BAN SAYS HE'S TOO BUSY

PRESIDENCY OF AMERICAN NO. 2 WILL BE IN OTHER HANDS

PLAYERS WILL BE IN DEMAND

With New Baseball Circuits Being Formed Right and Left, the Market for Good Men Looks Bullish.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—"I cannot act as president of American League No. 2," said Ban Johnson tonight, when discussing the policy to be pursued toward the new organization. I will assist in the organization in every way possible, for I think the new league will be a success, and it has good cities to draw from. We shall help wherever we can, but I cannot bind myself with the present unsettled conditions of affairs. With a new circuit in the American league I could not in justice to either organization undertake more work. Besides the complications likely to spring up at any time are likely to make this a busy winter. But I have the kinliest feelings for the new promoters, and will extend any assistance possible at the organization session on Thursday."

President Johnson does not expect any agreement to be reached with the National league, citing the case of McGraw and Robinson as an almost insurmountable barrier, but he thinks there will be only individual attempts to steal players.

PLAYERS ARE SCARCE.

When baseball promoters and writers, prolific with plans for new leagues, discuss the situation in prospecto they rarely or never dwell on one point which is the most essential of all. They are launching new organizations galore, but in all the talk and articles the question of supplying men to play the nine positions for each of the clubs is not mentioned. They take it for granted that where there is a will there is a way, and they have "will," so the "way" must necessarily follow.

The present Western league will remain in the field, the American will be on the hunt for better men, the National will be loath to part with its stars, and yet there is serious talk of the establishment of two new leagues, one by the National, the other by the American. Of course these leagues will occupy the same territory, but even on paper there cannot be gathered to gether enough good players to equip one of the organizations, much less two.

The Interstate league will not furnish a dozen good men, not enough to give a full complement of players to one club in the American league No. 2, as at present contemplated. No other leagues are being crowded out, and the additional men for the National association and the Western association will have to be "found."

NATIONAL NOT RELEASING PLAYERS.

This will not be possible, at least early in the season, as the National league will not cut the reserved list until the playing season is well under way. Even then there will not be more than twenty-five or thirty men thrown on the market, and that will be enough for no more than three clubs at the most.

Louisville, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Paul and other towns which are to have clubs in the new league, be it established under the auspices and protection of the National or American, will not suffer the establishment of clubs with players of a minor quality. The patrons of ball in those cities demand good ball, and will have it. Where are the players who will furnish it?

This is the great question which confronts Mr. Burnham and his co-workers who are launching the new auxiliary to the American league. Of all the prospective organizations this looks at the present time to have the most vitality and the best chances of success. The circuit as planned is composed of good ball towns and the franchises will prove valuable ones.

CIRCUIT OF NEW LEAGUE.

The cities decided on for membership in the new league are Toledo, Louisville, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kansas City and Minneapolis. These six cities have been definitely secured. St. Paul may be included in the new league if it can be obtained from the Western, and failing to do this, Omaha or Rockford will be substituted. Rockford is a good ball town which permits Sunday playing, and the moneyed men of the city stand ready to equip a team and furnish the grounds. There is a pledge that in case Rockford is included in the new league there will be no lack of funds to support the team.

Next to Ban Johnson Chas. J. Strobel of Toledo is the busiest baseball magnate in the country. While Johnson is arranging matters for a strong American league he has left the work of organizing a new Western league, under the auspices of the American, largely to Mr. Strobel. Johnson sees in Strobel a hustler, and this is why the important task of creating a new league has been intrusted to him. The idea of a new league was first conceived by Mr. Strobel, and Ban Johnson's attention was called to the situation, with the result that steps were immediately taken to gather in the cities that would make a compact league in the central west.

WESTERN LEAGUE STRENGTHENED.

The same territory now occupied by the American's second league will also be taken by the Western league or probably by a new organization still to be called into existence by the National. At the recent meeting at New York the franchises at Kansas City, Minneapolis and St. Paul were given to the Western league, but if the National magnates decide to establish a stronger organization it is possible this action will be rescinded and a new league launched. This will include practically the cities now in the American's auxiliary.

