

## PATCH UP CORPSES

### GREWSOME WORK OF ALLEGED NEW YORK INSURANCE SWINDLERS.

### SOME STARTLING TESTIMONY

### EXHUMED BODY REVEALS THE WORK OF THE CONSPIRATORS

### THE METHODS OF THE SWINDLERS

### MISSING LIMBS REPLACED AND FACE GIVEN YOUNGER APPEARANCE.

New York, Feb. 22.—Testimony of a startling nature was given by witnesses in the examination of one of the six men under arrest charged with swindling life insurance companies by substituting bodies which came up in the police court yesterday. Joseph Trepani, the undertaker in the case, was held by Magistrate Zeller in \$5,000 bail to await the action of the grand jury. Francis B. Foster, formerly an agent for the Union Central Life Insurance company, testified that he had agreed, at Trepani's suggestion, to swear to the death of men insured in the company while he knew, he said, that the body of some one else had been substituted. Foster said he received sums ranging from \$100 to \$600 from Trepani, when the policies were paid in these cases. He was first approached by the prisoner, Cirino, and with Dr. Oliver Moore of the company, examined one Tromborula, to whom a policy was issued on their report. Tromborula, soon after that, was reported dead and the body substituted being exhumed, the alleged frauds were revealed. Dr. Moore testified that he was sent to St. Michael's cemetery by the insurance company to identify the body exhumed, which was said to be that of Tromborula.

"When I examined the body in the coffin," said the physician, "I found it to be that of a much older man than the man I had examined as Tromborula on the day of the issuance of the policy. The

Examination of the Body revealed the fact that there were mittens on the hands. When they were taken off I saw that the glove had been stuffed with cotton and that the right forearm was missing. The right foot was also missing. The shoe having been stuffed with a block of wood shaped like a foot. The lips had been sown together so as to conceal the absence of teeth. The mouth was stuffed with cotton, causing the cheeks to puff out and give the body the appearance of being that of a much younger man.

Assistant District Attorney Krotel made public last night a confession made by Foster, detailing the methods pursued by the swindlers. Foster says that he has been for many years the chief soliciting agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, which has a branch office in this city. He admits that he made false identifications of seven bodies and succeeded in effecting the collection of \$10,000 of fraudulent insurance from his company. He also says that shortly before the death of the old man Tromborula, the conspirators, headed by the undertaker, Trepani, made arrangements to place \$10,000 additional insurance on his life.

### FULTON ELECTED SENATOR.

### Oregon Legislature Finally Makes a Selection.

Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—C. W. Fulton was elected United States senator on the seventeenth ballot of the evening. Charles W. Fulton was born in Ohio Aug. 17, 1853. Later he moved to Iowa with his parents, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He came to Oregon in 1875, taught school for a time, later locating at Astoria, where he has since resided and enjoyed a lucrative law practice. He has been elected to the state senate four times, and was president of that body in 1893 and 1901. He was a member of nearly every state convention since 1880 and has been a very active campaign worker.

### THREE CHILDREN CREMATED.

### Lose Their Lives in Destruction of Their Home.

Uhrichville, Ohio, Feb. 22.—Three children of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ransom were burned to death yesterday in a fire that destroyed their home. The children, all boys, twins, aged three years, and one aged two, had been left alone by the mother, who was at a neighbor's. An explosion of natural gas is supposed to have caused the fire.

### Dispute Ends in Shooting.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—During a dispute over the seizure of some furniture yesterday in the storage and auction store of Phalen & Bennett Constable E. Patterson shot Albert Hicks, one of the employes, and H. S. Griswold, a customer. Hicks is expected to die.

### Another Town Gets Library.

Marshall, Minn., Feb. 22.—Word had been received from Andrew Carnegie to the effect that he will donate \$10,000 for a Carnegie library at Marshall under the usual conditions.

