprus will send a deputation to London to petition Lord Salisbury to grant the legislative council power to deal with the subject of taxation.

Lord Randolph Churchill has arrived at St. Petersburg.

The Roumanian government announces that it is preparing a bill to establish a Danube steamship company. The vessels for the new company are to be purchased by the revenues received from the Danubian harbor dues levied on the ships of all nations. As this revenue under the agreement of the powers ought to be applied to the maintenance of navigation between the Iron Gates and Sulina, the bill will violate foreign rights.

The Ludgate Hill left for New York to-day, having on board a complete menagerie consigned to Messrs. Barnum & Bailey for their show, which opens its season at Madison Square Garden, New York, on Mar. 1. The animals, which are splendid specimens, were purchased from Charles Jamrach and others by Starr, the London agent of Barnum. Included in the list are specimens of genuine man-eaters, the first ever sent to America, and a complete collection of lions, tigers, zebras, tapirs, rare antelopes, hippopotami, llama, baboons, panthers, leopards, and a beautiful pair of brown alpacas, formerly the property of a Scotch lady who used them to draw her carriage in Scotland This lady, upon hearing of the disastrous fire in Bridgport, immediately determined to send these superb animals to Barnum's agent, who has lately been the recipient of a number of similar proofs of sympathy with the man who made the fortune of the late Jenny Lind.

Count von Hatzfield, the German ambassador here, departed suddenly for Germany to-day after having a long interview with Lord Salisbury, who had especially requested the meeting. The prime minister subsequently had an interview with the Russian and French ambassadors.

Mr. Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, has been subpoenaed to attend the Portumna assizes in January, when the court will hear the appeal of Mr. Wilfred Blunt, who was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for taking part in the proclaimed home rule meeting.

A man named McNamara has been sentenced at Ennis to two months' imprisonment with hard labor for selling copies of *United Ireland*.

It is stated that England and France have consented to admit a Turkish delegate to the Suez canal neutrality commission.

The commanders of the Russian military districts of Warsaw, Odessa, Vilna, Kieff, and Charkoff have been summoned to Gatchina.

The Austrian reserves employed in South Germany have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to join their regiments at any moment.

CONGRATULATING THE CROWN PRINCE.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Papers will be placed in the principal places of the city Saturday for signatures for a congratulatory address to the crown prince.

The grand duke of Baden has sent to the diet a letter saying the crown prince was deeply moved by the diet's expression of sympathy toward him.

It is reported that Count von Wolkenstein, the Austrian ambassador to Russia, has sent a confidential and reassuring report to the government from St. Petersburg to the effect that the movements of Russian troops on the Austrian frontier are only in accordance with a scheme which has been in operation since the Turkish war to place a permanent cordon from the Baltic to the Black sea.

The officers and men of the Prussian army corps on the Russian frontiers have had their furloughs curtailed.

Princess Bismarck, Count Herbert Bismarck, and the painter, Lenbach, arrived at Friedrichsruhe to-day.

Herr Anton Schott, the tenor, has devoted the money he earned during his American engagement to building a Protestant church in Abenberg.

The B. & O. Syndicate Satisfied.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 23.—The finance committee of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company held a meeting to-day. President Spencer made a statement of his transactions with the syndicate in New York last week. He said that he gave the syndicate temporary evidences of the debt for the amount of $5,000,000, which evidences the syndicate will hold until the bonds can be printed.

Too Much Water.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The annual report of Manhattan Elevated Railroad, filed at Albany to-day, shows net earnings amounting to over 6 per cent. on $26,000,000 stock. As $13,000,000 of the stock is water the earnings amount to over 12 per cent.

MR. MANNING STILL ALIVE.

He May Recover for a Brief Period, But the End is Near.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Hon. Daniel Manning's condition at 12:30 a. m. was apparently unchanged. He suffers sinking spells that seem to take him very near to death, and becomes semi-unconscious, but up to this time he has gradually revived after each of them, owing doubtless to his remarkable constitution. While he can hardly recover, it is thought that he will pass the night safely. Continued sinking attacks of this character will speedily result in death.

M'NEALLY CAPTURED.

The Bank Authorities Do Not Think He Can be Extradited.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 23.—Frank C. McNeally, formerly teller of the Saco and Biddeford Savings Bank, was arrested here to-day for the theft of $185,000 in bonds and $3,500 in cash from that institution. McNeally's brother came here a week ago and registered as Charles Cooper, from Boston. It is said he met Frank on his arrival here and got possession of the stolen bonds and returned to the states with them. His brother has not been seen here since Monday morning. McNeally asked to have Consul General Phelan notified of his arrest. Shortly afterwards Mr. Phelan arrived, and advised McNeally not to talk about his arrest. Mr. Phelan took charge of McNeally's effects at the hotel. In his baggage was found magnificent jewelry and expensive clothing.