A conflict in this secondary territory is the chief cause for war now apparent. Johnson does not intend to invade Boston, he was permitted to enter Philadelphia by Col. Rogers, and no overt act has been committed by either of the two major organizations. They have not stolen each others players, have not refused to pay for players bought from the other nor done anything which could be construed as an act of hostility. There are no belligerents as yet, but the probabilities of a war are increasing with the installment of new leagues under protection.

If there is one thing that will result in the increase of salaries for the coming season it is the demand for players. On this alone can the players union base any hope for increase. That President Johnson will pay more than last year is generally expected and that the National league magnates are considering the question of a reduction is equally well known. If the players continue in the determined stand taken there will be no lopping off of 20 or 30 per cent from the annual pay of each of the men.

SLOAN RIDES TODAY.

Will Have Mount on Vesuvian at the Tanforan Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Tod Sloan will ride Vesuvian in the Christmas handicap at Tanforan Tuesday. The Beau Brummel of the pigskin has switched his plans as he announced them on arriving here and returns to the saddle to remain until he faces the English stewards in April.

Turf politics cut quite a figure in the Sloan case and the Tanforan magnates took a slap at their rivals, the California Jockey club, when they issued Sloan a temporary license after Thomas Williams' gratuitous announcement that Sloan was blacklisted at Oakland. Edward Corrigan, who has been busy firing verbal broadsides at Sloan since the latter refused to pilot Corrigan's horses at Newmarket last spring, took up the cudgels in the jockey's behalf when he saw an opening to land on Williams' solar plexus and besought his late associates at Tanforan to give Sloan a chance.

He succeeded and Samuel Hildreth will have Sloan's services, if his colt wins Tuesday, until the jockey leaves California.

GOLFING IN FLORIDA.

Five Clubs on the West Coast Are Improving Courses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The elaborate programme which has been aranged by the Florida West Coast Golf association augurs a lively season in that part of the state washed by the Gulf of Mexico. John Duncan Dunn, who was recently appointed head professional of the five clubs on the west coast, has returned to this city from a preliminary visit to his golfing preserves, and he reports that great progress has been made in the improvements to all the courses.

The links in his chain of clubs include those of Tampa bay, Belair, Winter park, Kissimmee and Ocala. They will all open about Jan. 15 and weekly competitions for both men and women will begin at once. Particular care has been given to the Belair greens, and the course has been made the best in the West course series. It is an entirely new course, about 2,400 yards in circuit for the nine holes, with a fair bogey of thirty-eight strokes, according to Dunn.

Lawrence Auchterlonie, the Chicago professional, will have charge of that course, and he will begin his duties early next month. All of the professionals will arrive in Florida about the same time and John Dunn himself will go down for good on Jan. 10.

BARRIE CALLED TO LONDON.

Sir Thomas Lipton's Agent to Confer With His Chief.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Sir Thomas Lipton today cabied his representative here, David Barrie, to come to London as soon as he could arrange matters on this side. Mr. Barrie will leave on Wednesday on the St. Louis. Sir Thomas has always made preparations for his boats a long while ahead, and this visit is understood to be for the purpose of talking over the requirements for the campaign which will open next August.

Mr. Barrie says he did not know how long he would be abroad, but his trip would be a hurried one, as matters are constantly coming up here requiring his attention.

SOME BIG RACES COMING.

Numerous Ice Yachtsmen Seeking Honors at 'Tonka.

There promise to be some big ice yacht races at Minnetonka within a short time. One of the latest candidates for the championship honors is Wm. Nack of the Oconomowoc Ice Yacht club. The Fram, which is owned by Nack, holds the championship of the Wisconsin club, and Mr. Nack feels confident his boat can give the Lake Minnetonka flyers a good run. He will issue a challenge probably this week. Commodore Wetmore is considering the propositions of other clubs of the east, and hopes to make arrangements for a series of races in a short time. W. F. Kelly of Chicago is corresponding with Mr. Wetmore, with a view of arranging a match in the near future.

CURLERS WILL PLAY TODAY.

President vs. Vice President Competition Exciting Much Interest.