## LOOKS SUSPICIOUS

### VENEZUELAN BELIEVE THAT GERMANS WANT MORE TROUBLE.

### ACTIONS AROUSE INDIGNATION

### CRUISER SEEKS PERMISSION TO ENTER LAKE MARACAIBO.

### TURNED DOWN BY OFFICIALS

### OFFICERS OF ANOTHER VESSEL ASK LEAVE TO INSPECT A FORT.

Caracas, Feb. 20.—The American consul at Maracaibo has notified the American legation here that the German cruiser Panther, one of the vessels that took part in the shelling of Fort San Carlos, near Maracaibo, arrived near Fort San Carlos yesterday morning and requested free pratique to enter Lake Maracaibo and reach the city.

The commander of the fort refused for the time being to give the Panther the desired permission, declaring that orders from President Castro were necessary before the warship could be allowed to go to Maracaibo.

Disapproval of the action of the German navy is expressed in foreign circles here, and it is declared that the Germans are hunting for more trouble.

### Wanted to See Their Work.

Porto Cabello, Feb. 20.—The officers of the German cruiser Vineta yesterday came on shore and drove all over the town. They then went up to Fort Solana, which was shelled by them on Dec. 13, and asked to be allowed to visit the interior. The officer in command of the fort received them politely, but he informed them that to visit the fort an order from President Castro was necessary. The German officers went away laughing.

### Bowen Cannot Go.

Washington, Feb. 20.—It does not seem at all probable at this time that Minister Bowen will go to The Hague in connection with the movement to have that tribunal determine whether or not the European allied powers which maintained a blockade of Venezuelan ports shall have preferential treatment in the payment of the claims of their citizens against Venezuela. If Mr. Bowen's pleasure in the matter were consulted the likelihood is that he would participate in the proceedings before The Hague tribunal, but he is not willing to resign his position as minister to Venezuela for that purpose, and the rules of the state department prohibit the granting of more than sixty days' leave of absence in any one year to diplomatic officers. The impression also obtains that the state department is not over-anxious for Mr. Bowen to attend, as his presence at The Hague might cause a belief that the United States is over-zealous in behalf of Venezuela.

### AEROGRAMS TO HAWAII.

### Wireless Communication to Be Established on the Pacific.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Wireless messages to the Hawaiian Islands are to be sent from this coast, according to Mr. New, manager of the Pacific Wireless Telephone and Telegraph company. "We have the machinery under way," declared Mr. New, who has been in Southern California for several months and is now searching for a proper station from which to send aerograms to Hawaii.

### POISONED THE CANDY.

### Ohio Man Charged With Trying to Murder His Family.

Indianapolis, Feb. 20.—William H. Vermillion, a young man from Newark, Ohio, is held without bail at the police station on the statement of his wife that he attempted to kill her and her two children with poisoned candy.

### Darrow Takes His Seat.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 20.—Clarence S. Darrow of Chicago was sworn in yesterday as a member of the house of representatives. Darrow was elected last November but has been unable to attend before on account of absence as counsel for the miners before the strike commission in Pennsylvania. He took his seat on the Democratic side and was received with applause.

### Ex-Convict on Prison Board.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 20.—Thomas J. Navin of Detroit, who served a term in the state prison at Jackson from March, 1885, to December, 1890, for forgery, was yesterday appointed by Gov. Bliss a member of the Jackson prison board, and the appointment was confirmed in the senate by a vote of 16 to 12.

### Finest Museum in the World.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Chicago is to have the finest museum in the world and Marshall Field is to provide the funds to build it, according to plans now under discussion by the South Park commission. The cost is to be \$10,000,000.

### Cyclone Does Great Damage.

Cadiz, Feb. 20.—A cyclone visited this city yesterday and did great damage. Many persons were injured and a schooner and several fishing boats were sunk.

## THREE STATE CONVENTIONS.

### Fargo Entertains North Dakota Grocers, Hardware and Implement Men.

Fargo last week was the Mecca of the North Dakota grocers, the hardware men and the implement dealers; all three organizations holding state conventions there. Each organization met separately, but there were certain joint features, especially in the entertainment. The implement men were welcomed by Acting Mayor Roberts in the absence of Mayor Sweet, who was on the sick list. Secretary J. J. Dougherty of Park River made the response. The address of President Luke, outlining the work of the past year, showed marked progress in the association. General Manager Kinney of the Winona Wagon company presented the organization with a gavel made from a piece of wood he personally secured on a trip to South Africa. It was accepted by President Luke in a neat speech.