The authorities here telegraphed to Saco that they cannot hold McNeally unless authorized. The bank officials held a meeting, but were undecided, as they do not believe that McNeally can legally be brought back.

HE EARNED THE MONEY.

Ten Thousand Dollars for the Designer of the International Cup Winners.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A check for $10,172 was to-night sent to Boston to be presented to Edward Burgess as a testimonial to his skill in designing the victorious yachts Mayflower, Puritan, and Volunteer. Among the leading subscriptions are: New York Yacht Club, $1,000; William P. Clyde, $500; H. C. Roome, $500; J. Pierrepont Morgan, $500; C. Vanderbilt, $500; James Gordon Bennett, $500. A greater part of the money was raised in New York city, but the testimonial is termed by its managers "a national purse."

COAL MINERS STRIKE

Because Riley & Co. Want More Coal Than the Legitimate Measure.

ASHLAND, PA., Dec. 23.—The miners at Riley & Co.'s Logan colliery struck this morning, throwing over 500 men and boys out of employment. The miners in No. 5 slope struck a few days ago because they were compelled to top their wagons. A committee of the Knights of Labor held a conference with the superintendent to-day, and the result being unsatisfactory to the men a general strike occurred. It is feared that the miners at Centralia colliery will also turn out for the same cause.

AFTER SPANISH GOLD.

A Semi-Official Expedition Bound For a Southern Shore.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec 23.—A special to the *Times-Union* says that the schooner-yacht Maria, of New York, sailed from Key West last night for Belize in search of hidden treasure. The information and chart relating to the treasure were obtained from a sailor in Washington. Many prominent congressmen are said to be interested in the venture. The expedition is in command of Special Treasury Agent Peck.

Results of Yesterday's Races.

CLIFTON, N. J., Dec. 23.—First race—Three-quarters of a mile—Neptunus won, Pegasus second, Bishop third. Time, 1:23¾.

Second race—Seven furlongs—Nellie Van won, King Arthur second, Change third. Time, 1:40.

Third race—Seven furlongs—Tony Paster won, Suitor second, Zero third. Time, 1:31¾.

Fourth race—One and one-sixteenth miles—Glendon won, Lancaster second, Joe Mitchell third. Time, 1:53¼.

Fifth race—One mile—George Angus won, Brilliant second, Auditor third. 1:58¾.

A Wonderful Escape.

COND, COL., Dec. 23.—This morning while trainmen were transferring the Gunnison sleeper to the Leadville train, in some way the sleeper, with one coach, got away and started down a steep grade, with no trainmen on them to set the brakes. Soon a velocity of fifty miles an hour was reached. Two miles from here the cars jumped the track and were demolished. The only passenger on the ill-fated cars was a man named Bates, who covered his head with pillows, and was taken out without a scratch.

Will Be Premier or Nothing.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—A special from Winnepeg states positively that Premier Norquay will withdraw from the premiership pending the investigation of the charges against him. Mr. Norquay will ask for the appointment of a royal commission to examine the charges. Mr. La Riviere will resign his seat in the cabinet as have Ministers Hamilton, Harrison, and Wilson. Mr. Harrison declared at a government caucus that he would be premier or nothing.

Another "Lamb" Sheared.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 23.—Sylvan Wahrab, the Hungarian miller who made money so rapidly in his speculations in grain at the chamber of commerce, and who had accumulated a fortune during his three years' sojourn in Milwaukee, estimated at $300,000 up to one year ago, has "succumbed to the inevitable." He owes $10,000 on 'change.

Will Sue the Vacuum Oil Company.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The city authorities have decided to sue the Vacuum Oil Company, of this city, for damages to sewers and other property occasioned by the explosion of naphtha on Wednesday. Several of the lateral sewers are thought to be ruined. It is thought that the litigation will involve over $500,000.

Dempsey Will Fight McCaffrey.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Jack Dempsey, in regard to Dominick McCaffrey's reported desire to arrange a fight, says that he is willing to meet McCaffrey if there is any money in it. He don't see what a 190 pound fighter wants to fight a middle weight for, but he is willing if guaranteed something.

A Dakota Town Fire-Swept.

FARGO, DAK., Dec. 23.—A fire broke out early this morning in the block between Broadway and Fifth street. Doyle's livery stable, Holden's saloon, Stewart's saloon, Huntoon's restaurant, and Coles's unoccupied building were consumed. Total loss, $55,000; insurance, $24,000. The fire was incendiary.

