

FIRST PART.

To Cease the Imposition of Excessive Duties

Upon Products Exported from United States.

RETRIBUTION IS INTENDED

Unless the Discrimination Is Stopped.

Other Foreign Countries May Suffer

If the Prohibitory Taxes Levied Upon American Products Are Not Made More Reasonable—Germany May See a Lesson in the Warning to Spain—History of the Differences with the Latter Country.

MADRID, Dec. 17.—Mr. Taylor, the United States minister, today had an important conference with Senor Grouillard, minister for foreign affairs, relative to the imposition of excessive duties upon imports into Cuba from the United States. He informed the Senor that he had been directed by his government to inform the government of Spain that if it persisted in exacting these discriminating duties, the action could be regarded by the president only as inviting the exercise by him of the power of retaliation conferred by the act of 1890. This threat has caused a commotion in ministerial circles.

A Cause for the "Tip."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—The action of this late department, indicated in the cablegram from Madrid in warning the Spanish government of its intention to resort to retaliation should Spain continue its present policy with respect to American exports to Cuba, will doubtless have the effect of being once to focus the long drawn out negotiations which have been in progress, with results very unsatisfactory to both countries.

The Spanish government has already given us as much trouble as those with Spain. For several years this government has been urging claims for Spanish duties on our exports, and has already secured the return of heavy fines and excessive tariff taxes amounting to about \$5,000,000. These taxes and fines were imposed by the Cuban customs officers in direct violation of all treaties and existing without any other warrant than absolute necessity for funds.

The Spanish government practically admitted the justice of our claims, but failed to make restitution. Then there was the old Mora claim, which has already been the subject of many years' already admitted by the Spanish government, but impossible of collection. Efforts have been made to get the first class of claims before an arbitration, but these efforts have so far failed because of the insistence of the Spanish government that the claims should be decided in matters submitted to the tribunal. And while these matters were languishing under the delay, the Spanish government decided in our favor—should be included in matters submitted to the tribunal. And while these matters were languishing under the delay, the Spanish government decided in our favor—should be included in matters submitted to the tribunal.

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DROWNED IN A BATH TUB.

The Sudden Death of William A. Peelle, Jr., Occurs.

William A. Peelle, Jr., ex-chief of the bureau of state statistics, met death yesterday by drowning in a bath tub at the new visitors' home, a fine hotel just built by the Sisters of Providence outside St. Mary's institute, five miles west of Terre Haute.

The accident occurred about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The peculiar means of death first suggested suicide, but investigation by Coroner Phayle disclosed the fact that it was purely accidental. Mr. Peelle was to open and take charge of the hotel and with his wife went there this city for the purpose last Friday, intending to open it next Monday.

He had been in poor health of late. He had taken a bath in the new bath room. He had been in the room some time when Mrs. Peelle went to assist him in dressing. She could get no answer at the door and hearing a noise she called for assistance. The door was forced open and Mr. Peelle was found dead stretched out in the bath tub.

In an excitement no effort at resuscitation was made. He was lying partially on his right side with his left arm beneath his head and his right arm pinned to the side of the tub by the weight of the body. The tub was but half filled with water, making it very easy for him to have slipped and drowned in a slight struggle. The doctors think Mr. Peelle was drowned in attempting to turn the body of his wife around. They think that in doing so the weight of his body fell on his arms, and being weak from sickness, he could not extricate himself. The remains will be brought to this city today.

When Mr. Peelle was succeeded by Mr. Thompson, a few weeks ago he retired to his home in Indiana, in 1885, while still a lad his father moved to Winchester, Randolph county, where young Peelle took a position in a dry goods store as clerk. He remained there for several years. He was a mere lad when he broke out, but before it closed he put in eighteen months of service for his country. He was in the company department at Nashville, Tenn. He returned to Winchester at the close of the war and remained until 1874 when he came to this city. He was appointed deputy secretary of state and served two terms under Secretary Neff and was again appointed by Hon. J. G. Shanklin in 1878. He was assistant clerk of the legislature in 1881 and was afterwards elected chief of the bureau of state statistics in 1882. He was elected to the office in 1882 and in 1886 Mr. Peelle was elected and a short time ago completed his second term.