The grocers were welcomed by Acting Mayor Roberts. President Kraabel delegated Full of Pembina to make the response, and it was fittingly and facetiously done. After the appointment of committees an adjournment was taken till afternoon, when President Kraabel's address was received. Secretary Wilder followed with an exhaustive report of the condition of the association, and Treasurer Wylie's report showed the organization in good financial standing. President Worst of the North Dakota agricultural college made an address, and the afternoon session was closed with a report of the Retail Dealers' Association of Grand Forks.

Wednesday night was devoted to a joint social session provided by the Fargo members of the three state organizations here convened. At the banquet covers were laid for 530 and there was a lack of room for all the guests. Selections were rendered by the North Dakota State band of forty pieces. There were a number of responses to toasts and a vaudeville performance with musical specialties concluded the entertainment.

The implement dealers had a busy time during the day. A lot of addresses were heard and the discussions of papers were more than ordinarily interesting. Among those who spoke were G. W. Kurtz of Jamestown, A. C. Hatch of Battle Lake, Minn., G. H. Horton of Wahpeton, F. Moody of Fargo, and President Worst of North Dakota agricultural college.

The hardware men got under way by disposing of welcoming speech by Mayor Sweet and response by President Joy. President Joy read his address, which dwelt at some length on insurance, legislation, credits and relation of jobbers and retailers. It served as a kind of text for a series of discussions and addresses by a number of speakers.

The grocers elected officers, selecting all the old officials. They are: President, B. F. Kraabel, Hope; secretary, G. H. Wilder, Grand Forks; treasurer, J. M. Wylie, Drayton; vice presidents, J. E. Paulson, Hillsboro; and R. B. Griffith, Grand Forks. The chief interest in the morning session was in the address of President Ladd on pure foods, and resolutions were adopted requesting the legislature to enact the bill now before that body.

The grocers completed their work at noon Thursday, the implement men in the afternoon and the hardware men discussed insurance features and transacted considerable business of a general nature. The implement dealers and hardware men devoted the entire time to executive sessions. The question of insurance was the paramount issue and the implement dealers appointed a committee of seven with full power to act to organize a North Dakota and Northern Minnesota mutual fire insurance company.

The new officers are: President, G. W. Kurtz, Jamestown, N. D.; vice presidents, W. W. Powell of Warren, Minn., A. C. Hatch of Battle Lake, Minn., J. S. Bronsahan of Grafton, N. D., M. Jacobson of Minot, N. D., J. McPhall of Langdon, N. D.; secretary and treasurer, J. J. Dougherty, Park River, N. D. The next annual meeting will be held at Grand Forks.

The hardware men elected the following officers: President, H. N. Joy, Bartarg; vice president, H. F. Emery, Fargo; secretary and treasurer, G. N. Barnes, Grand Forks, executive committee, E. Elliott of Sanborn, H. F. Stehlow of Casselton and H. Harrington of Fargo. Little was announced regarding the proceedings of the executive session, but it is said the greater part of the time was devoted to the plans for the mutual insurance company.

### Not Very Catching.

"I understand that in Russia they disinfect their money every now and then. Seems to me that would be a good idea for this country." "Oh, I dunno. I never noticed that money here was alarmingly contagious."—Brooklyn Eagle.

The strike which has existed at the cotton mills of the Cocheo Manufacturing company at Dover, N. H., for a week and which has affected 2,500 operatives, has been settled.

### PRESIDENT'S ULTIMATUM.

Extra Session of Senate Unless Panama and Cuban Treaties Are Ratified. Washington, Feb. 21.—President Roosevelt will call an extraordinary session of the senate of the Fifty-eighth congress unless both the Panama canal and the Cuban reciprocity treaties are ratified at the present session. The president made this declaration to several senators yesterday, and he made it emphatically and unequivocally.