Completely Cleaned Out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Lillian Forbes, of Stamford, Conn., reported at police headquarters to-night that she had been robbed of $100. She then pawned a $200 sealskin coat for $60, and that and the pawn ticket were stolen from her by a hack driver.

A Negro Murderer Hanged.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 23.—George Williams, colored, was hanged to-day for the murder of a fellow convict last May. On the scaffold he said, "I'm ready, let 'er go," and the trap was sprung.

A Letter Thief Arrested.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—J. Faulbeck, a confidential clerk in a hardware house at Sackett's Harbor, has been arrested for intercepting letters and committing forgeries to the amount of $2,000.

Connecticut Comes Up Smiling.

SOUTH NORWALK, CONN., Dec. 23.—Frank H. Roscoe, shoe manufacturer, assigned to-day. Liabilities, $80,000; assets, $30,000.

Gone Up in Smoke.

HOLTON, KAN., Dec. 23.—Fire this morning destroyed the Newman Allen building and the City Bank block. Loss, $70,000.

A GREAT RAILROAD STRIKE.

The Employes of the Philadelphia and Reading System Quit Work.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 23.—Over one thousand men employed by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company on their lines running from West Falls to the Port Richmond coal wharves, either as trainmen, coal handlers, or freight handlers, quit work this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. This action was caused by the introduction of a train crew of five non-union men to do the work upon which union men had been employed, but who had been discharged. This movement will be communicated to all the employes of the road, and a general strike on all the lines of the company may be the result.

The trouble originated yesterday when a crew of freight handlers engaged in shifting cars loaded with flour into a pier controlled by Chas. M. Taylor's Sons refused to deliver any more freight to the firm unless the non-union laborers employed in handling the freight should be discharged. Word was immediately sent to John O. Keim, the general freight agent and shipping clerk at the Port Richmond wharves, who telegraphed the news of the refusal to the general officers of the company. Upon the receipt of the telegram Supt. Swelgard issued an order discharging the crew who had refused to handle the freight, and threatening the same punishment to other crews who would follow the precedent. All the remaining force, which consisted of four crews, refusing to obey the order, were discharged, and the engines were taken to the round house, and the men left the yard. The news of the discharge quickly spread among other employes of the company in Port Richmond, and the stevedores, to the number of about 800 men, dropped their work and left the yard. The news of such a large body of men quitting work soon spread through Port Richmond, and a committee of Knights of Labor Assemblies Nos. 5,312 and 6,285, to which the strikers belonged, called upon General Manager McLeod and Superintendent Swlegard with the purpose of settling the difficulty and preventing a general strike. They were unsuccessful, however.

Trouble with the strikers had been anticipated, and the company requested Director Stokely to furnish police protection. Accordingly an order was issued by the director this morning directing the captains and lieutenants of several precincts to mass a force of 250 men in three platoons at the point of trouble. At 2 o'clock one platoon was sent to the roundhouse at the junction of the Philadelphia and Reading track and the Pennsylvania railroad track at Trenton avenue, one to distribute itself along the line of the railroad running from the roundhouse to the coal wharves, and the third to guard the coal wharves, freight wharves, and elevators. This action in calling for police protection was greeted with derision and sarcasm by the men and inhabitants of Port Richmond. The only cause for alarm was the suspicion that the non-union crew would be molested at their work, but they toiled on uninterruptedly and the police made no attempt to arrest any one. The engine No. 288, manned by the obnoxious crew, arrived at the scene of trouble at about 3:30 and proceeded at once to move the boycotted freight. The news of the renewal of work was quickly communicated among the other men at work, and a concert of action was speedily agreed upon. An hour was given to allow the employes on the road from West Falls to the river to learn of the determination, and at 4:30, when the signal was given, every man stopped work. Shifting engines that were working on the coal wharves quickly ran to their usual resting place until the whole number (fourteen) were placed in one line, and the crews immediately drew the fires and blew out the boilers. Men that were wheeling coal dropped their barrow handles, switchmen closed their switches and left the main line open, conductors, brakemen, and other employes left their work and quickly went to their homes. One of the leaders said this afternoon: "The whole trouble grew out of the fact that Charles M. Taylor's Sons were employing non-union men to handle their freight and paying them low wages. We have urged them to employ union men at the regular pay, which is about $2 a week more than they are now paying, but they have steadily and firmly refused to grant our request and a refusal to handle their cars was our only defense. The general strike was forced upon us by the company, which employed non union men to run their trains regardless of our agreement to the contrary. The idea of police protection was a sympathetic movement, as the company well know that there has never been any need of protection to property at Port Richmond during any trouble."