IT IS A SECRET.

Chicago Police Have the Absconding Bookkeeper

Who Stole \$354,000 from a New York Bank.

HE MAKES A CONFESSION

And Says He Is Willing to Return to New York.

New York Bank Officials Leave for Chicago.

Young MacFarland, the informant, carrying a heavy load of stimulants at the Police Headquarters, claiming the reward of \$5,000—The Police Unable to Ascertain Anything of Importance Concerning Him.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Samuel C. Seelye, the absconding bookkeeper of the National shoe and leather bank of New York, in safe behind the bars of a cell in the Harrison-st. police station. The police have never since he was first arrested entertained a doubt of the identity of the man, but his calm demeanor and his cool and positive denials that he was not Seelye had begun to make them anxious to see somebody who could say definitely whether he was or was not the man wanted. Messengers were sent to all the banks in the city this morning in the effort to secure somebody who had known Seelye and could identify him. No such man could be found, however, and the police had made up their mind that the only way to get the man was to wait for the arrival of New York.

When the officers offered to sent for anybody in this city or elsewhere who could identify him as Frank J. Dale, the man he claimed to be, he replied that he knew nobody in Chicago who could do him such a service, and said that he knew nobody there. He could not give the name of any person in any other part of the country who would identify him as Dale. When he made this declaration he was informed by Inspector Shea that the police knew him to be Seelye, and there was no further necessity of talking over the matter. He would be held until the arrival of the officers from New York, and he would be released when they would be released until they had seen him. After being told this Seelye was taken below and locked up. He stood the confinement for about an hour, and at 11 o'clock he sent word to Inspector Shea and Lieut. H. E. MacFarland, who were waiting for an interview. Ten minutes later he confessed he was the man they had said he was and stated he was anxious for them to hurry the arrangements to take him back to New York.

He was trembling and filled with nervous excitement, and he was unable to speak. The inspector asked him what he wanted. "All I want to say is, gentlemen, that you had better get me out of here as soon as you can. I am Samuel C. Seelye and I am the man wanted in New York."

AN AUTOMATIC GALLOWS.

New Machine for the Execution of John Cronin.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 18.—John Cronin was hanged at 1:39 a. m. John Cronin's crime was the murder of Albert Skinner at South Windsor, Oct. 6, 1893.

The execution of Cronin was especially interesting, being the first hanging in this state under the law passed by the last general assembly, and the first trial of an automatic gallows in the East. This last is the idea of Warden Woodbridge.

Aided by James H. Babster, a foreman, the machine was found about four feet from the wall. The machine evolved what he considered an improvement on the hanging machine in use in Colorado. A small shot has been substituted for water in the operation of the lever which releases the weight and an arrangement made whereby the weight is raised by a screw mechanism. The compartment in which the shot are contained resembles an hour glass, and the mechanism employed is under the control of the warden. The shot is set in motion by the movement of a lever, and another lever would have enabled the warden to stop the machine at any time. The progress of the shot and the approaching moment when the weight would be released is indicated on a dial resembling a clock. The execution was effected at once. When Cronin had been seated in the chair and had fastened his hands on the executioner indicated to the man who had charge of the lever that he was ready. The machinery was then set in motion. The adjustment of the machine was made so perfect that the weight of 305 pounds made no perceptible noise as it was released. The shot fell and Cronin was instantly thrown back to within two feet of the floor. The weight used was only an inch in size, and he was tested to sustain a weight of 4,000 pounds. The machine was first tested July 31, and was used with entire success. Other tests were made at various times. One of the principal improvements over the Colorado machine is the fact that the prisoner is not his own executioner. With the original machine, when the prisoner was present, he was obliged to witness the execution which started the mechanism, and in this way the man was practically forced to commit suicide.