## PARTY IS IN A ROW

### THE SITUATION IN THE SENATE HAS BECOME VERY SERIOUS.

### QUAY LEADS IN A FILIBUSTER

### CANAL TREATY MUST TAKE SECOND PLACE TO STATEHOOD BILL.

### WILL FORCE AN EXTRA SESSION

### MOST SERIOUS FRICTION IN REPUBLICAN RANKS FOR YEARS.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The contest in the senate has developed a more serious element of friction in the Republican ranks than has been known for years.

The question at issue is whether the majority party shall exercise the power to legislate or that power shall pass to combinations of minorities without party responsibility.

The Republican senate caucus on Tuesday decided that the Panama canal treaty should be the order of business before the senate until it is ratified. The caucus in effect displaced the statehood bill with the canal treaty. At that time Senator Morgan was the only known filibuster against the treaty. But Mr. Morgan's opposition has become

Only an incident in the contest as it has developed in the last two days. Mr. Quay is now the leader of the filibusters against the treaty. He led in the filibustering Thursday and again yesterday. His purpose is declared to be that the treaty shall take second place to the statehood bill. He insists that the statehood bill is of first importance and that the canal treaty shall not be ratified until there is an agreement for a vote on statehood.

The majority of the republicans are determined to follow the caucus agreement and continue the executive sessions until the treaty is ratified or the end of the session is reached. Quay's friends say that he was tricked into agreeing to go into executive session, and that he is ready to allow appropriation bills to be passed, but not the treaty. They therefore claim that the

Responsibility for Failure of appropriation bills, if the deadlock continues, will rest on the opponents of statehood and the managers of the treaty who insist on continuing the executive session begun Thursday morning. This is where Mr. Quay has been outgeneraled. He consented to the executive session to take up the treaty, and the executive session still continues with recesses from day to day. The issue is regarded as a very grave one.

It is whether Mr. Quay is more powerful than the Republican party. He has formed a new alliance, regardless of party lines, and he is using that alliance to dictate to congress. He threatens to make necessary an extra session unless his minority of Democrats and Republicans is allowed to dictate.

The senate spent the entire day in executive session considering the Panama canal treaty, and at 5:25 p. m. took a recess until to-day.

### THE ROYALTY SCANDAL.

### Sensational Charges Made Against Princess Louise's Ex-Husband.

Vienna, Feb. 22.—Sensational charges against Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, who is an Austrian field marshal and husband of the Princess Louise of Belgium, were made yesterday in the reichsrath in the debate on the army bill by Herr Daseynski, the Polish leader. The latter denounced the prince as a criminal. Referring to the imprisonment of the former lieutenant of hussars, Mattasich, who eloped with the Princess Louise of Coburg several years ago and who was sentenced to four years' imprisonment last December for forgery, he asserted that while in prison Mattasich drew up a formal accusation charging Prince Philip with forcing the Princess Louise, who was confined in an asylum for the insane near Dresden some time after her elopement, to encourage the advances of the late Baron Hirsch and with compelling her to ask the baron for money.

### MAYOR IS SUMMONED.

### Must Tell What He Knows of the Bribery Charges in the Council.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The grand jury yesterday issued forthwith subpoenas for Mayor Harrison, Alderman Carey, John A. Spoor of the Chicago Junction railway and William E. Kent, in connection with the aldermanic bribery investigation.

### MAY RECALL CURZON.

### Secretary Brodrick May Be Given the Position of Viceroy in India.

New York, Feb. 22.—It is said in political circles here, says a Herald dispatch from London, that there is a probability of Lord Curzon being recalled from India shortly, and Mr. Brodrick, minister for war, being raised to the peerage and sent out as viceroy in his place. The latter's conduct of the war office and the apparent failure of his scheme of army reorganization are severely criticized.