Mr. Taylor, of the firm of Charles M. Taylor's Sons, who represent the Philadelphia Grain Elevator Company, who control the covered piers used as a freight station for the Allan line ocean steamships, claims that the men he had engaged in handling the freight had been with him since last August, and that he had recently raised their pay $4 per month. The men were more than satisfied, he alleges, and he had no trouble in securing help at his price of wages. He intends continuing the work with the same force of men.

General Freight Agent Keim was very reticent in discussing the apparent outcome of the strike and declared that the railroad company would operate the road if it required military surveillance of property.

Trouble is anticipated for several days, and it is probable that the police force will be retained to protect the property of the company.

The word has been passed along the line of the Reading System and it is almost certain that the 40,000 men in the company's employ will refuse to go to work to-morrow morning.

GEORGE MUST HANG.

An Unusual Verdict Rendered in Muskingum County.

ZANESVILLE, OHIO, Dec. 23.—The trial of Wm. George for the killing of James Scott last July culminated this morning in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. Five ballots were taken before the jury agreed on their verdict, which meets with popular approval. The doomed man sat crouched in his chair during this trying ordeal, and seemed as stolid and indifferent as if he were only a spectator. This is the first conviction for murder in the first degree in forty four years and the second in the history of Muskingum county. A motion for a new trial will be heard next Tuesday.

Brutal Outrage in Virginia.

LIBERTY, VA., Dec. 23.—Dick Welcher, a colored youth, 18 years of age, outraged a very old white woman named Fifer near this place yesterday. Mrs. Fifer was passing through a piece of woods, when Welcher stopped her with a pistol, telling her he would blow her brains out if she resisted. After accomplishing his design he allowed the old woman to go. The people are very indignant over the act and large parties are on the hunt for the fiend, and, if caught, he will be lynched.

Only Eleven Hundred Dollars.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—H. P. Crandall, who while acting as cashier for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company at San Antonio, Tex., absconded in August last with $1,100 of the company's money, was arrested at La Junta, Col., to-day by the inspector of the company's secret service. Crandall was working as a brakeman on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad when arrested. He will be taken to San Antonio for trial.

Suits Against Isidor Cohnfeld.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—George H. Lichtenheim has obtained a judgment for $70,962 against Isidor Cohnfeld, and has brought suit to set aside a trust deed made by Cohnfeld as collateral for claims against him.

To Investigate the Standard Oil Company.

OSHKOSH, WIS., Dec. 23.—Congressman Guenther is preparing a bill to introduce in Congress calling for a commission of three to investigate the Standard Oil monopoly.

Schwab's Schedule.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Schwab & Son's schedule shows liabilities $116,154, actual assets $24,850.

THE REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.

HISTORY OF ITS ORGANIZATION AND LIST OF MEMBERS.

Both Social and Political in Its Purposes—Leading Men of the Country in Its Ranks—Description of Its Handsome Home.

A number of prominent Republicans residing, either permanently or temporarily, in this city, saw the fact that there was no suitable home here—no place where the Republicans of the nation could meet at the capital and consult together, though it was the political Mecca to which all steps turned. As one of the greatest political campaigns ever known in the history of the country was about to commence, these gentlemen determined to try and organize a league, fashioned to some extent after the Union League clubs which exist in the other great cities of the nation.

After several consultations a meeting was held in October at the Arlington Hotel, which was attended by quite a large number of those gentlemen who were interesting themselves in this matter. At this meeting an organization was formed, and called the Republican National League. Gen. Edward F. Beale was elected president of the League; W. W. Danenhower, first vice president; H. A. Willard, second vice president; A. H. Cragin, third vice president; Fred. Douglass, fourth vice president; W. A. Cook, fifth vice president; Edward B. Fox, recording secretary; J. W. Howell, treasurer, and Thomas N. Gardner, corresponding secretary, and such other officers chosen as were provided for in the constitution, which was adopted at that time.

After due consideration it was deemed best that the League should be incorporated under the general incorporation laws of the District of Columbia, and accordingly a charter was obtained on the 11th of November. The officers previously elected were continued under the charter, and a board of directors was selected to serve one year, composed of E. F. Beale, J. Hale Sypher, E. A. Adams, John P. Newman, H. A. Hall, E. W. Fox, Fred. Douglass, H. A. Willard, Geo. R. Wilson, Chas. King, Simon Wolf, A. H. Cragin, J. W. Moran, W. W. Danenhower, A. P. Clark, F. W. Evans, J. W. Howell, Harry Tiffany, C. C. Lefler, Gen. Beale being president and Mr. F. W. Evans secretary.