Crisp Is Expected to Resign.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A Vienna dispatch to the Chronicle says it is stated in Rome that Prime Minister Crisp's resignation is expected at any moment. His standing with King Humbert has been seriously shaken. It is believed that he will not long survive his fall, being of an apoplectic nature.

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Secley Pleads Guilty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Samuel C. Seelye, former bookkeeper of the Shoe and Leather national bank, charged with adding the late President Baker in robbing the bank, \$54,000, was arraigned in the United States circuit court today. He pleaded guilty and was remanded until Friday for sentencing.

BLIXT PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

Surprise to the Prosecution in the Ging Murder Case.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Claus A. Blixt, the self-confessed murderer of Catherine Ging, was arraigned in the district court today and in a weak voice pleaded not guilty. The state had rather expected a plea of guilty and asked Blixt if he understood what he was doing. He said he did not understand. R. R. Odell appeared for him, Blixt having refused to see the attorneys appointed by the court. The jury showed that Blixt was not a picture of misery in court and seemed scarcely able to stand. The case against the two Hays was dismissed in court, were formally dismissed this morning, the grand jury having taken action.

When the plea of not guilty was taken much aback. Mr. Nye was forced to face the probability of the trial of the case. The defense will be on the plea of temporary insanity, brought on by the use of alcoholic stimulants, given by Hayward for the purpose of provoking the deed. Mr. Odell claims to have medical testimony which will bear out this theory. His own theory shows that Blixt was not insane, he claims.

Afternoon paper says: "The latest development in the Ging murder case is the discovery of evidence that leads the authorities to believe that Harry Hayward is the western agent of a great goods combination, whose headquarters are at New York, with a principal branch at Chicago. The money which Catherine Ging obtained from Hayward just previous to her death will be shown to have been a portion of the green goods of this combination. It is necessary to put his victim out of the way to prevent exposure. The authorities do not claim that this was the main cause of Miss Ging's murder, but it was a factor which counted."

Next morning Harry T. Hayward was taken to the indictment charging him with the murder of Catherine Ging. This afternoon Sheriff Ege and a deputy went to the home of Hayward, and found Harry Hayward in order that he might make his plea. The officials took their prisoner from the Ramsey county jail and carried him to the Hennepin county court house. All the way over he was airy and flippant. He would not say a word to explain the very best of spirits. No one on the way over suspected that he was a prisoner accused of a capital crime. At 10 o'clock he was taken to the court room. The clerk and Judge Hicks were sent for and court was opened. Sheriff Ege motioned Hayward to the bar and he stood up. The clerk with a slight sneer as that official began reading the indictment which charged him with murder in the first degree for the purpose of procuring and hiring Claus A. Blixt to kill Catherine Ging. "A few moments only he had been on the stand, when he looked at the little crowd of attorneys and eyed the crowd with evident interest. Never once did he quail. "If the court please," broke in his attorney, "I ask that the indictment be returned at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock." That was all. The prisoner had not said a word. He turned from the bar and left the jail. The prisoner was then lodged in the county jail. He was then taken to the county jail. He was then taken to the county jail. He was then taken to the county jail.

Miss Brewer Charged with Murder.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 17.—Miss Annie Maud Brewer, who fatally shot her lover, Gideon Latimer, on Thursday, was re-arrested on Monday. She had been released on bail and was re-arrested on Monday. She was re-arrested on Monday. She was re-arrested on Monday.

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DAVID'S MESS.

Tragedy in a Bank at Council Bluffs, Ia.,

May Result in the Death of Three Persons.

QUERIES PUT TO A SUSPECT

Causes Witness to Shoot His Questioners

And Then Fire a Bullet Into His Own Brain.