## GIVES UP DR. AMES

### GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HONORS REQUISITION FOR EX-MAYOR.

### PAPERS EFFECTIVE IN MARCH

### COMPROMISE AGREED UPON OWNING TO CONDITION OF AMES' HEALTH.

### SHERIFF ASKS FOR INSTRUCTIONS

### DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY OF MOVING SICK MAN.

Hancock, N. H., Feb. 21.—Sheriff J. W. Dreger of Minneapolis, after the hearing at Concord yesterday before the governor at which it was agreed as a compromise that the requisition of ex-Mayor Ames be honored, the papers to date March 4, returned to Manchester. The sheriff will stay in New Hampshire until he hears from Prosecuting Attorney Boardman of Hennepin county, to whom he has sent the report of the physician employed to examine Ames.

"I have the order for requisition signed by the New Hampshire governor, and can take the body of Dr. Ames March 4," said the sheriff to a reporter at Concord. "If he is able to be moved I expect to take him to Minneapolis. It really now lays with my court to say whether Ames is too sick to move."

He continued: "Dr. Ames is a surprisingly sick man. I would not, after seeing him Wednesday night, think of assuming the responsibility of moving him."

"How did Dr. Ames receive you?" "He appeared very little disturbed. He was somewhat surprised at a few things I told him. We did not discuss politics or law. I respected the request of his physicians that nothing be done to excite the man. I therefore avoided some of the subjects he led up to."

### BAD FIRE AT SPRINGFIELD.

### Three Men Are Caught Under a Falling Wall.

Springfield, Ohio, Feb. 21.—One of the most disastrous fires in the history of the city and the one resulting in the greatest loss of life started early yesterday in Mitchell Bros.' plumbing establishment in West Main street, and within two hours had completely destroyed several buildings adjoining. J. H. Mulholland, proprietor of a jewelry store, and two companions were killed while removing his stock. The heavy walls of the theater block toppled and fell over on the building in which his store was located. It is not yet known how many were pinned under the ruins, but so far three dead have been taken out.

### FOOL JOKER'S WORK

### Results in Fatal Injury of a Locomotive Fireman.

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 21.—W. C. Clark, aged twenty-five, a fireman in the employ of the Rock Island railway, running east of this city, was fatally injured yesterday as the result of the work of a practical joker. Clark was on the tender of his engine when a brakeman on top of a box car shouted to him to jump or he would be killed, at the same time indicating a wreck and that he, himself, was about to jump. Clark leaped into a snow bank, struck on his head, tore off his scalp and fractured his skull.

### CZAR IS VERY FRIENDLY.

### Attentions to Ambassador McCormick Cause Court Comment.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—The czar's attention to Ambassador McCormick and Mrs. McCormick is the subject of court comment and is interpreted as an international demonstration of his friendship for the United States. To the ambassador and his wife the czar has expressed the most friendly feeling for America and his interest in everything American, saying to Mr. McCormick: "My friendship is as strong as that of my grandfather, and when I thus express myself, I speak for all my people."

### NINE PERSONS BITTEN.

### Vicious Dog Terrorized Persons on Broadway.

New York, Feb. 21.—Nine persons have been bitten and hundreds terrorized by a dog supposed to be suffering from rabies, that ran about lower Broadway and through several adjacent streets. While it is not known positively whether the dog was mad, all those who were bitten were sent to the Pasteur institute for treatment. The dog was killed.

### Wilhelmina Will Decline.

London, Feb. 21.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at The Hague learns that it is most unlikely that Queen Wilhelmina will accept the task of appointing an umpire in the arbitration of any power's claims on Venezuela.

### Frozen to Death.

Iron Mountain, Mich., Feb. 21.—Frank Farsburg, a tailor, was found frozen to death at the street at Norway. He was intoxicated before death.

### Wages of English Plumbers.

Plumbers in England receive \$10.34 a week.

## THESE MEN WON'T TREAT.

### They Belong to the "Flying Squadron" and Wear Anchors.

A new anti-trust society has been launched. It is called the "Flying Squadron," and every member, from Admiral to stoker, is a "good fellow," who has taken an oath to "set 'em up" only after the Dutch fashion. The "Flying Squadron" is a national anti-trust society, and coaling stations have already been established in a number of the largest cities.