As the League was intended to be a social as well as a political organization, it was deemed advisable to secure a house suitable not only for the meeting of the League itself, but for the reception of all the Republicans who visited Washington and for such social gatherings as might be deemed expedient or proper. So that, immediately after the organization under the charter, the League leased the handsome building on Thomas circle, corner of Massachusetts avenue and Fourteenth street, taking it for five years. This house has been splendidly furnished and is now fitted up in most elegant style as a place where the Republicans of the country, when in Washington, can meet and exchange views upon the political situation.

The first social event—which was not only social, but political—since the organization of the League was the reception tendered the National Republican Committee when it met in this city on the 8th of December. That has been heretofore fully described in the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, and we can only say in regard to it that it was as successful, both in the social and political point of view, as any reception given by any of the Republican organizations of the country. It will be followed in due time by others.

The Republican National League contains among its members some of the leading Republicans of the country. Its membership is not confined to citizens of Washington, and it now has, outside of this city, members from almost every state and territory, and it expects in the near future to have in its membership a majority of the prominent Republicans of the country.

We give a few of the names of those who have already united with the League:

Dr. E. A. Adams, C. M. Allen, Hon. W. B. Allison, Hon. L. E. Atkinson, Gen. E. F. Beale, Chas. E. Barber, Geo. W. Bonnell, H. D. Barr, Hon. Chas. S. Baker, Hon. R. P. Bruce, Geo. W. Belknap, John Bruce, Wm. A. Cook, A. P. Clark, Hon. A. H. Cragin, A. P. Cunningham, W. A. Coulter, C. C. Cole, W. P. Canady, W. S. Cappeler, A. L. Conger, Geo. B. Cox, C. C. Clendenin, Hon. J. G. Cannon, Hon. B. M. Cutcheon, Hon. Z. T. Carpenter, Hon. Shelby Cullom, W. W. Danenhower, Hon. J. N. Dolph, Fred Douglass, W. W. Dudley, Geo. W. Dyer, W. W. Dodge, F. W. Evans, D. M. Key, Hon. Ira Godfrey, Hon. Richard Guenther, Charles L. Gilpin, Wm. H. Hoeke, J. W. Howell, Joseph E. Hayden, Hillman A. Hall, Hon. Stephen T. Hopkins, L. W. Habermann, Col. John Hay, Hon. Eugene Hale, Hon. Thomas Henderson, Robert S. Hutchen, Hon. Joseph Hawley, Hon. B. F. Jones, Charles W. Johnson, G. E. S. Jordan, Charles King, Hon. W. Pitt Kellogg, Louis W. King, Thomas Kirby, Frederick Koones, R. J. Murphy, A. P. Lacey, C. C. Lefler, Hon. James S. Laird, Hon. George B. Loring, R. McMurdy, Col. James Moran, C. A. McEuen, Gen. James D. McBride, W. E. Matthews, Gen. Charles McMillan, Justice S. F. Miller, Dr. John R. Newman, Patrick O'Farrell, E. A. Parke, Hon. O. H. Platt, Hon. Ralph Plumb, W. S. Peabody, Hon. W. Walter Phelps, Hon. William M. Stewart, Hon. Pailetus Sawyer, H. G. Worthington, Hon. R. M. Wormley, H. A. Willard, Hon. W. H. Wade, Gen. Green B. Raum, W. S. Roose, E. G. Rathbone, Hon. Jacob Romeis, Hon. J. Hale Sypher, E. Sutherland, J. H. Shriver, Hon. Wm. B. Smith, Harry Tiffany, Hon. J. M. Wilson, Col. J. Wright, John R. Wolston, E. A. Whitfield, David A. Windsor, Gen. Robt. C. Schenck, Hon. John Sherman, H. S. Stow, S. T. Suit, Edwin A. Sumner, Amor Smith, jr., Hon. D. W. Sabin, Hon. H. M. Teller, Hon. J. E. D. Taylor, Hon. G. R. Wilson, Hon. Simon Wolf, Hon. Geo. West, Hon. John E. Weber, Hon. Wm. B. Webb.

The organization of the League is both, as before stated, for political and social purposes, and its committees are composed as follows: House committee—W. W. Danenhower, chairman; E. W. Fox, Green B. Raum, F. W. Evans, G. C. Lefler. Guest committee—Gen. E. F. Beale, chairman; Charles King, H. A. Cragin, W. A. Cook, J. Hale Sypher. Finance committee—Simon Wolf, chairman; H. A. Willard, E. F. Beale, J. P. Newman, H. A. Hall. Publication committee—E. W. Fox, chairman; W. A. Cook, Fred. Douglass, J. W. Moran, E. A. Adams. Library committee—Dr. E. A. Adams, chairman; Harry Tiffany, G. B. Wilson, A. P. Clark, J. W. Howell.