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A CHECK FOR \$500 THE CAUSE OF THE INVESTIGATION WHICH RESULTED SO TRAGICALLY—BODY OF AN UNKNOWN MAN FOUND BY HUNTERS NEAR PANA, ILL.—PASSENGER ON A TRAIN MURDERED BY NEGRO TONGS.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Dec. 16.—At 11 o'clock today a tragedy was enacted in the private office of the Citizens' state bank of Council Bluffs, which may result fatally for three persons. John Huntington, assistant bookkeeper and collection clerk, shot C. W. Cromwell of Minneapolis and F. H. Hayden of Chicago, representatives of the Fidelity and casualty company of New York, and then emptied his revolver into his own brain inflicting a wound from which he died two hours later. Cromwell and Hayden, it is thought, will recover.

Huntington was one of the best known men in Council Bluffs and numbered his friends by the hundred. So far as can be learned he had no bad habits and this is what makes his act all the more inexplicable. He had been in the city for some time. On the 26th of last July a check for \$500 was turned over to him by Ira F. Hendricks, one of the employes of the bank, in the regular routine of business. Huntington charged up the check to the Union stock yards national bank of South Omaha and from that day to this nothing what-so-ever has been heard of it. The day following Huntington left for a vacation trip of several weeks to New York City. The bank officials kept thinking the check would turn up sooner or later and deferred any action. As time passed on and it became evident that the bank was out \$500, they sent a message to the Fidelity and casualty company notifying it of the fact and suggesting that inspectors come on at once and make an investigation.

The bank officials claim that at the time they had no charges to make against Huntington or any employe of the bank. All of their employes were bonded in the Fidelity and casualty company. The Fidelity company should make the investigation rather than make it themselves. Messrs. Cromwell and Hayden arrived in the city last Friday and took rooms at the Grand hotel. They cross-examined each of the bank employes through whose hands the missing check had passed and among the rest Huntington. They claimed to have discovered that he had been spending more money than his salary of \$45 a month, which he was receiving, would warrant, and on this, together with the fact that the check had been just seen in his hands, they based their suspicions. Huntington and the representatives of the Fidelity company were together on Saturday night and made arrangements for a Saturday morning meeting at the bank Sunday morning, when the investigation was to be resumed. Mr. Donald MacRae, Jr., was summoned, and Cromwell and Hayden commenced to put the young man through a running cross-examination. He was very nervous and a Cashier C. R. Hanna of the bank were present during most of the interview. The conference had not been in progress for long when the door opened and a man rose from his chair, pulled a revolver and commenced firing at the representatives of the Fidelity company.

The revolver used was a 45-caliber, that belonged to the bank and had been kept in the desk of G. F. Spooner, the paying teller. The shot was fired by Cromwell, who had taken the lead in the interrogation, and all three took effect. The fourth struck Hayden, and then for the fourth consecutive year he became a cripple. When the ball was taken out he fell to the floor and remained so until his death at 1:10 p. m.

The two wounded men ran out of the bank down First-avenue and into the Grand hotel, blood dripping from them at every step. They were taken to their rooms and Dr. Donald MacRae, Jr., was summoned. He found that one of the bullets had taken effect in Cromwell's back, just to the right of the spine, and was about four inches below the surface and extracted. The second bullet struck in the left side of his chest, plowed its way around the right side of his neck and came out after just missing the carotid artery. The third struck him in the right wrist, he having thrown up his hand to strike the revolver out of Huntington's hand. It broke one of the bones of the forearm clear in two and imbedded itself in the bone, almost to the hilt. When the ball was taken out it was cut almost in two from the point end down. Cromwell will probably lose the use of his right hand, but on account of a stiffening of the wrist joint, as the result of the fracture of the bones.

Hayden fared better. The bullet struck him in the neck, entered the skull just behind a quarter of the way, emerged and imbedded itself in a panel of the door, where it was afterward found. His wound is not considered of a serious nature, but a variation of half an inch would have killed him. The bullet that took Huntington's life, entered the skull just behind the ear and lodged back of the right eye, where its presence was shown by a discoloration of the lid. His having the weapon in his possession showed he had planned it all out beforehand and his coolness, in the face of the terrible deed he was meditating, is surprising. All of the men who were present at the interview testify that they had not the slightest idea anything out of the ordinary run of things was thought of by the young man.