"Biff" Hall is the Rear Admiral, in charge of the Chicago navy yard, and is supposed to carry a pocketful of anchors to distribute among the seagoing boats when they get into West-ern waters.

All the officers and members of the crew of the "Flying Squadron" have "cut out" the habit of paying for other people's refreshments. But this reformation has not made the dry docks altogether useless, for every time one commodore buys a drink every other member present must also buy himself one. This results in frequent trips to the docks for repairs. It is regarded a sin for any member to refer to the "water cart," and any member who offers to treat a brother is banished for a time to a lonesome place known as Seitzer island.

The "Flying Squadron" was launched by a group of "good fellows" in the East. "Ships that Pass in the Night" they call themselves. The society now numbers nearly 1,000 members, and one of the largest and most flourishing navy yards is located in Chicago. A small anchor worn on the lapel is the emblem of the "Dutch" treaters.

### A READY-TO-WEAR CHARITY.

### Generous Woman Had Hard Luck With Her Present.

A certain family is having considerable amusement at the expense of one of its members. The member in question rejoices in the nickname among her "folks" of "The Ready-to-Wear-Philanthropist."

This name was honorably earned by her spontaneous generosity. The only drawback was the liability of her best laid plans to miscarry. A case in point will illustrate why a mention of her "present giving" mania excites the ribbitles of those who are acquainted with the facts.

It was while in town on a brief shopping tour that she saw the hat for which she afterward paid out six good dollars. It was an outing hat, and to the enthusiastic buyer, seemed eminently suited to the bonnie face of a younger sister. The firm, of course, offered to send it, but the buyer was not to be denied prompt enjoyment of her generous impulse. She would carry it. Her next mistake lay in refusing a box. She took, instead, one of the familiar millinery bags. Next she went home.

Arrived at that hallowed spot she proceeded to give her present. First she indulged in a glowing panegyric as to the contents of the bag. Next she handed it over. It was empty. The edges were a series of serrated marks where the rough edges of the straw had literally sawed a way through.

### A Creed.

In fellowship of living things.  
In kindred claims of Man and Beast,  
In common courtesy that brings  
Help from the greater to the least,  
In love that all life shall receive,  
Lord, I believe.

In peace, earth's passion far above,  
In pity, measured not nor priced,  
In all souls luminous with love,  
Alike in Buddha and in Christ,  
In any rights that wrongs retrieve,  
Lord, I believe.

In truth that falsehood cannot span,  
In the majestic march of Laws,  
That weak and flower and worm and man  
Result from One Supernal Cause,  
In doubts that dare and faiths that cleave,  
Lord, I believe.

### Birds on the Black List.

Uncle Sam has a black list of birds and quadrupeds which it is absolutely prohibited to introduce into this country. The mongoose, the flying fox and the starling are on the list. The mongoose is a species of ferret, a native of India, where it is domesticated as a sort of animal rat trap and snake destroyer. It was introduced into Jamaica to get rid of the sugar cane rats. These exterminated, however, the mongoose went on to diet off the insect-destroying birds, with the result that the crops have been devastated by insects in some sections of the island. The animal is exceedingly crafty, nocturnal in its habits and evades traps with ease. The flying fox, known also as the fruit bat, is a voracious harvester of fruits and vegetables. The starling belongs to the crow family.

### Football in Japan.

Among the many things that Japan borrowed from China was football, said to have been introduced as early as the middle of the seventh century. The Emperor Tobai II was an expert player and got up a club at his palace. Considering how averse most Orientals are to hard work and vigorous exercise, it may be supposed that the game was very different from ours. Nevertheless the Japanese form seems to have been popular, and we may trace the beginning of professionalism to an emperor and his court, of whom it is told that in a time of poverty they earned a little extra money by teaching the art of football.

### Movements of the Stars.

The average straight-ahead motion of the stars is now put at twenty-one miles a second.

### Wages of English Plumbers.

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