These committees are for the governance and control of the League, to secure and provide for its social entertainments, and through its finance committee, under the chairmanship of that energetic and well-known citizen, the Hon. Simon Wolf, to provide the ways and means so necessary to carry every enterprise to success.

Besides this it has a special select committee which has charge of the political business, composed as follows: J. Hale Sypher, chairman; H. A. Cragin, Simon Wolf, G. B. Raum, J. W. Moran, J. P. Newman, E. W. Fox.

When the National Republican Committee was in Washington, it passed a resolution making this political committee an auxiliary of the National Republican committee, and confided to its care the organization of all states south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers.

The committee on membership of the League consists of S. T. Suit, chairman; E. B. Fox, W. A. Coulter, J. D. McBride, A. P. Lacey, J. E. Hayden, W. S. Roose, E. Sutherland, P. O'Farrell, H. G. Worthington, C. A. McLean, C. C. Cole, D. A. Windsor. The cost of membership is $25, and for life membership $250.

An examination of the names will show that in its local membership the Republican National League has a large number of the most influential citizens of Washington, while the names of numbers of the leading Republican members of the Senate and House of Representatives, with prominent Republicans from every section, are to be found in the list.

The League was not organized to affect nominations. Each member exercises his own volition as to who should be selected as candidates. With that the League as a body has nothing to do. Its object is to propagate Republican principles and to enable the Republicans of the country to get nearer to each other, by having a thought exchange, when political subjects can be discussed.

The interchange of thoughts between Republicans residing at great distances apart and rarely, if ever, meeting except at the national capital, will work an immense benefit to the party, and it was for this purpose, among others, that the Republican National League was organized. It has provided a home to which every Republican visiting the capital is invited, and where he can meet all other Republicans and exchange views with them.

The founders of the League expect that during the coming campaign nearly all the prominent men of the party will, at some time or other, visit Washington. Heretofore when this has been done there was no place except a room at some gentleman's residence or hotel where a conference could be held. That is not so now. The elegant League house has a large number of rooms where Republicans can meet and consult with freedom and privacy.

Even the congressional committee, which, every two years, has to remain here for several months, has had no abiding place, and has been compelled to secure such quarters as happened to be vacant, whether suitable or not. This is no longer so. The Republican party has a home at the national capital.

The League, through the work assigned its political committee by the National Republican Committee, will do splendid service for the right—that is, for the success of Republican principles and the Republican party. The capital of the nation is the center of political thought, action, and information, and from this center the Republican National League, with its individual membership extending into every state and territory, will be a powerful factor in sending out to the country correct information and impressing upon it correct principles.

The mere fact that Republican gentlemen from every section will meet in the League House in the freedom of social intercourse will make the League a grand aid to the success of the coming campaign. And this is all the more true, because of the fact that so courteous, polished, and well known a gentleman as Gen. E. F. Beale is the president of the League. Gen. Beale is known far and wide in the country, and his name is a synonym of all that befits a gentleman.

That those who know Gen. Beale by reputation may also know something of his appearance we give his picture from a late photograph.

Gen. Edward Fitzgerald Beale is a native of the District of Columbia, born on the 4th of February, 1822. His father was a paymaster in the United States navy, and his mother was the daughter of the distinguished Commodore Truxton. Gen. Beale was educated at Georgetown College until his appointment to the naval academy in 1836. In 1842 Gen. Beale received his appointment as a midshipman, and accompanied Commodore Stockton to California during the Mexican war, where he served with distinguished gallantry both on land sea under Gen. Kearney and Commodore and Stockton. Gen. Beale was presented by his comrades in the navy at the termination of the war with a sword which bears the following inscription: "Presented by the officers of the United States navy on the station at San Diego, Cal., to Lieut. Edward Beale, of the United States navy, for his gallant conduct in the charge upon the the Mexican forces at San Pasquale and San Bernadine, and his carrying intelligence to San Diego of the position of Gen. Kearney through the enemy's lines at great personal risk on the 6th and 7th of December, 1846."

At the conclusion of the Mexican war Lieut. Beale resigned, and was appointed superintendent of Indian affairs for New Mexico and California, which position he held until 1854, giving the highest satisfaction. Afterwards, at the special request of Maj. Gen. Wool, Lieut. Beale was appointed a brigadier general, and commissioned to bring the Indian war in California to a close, which he did in a most satisfactory manner. Gen. Beale was afterward engaged in explorations across the continent, adding much valuable information to what was known of the transcontinental routes.