DIED IN THE SNOW STORM.

Fate of the Schultz Children Who Wandered from Home.

WAUPUN, Wis., Dec. 16.—The Schultz children, who disappeared from their home in the town of Waupun last Monday and for whom hundreds of men have been searching daily, were found dead this afternoon in the woods two miles from the home. They lost their way during last Monday's snowstorm and died from exposure.

Hayden a Chicago Man.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—T. N. Hayden resides at 6545 Monroe-st. in his wife and one son, twenty years of age. The first Mrs. Hayden received the shooting wound at 6 o'clock this afternoon when a telegram was received from her husband telling her not to worry if she heard anything about the tragedy as he was all right. Hayden has lived in Chicago for many years. His father is general traveling auditor of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern

road. Hayden was for some years assistant general traveling auditor of the same line.

THE PANA MURDER MYSTERY.

Body of an Unknown Man Found by Some Hunters.

PANA, Ill., Dec. 16.—The murder, two and a quarter miles south of here, is still a mystery to the public. The murdered boy's hair is dark brown instead of red, as first reported, dark eyes, was about five feet seven inches; initials "A. L. B." or "A. R. B." tattooed on his right arm near elbow. His body was still warm when brought to this city. The skull was crushed with a round instrument, possibly a gun-shell. The testimony of the hunters, four Pana boys, who found the body half buried on the railway a quarter of a mile south of the water tank, was taken this evening. The hunters exchanged for new ones under an apple tree a quarter of a mile north of the scene of the murder. The coroner says a verdict may not be reached for several days. The body has not yet been identified.

Murdered on a Train.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 16.—The conductor of the 3:15 a. m. train from Savannah reports that a white man was killed on his train near Hartsville. Three white North Carolina boleros and drinking fellows boarded the train and entered a second-class coach filled with colored turpentine hands. A colored man told them to stop cursing, when one white man drew the pistol, turned it muzzle toward the white man and shot him through the head. The negro then jumped off the train, going forty miles an hour, and the names of the parties could not be obtained.

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GOV. FOSTER ON PRIZE FIGHTS.

Outcome of the Lavigne-Bowen Affair Prompts Him to Speak.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—James Barry left this morning for home, much disappointed, and says he will pay no attention to Connors in the future. Tommy Ryan also departed. Lavigne is detained by the police. As soon as he can get away he will go home and rest for three months. He is a former prize fighter, but will then try for a match with Johnson of Minneapolis. Bowen's funeral will take place in the morning. The grand jury will begin its deliberations at the same time and fix the blame for the death.

Governor Foster was seen this evening and asked for an expression of his opinion of the so-called glove contests in the light of the tragic outcome of the Lavigne-Bowen fight. The governor expressed himself as firmly opposed to such exhibitions. He said: "I have always been very positive and emphatic in my opposition to the glove contests as carried on in New Orleans by professional prize fighters. I regard it as a brutal exhibition, tending to demoralize public sentiment and to bring into disrepute the tone of public morals in the community. When the effort was made to have the Corbett fight take place in New Orleans I determined to prevent it, and so declared at the time. Subsequent to that time I have seen no such exhibitions were taken into court and is still pending. I urged in my message to the legislature the passing of a law declaring glove contests to be a criminal offense, and several bills were introduced to that end, but for some reason they have not been passed."

The unfortunate termination of the Lavigne-Bowen contest accentuates the importance of prohibiting any such further exhibitions of the kind.

The sentiment has outlasted the exhibitions in almost every state in the union, and I believe the state are unquestionably opposed to making Louisiana, and especially New Orleans, the scene of such brutal contests.

TRAPPED FROM TEXAS.

Family of Seven Reach Newark, N. J., After Trying Experiences.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—In police headquarters in Newark, N. J., are a family consisting of a father, a mother and five children who have tramped from Texas. The father's name is Charles N. Roberts. The wife is a prematurely aged woman and the children range in age from nine to fourteen years. The eldest is a girl and the others boys. Roberts said he had been a small farmer near Brownsville, Tex., and when his crops failed him last summer, he for the fourth consecutive year he became a tramp. He and his family were in search of a brother, WILLIAM B. Roberts, whom he believed to be in Newark. With \$25, the result of the sale of their household goods, the family started on its northward tramp. Mr. Roberts says he left there in the middle of September. They lived on charity and slept in barns. At Henderson, Ky., they were all laid up with grip for a month. At the end of that time all their money was gone. The youngest child, a boy, was taken to a hospital in one kind was 285 miles from Indiana and Kentucky. They arrived in Newark Saturday morning. Roberts said he had the city, but could find no trace of his brother.

TO TAKE PASTEUR'S TREATMENT.

Eight Persons Bitten by a Mad Dog Going to Chicago.

MT. VERNON, O., Dec. 12.—Tonight this city sent to Chicago, to take the Pasteur treatment at public expense, Mrs. Yens-Bate, Berry, Blackburn, Caffery, Cockrell, Cook, Faulkner, George, Guff, Harris, Hill, Hinton, Jarvis, McLaurin, McPherson, Mills, Palmer, Pasco, Pugh, Vest, Villas, Voorhis, Walsh—23. Nays—Aldrich, Allen, Allison, Blanchard, Culbert, Dulch, Dubsis, Gallingher, Hale, Harter, Hill, Hinton, Jarvis, McLaurin, McPherson, Mills, Palmer, Pasco, Pugh, Vest, Villas, Voorhis, Walsh—23.

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PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Twelfth Semi-Annual Meeting of the Southern Indiana Division.

EVANSVILLE, Dec. 17.—Special.—The twelfth semi-annual meeting of the Southern Indiana press association will convene here Wednesday night for a two days' session. Following the regular business of the association will be the election of officers and appointing committees.

RIVAL TO THE STANDARD.

Three Ohio Oil Companies to Be Merged Into One.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 13.—A big petroleum combination, by which three of the largest oil producing companies in the Ohio field will be merged into one concern, with a capital of \$10,000,000, is being formed here. The companies interested are the Sun oil company, Toledo; the Crystal oil company, the same city and the Meridian Morgan company of Cleveland. The company will make a formidable rival to the Standard company.

Two Children Accidentally Shot.

MOUNT OLIVE, Ill., Dec. 16.—This morning a very distressing accident occurred by which a child, three years old, was shot and instantly killed and his playmate, a boy, severely wounded. Carbonate Bononio, living with the family of Frank Vaca, was examining the rifle, but returned several times during the afternoon and made numerous demands for the reward. Detectives who were sent out to look up the performer's record reported that he had for a week been boasting to his friends that he knew where to find Seelye. MacFarland, according to the officers, is an ardent admirer of the flowing bowl, and many of his acquaintances say that he frequently during the last week, while intoxicated, had declared that he would soon clear \$5,000 by a clever bit of detective work.

The Vanderbilts Estrangement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—In spite of the reports to the contrary there has been as yet no reconciliation between W. K. Vanderbilt and his wife. In the immediate future, Chauncey M. Depew, counsel for Mr. Vanderbilt, and clear \$5,000 by a clever bit of detective work.

One of the Witnesses Objects to Having His Veracity Questioned.

MUNCIE, Dec. 16.—Special.—This afternoon J. N. Huffman attacked Attorney D. Walter Bell, badly assaulting him. In the trial in which Mrs. Louisa Campbell yesterday sued the Citizens' street railway company for \$10,000 damages for alleged permanent injuries received by a street car colliding with her buggy. Bell was her attorney. Mr. Huffman, who is manager of the Whitey natural gas plant, was a witness for the defense and he alleges that Bell grossly insulted him by questioning his veracity while on the witness-stand and he decided to even up matters when they got out of the court room and Huffman is satisfied. He knocked the lawyer down and pounded him unmercifully in the face. A verdict was returned for the defendant.

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