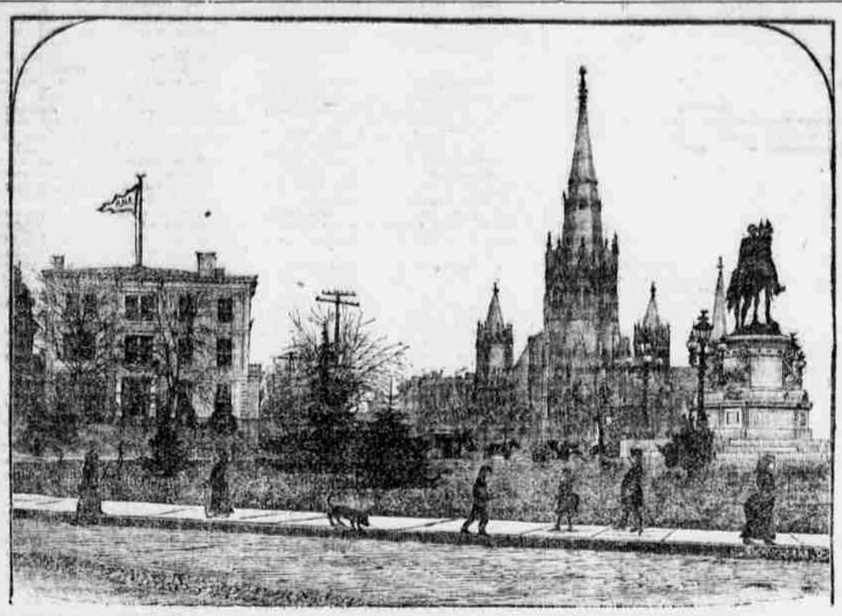
While Gen. Grant was President he sent Gen. Beale as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Austria-Hungary. Since his return from that mission Gen. Beale has been in private life, attending to his extensive estates, and enjoying life as a gentleman of his extensive and varied acquirements and ample wealth knows so well how to do.

The Chicago "Times" Transfer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The transfer of the Wilbur F. Storey estate, comprising the Chicago *Times* plant and building and the Storey mansion, to the West-Snowden syndicate will take place to-morrow. The legal papers were signed this afternoon by Messrs. West and Snowden and the other parties concerned, and Judge Tuley is expected to enter an order to-morrow morning for the receiver of the estate to transfer it to the new proprietors.

Looking for the Raft.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The United States revenue cutter U. S. Grant, Capt. Davis, which was ordered by the Treasury Department to go in search of the great derelict raft, proceeded to sea at 5 o'clock this afternoon.



HOME OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL LEAGUE.

AN OLD COUPLE'S SAD PLIGHT.

The Husband Dead and His Wife in an Exhausted Condition.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—James Miller, a real estate dealer, about 70 years old, was found lying dead this morning on the floor of his home, in West Sixteenth street. Beside him lay his wife unconscious and dying. On her face and head were several gashes. It is supposed the couple were attacked and beaten by robbers. The discovery was made by a letter carrier, who knocked at their door about 8 o'clock. He received no answer, but heard a labored breathing from within that caused him to think something was wrong. He called a policeman, who broke the door open. The furniture, kitchen utensils, and crockery were broken and the fragments strewn over the floor. The apartments are on the ground floor, and a window opening on the yard was open. Mr. Miller was said to be wealthy. His wife, the neighbors say, has been insane for the past year. She was taken to the hospital.

Miller and his wife were heard laughing in their rooms by the family living on the floor above them last Wednesday afternoon. From that time until this morning nothing had been seen or heard of them. Miller was fully dressed, and across his legs lay an overturned easy chair. The police, on further investigation, have arrived at the conclusion that the case was not one of murder or robbery, but that the old man died of heart disease in his chair and fell from it, knocking the chair and the stove down in his fall. There were no injuries on his body except a contusion of the back of the head that is not thought sufficient to cause death. It is supposed that Mrs. Miller, who was but one year younger than her husband, was too weak minded to notify the neighbors of her husband's death, and that her weak and exhausted condition is due to starvation, as she was unable to procure or cook food for herself. Her husband was accustomed to do all the marketing, cooking, and other household work. The old couple had little communication with their neighbors.

A BATTLE WITH THE YAQUIS.

A Desperate Fight Between Federal Troops and Indians.

NOGALES, ARIZ., Dec. 23.—Information is received from the commander of the federal troops at Sonora, at the recently established military post town of Bonacita, to the effect that a detachment of troops under the command of Capt. Escisco, 29th regiment, attacked a party of Yaqui Indians who were preparing to raid at a place called Laguna del Paria Sunday morning. The fight lasted three hours. The troops succeeded in driving the Indians from their hiding place among the rocks at the first volley. The battle was a desperate one, and the Indians had to be charged many times before they would give up their stronghold. One Indian was killed and one wounded. Two squaws were captured and sent to Bonacita. Chico Senaders (Little Prisoner), one of the shrewdest warriors in the tribe, was at the head. After being forced to retire from the rocks he covered their retreat with great skill. The federals who followed him were ambushed several times, and would have been horribly slaughtered had not the Indians run out of ammunition.

One night recently Capt. Escisco, Lieut. Oginnin, and twenty-five infantry gave chase to a band of Indians who had been discovered in the hills near Bonacita. The Yaquis had taken refuge behind a ledge of granite rocks. The captain charged the Indians, but was forced to retire. He then deployed the troops in squads of two and three with the intention of concentration from different points, but the Indians broke through the federal lines amid rapid firing, during which Holquin was wounded. The pursuit was abandoned and the troops returned into Bonacita. The next morning they went to the scene of the battle for the purpose of taking up the trail from it. The previous night they had killed one Indian and wounded several others. A Remington rifle belt with cartridges was found by the side of the dead Indian. Further on the command found two more dead Indians riddled with bullets. A wounded Indian attempted to escape, but the troops shot him dead.

Murder in the Second Degree.

BRONTON, OHIO, Dec. 23.—The jury in the Pearson-McCoy case, after being out twenty hours, brought in a verdict to-day of murder in the second degree. This is the same as that given his father, Alf McCoy, convicted at Portsmouth, last July. Both are charged with murdering Dr. Wm. C. Northrup at Haverhill, last April. Alf is now serving his life sentence, and Pearson will join him soon. The verdict meets with general approval. James and Thomas McCoy are also indicted. The cases will come up at the next term of the court of common pleas of Scioto county. The motion by the defense for a new trial will be heard next Tuesday.

A Freight Car Mystery.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—In a car which arrived at Jersey City over the Erie railroad from St. Louis last night were found two dress shirts covered with blood stains, and with a substance resembling human brains. A slung shot, also blood stained, was found beside the shirts. The articles were found at the bottom of a load of baled cotton. The St. Louis police have been notified.

Wellsley's Ex-President Married.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Miss Alice Freeman, ex-president of Wellsley College, was to-day married to Prof. C. H. Palmer, of Harvard, by Rev. Mr. Palmer, of Philadelphia.

No Indictments Against Ives & Stayner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The grand jury to-day investigated the charges against Ives & Stayner, but were dismissed without returning any indictments against them.

A Broker's Christmas Present.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The district attorney has withdrawn the indictments against broker Hutchinson for rehypothecating stocks.

A Stove Factory Burned.

DOWINGTON, PA., Dec. 23.—The Dowington stove factory was destroyed by fire last evening. Loss, $18,000.

THE largest and most complete stock of fine diamonds displayed in this city at prices below all competitors is at Jacobs Brothers, 1229 Pennsylvania avenue.

MEXICAN ORE IMPORTS.

The Measure to Tax Them Heavily Will Probably Be Passed.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 23.—Inquiries are being received by cable from the United States regarding the proposed new law placing a heavy duty on the exportation of ores. The matter has not yet been decided, but it is believed the measure will become a law. Recently a powerful English company bought and took possession of the San Felipe reduction works, near the city of Chihuahua.

The company is working hard to secure the adoption of the measure. English interests in the ore smelting operations here are believed to be behind the movement.

The indisposition of the United States Congress to establish reciprocal trade with this country, and the bitter tone of the majority report of the ways and means committee of the last Congress on the subject makes the Mexican government believe that there is little use in trying to improve the direct trade relations with the American people. European interests are, in consequence, getting the upper hand. The only existing treaties with the United States are the postal and extradition. France and Germany, on the other hand, have comprehensive treaties, defining with particularity the rights of their citizens doing business here. If duty is placed on the exportation of ores it is thought here it will result in great damage to the smelting interest on the American border.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Affairs of Interest Occurring in the Queen's Dominion.

OTTAWA, ONT., Dec. 23.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain held another conference to-day with Sir John Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper.

A novena in honor of the pope's jubilee was begun throughout the archdiocese of Ottawa this evening, and will continue until New Year's eve.

The Gladstone branch of the Irish National League has received a letter from Michael Davitt, which is addressed to President Fitzgerald, of the Irish National League of America. The writer urges the Irish of America to patronize Irish manufacturers during the present crisis.

The solicitor general of the province of Quebec has addressed a memorandum to Sir Charles Tupper, finance minister, stating that a number of lower Canadian farmers have claims against the United States government on account of excessive duties collected by the latter on hay exported some years ago.

NINA'S REGRETS.

**The Petticoat Anarchist Regrets She Didn't