There is now good ice on the rink of the St. Paul Curling club, and several games were played yesterday afternoon and evening. Today there will be curling practically all day, starting at 9:30 in the morning.

The competition to which the most interest attaches is that of rinks picked by the president of the club against an equal number picked by the vice president. To the winning side will devolve the honor of presenting to some charitable institution, a barrel of flour, for which the losers will pay. All members of the club are requested to be on hand, as early as possible.

JOE KERRIGAN HELD.

Charged With Causing Death of Joe Parr at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The coroner today investigated the death of Edward Sanford, professionally known as Joe Barr, who died in a hospital Saturday night after a boxing match with Joseph Kerrigan at the Atlantic Club of Philadelphia. The jury rendered a verdict that Sanford's death was due to hemorrhages of the brain. Kerrigan was held to await the action of the grand jury. The referee, seconds and others arrested Saturday night were discharged.

Results at 'Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—At Tanforan today Sam Hildreth's colors were carried to victory by Owensboro, Mehanus and Telamon. In the opening event The Booby, a 15 to 1 shot, led all the way and beat Bangor, the 1 to 2 favorite, from the Hildreth stable, a head. The defeats of Theory and True Blue were costly to the public. Track good. Results:

First race, mile and a half—The Bobby won, Bangor second, Silocochee third. Time, 2:38¼.

Second race, mile and an eighth—Owensboro won, Campus second, Morinell third. Time, 1:56¼.

Third race, six furlongs, Owners' handicap—Mehanus won, Hermoso second, Theory third. Time, 1:14½.

Fourth race, one mile—Telamon won, Dalathus second, Sam Fullen third. Time, 1:43¾.

Fifth race, six and a half furlongs—Headquarter won, True Blue second, Gibraltar third. Time, 1:21.

Sixth race, six and a half furlongs—Lady Meddlesome won, Alas second, Dolly Werthoff third. Time, 1:36½.

Winners at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Weather fine; track good. Belle of Elgin, Lady Contrary, General Mart Gary and Sakatuck were the winning favorites. Summaries:

First race, one mile—Castine won, Ethelin second, Domadge third. Time, 1:43½.

Second race, five furlongs—Belle of Elgin won, St. Bluff second, Elsie Del third. Time, 1:03.

Third race, six furlongs—Lady Contrary won, Diggs second, Kiss Quick third. Time, 1:16.

Fourth race, mile and seventy yards—General Mart Gary won, Annoy second, Alex third. Time, 1:47½.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Sakatuck won, Early Bird second, Mordelmo third. Time, 1:16.

Sixth race, five furlongs—E P won, Educate second, Syncopated Sandy third. Time, 1:03¾.

Boxing in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 25, 5 a. m.—A boxing match at the hippodrome yesterday between George Colwin and Ted Cantrell for 5,000 francs resulted in the defeat of Cantrell, who was knocked out at the end of the second round by a blow under the heart.

The police commissioner, who was present, announced that he would take proceedings against the pugilists.

Bikers Off for Boston.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A dozen of the six-day bicycle riders left New York tonight for Boston, where they will engage in a ten-hour-a-day race. McFachern, Gougoltz, Pierce, Waller, Miller, Kaser, Waltnour and other good ones will start in the contest next Monday.

Caesar Simar, the French rider, is slowly recovering from his injuries, but will not be in the race.

Driving Club Matinee Today.

The Capital City Driving club will give a matinee this afternoon on the ice track on Lake Como. The Como interurban cars go right to the place. First race called at 2 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS POLITICAL GOSSIP.

Some surprise was created in St. Paul yesterday by the report that while this city would get the oil inspectorship, the lucky appointee would not be Eli S. Warner. Who it will be has not been stated, but it will either be Fred C. Schiffmann or some one named by him.

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Minneapolis might claim it, except that city wants and has more reason for having, the surveyor generalship of logs and lumber, which, it is said, Robert V. Jamison can have, although George L. Matchan has his trunk packed, ready to take the job which in the first place was promised to Warner. That Minneapolis will get both of these seems a little unreasonable, but not impossible, for all things are possible with—a Republican machinist.

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The announcement that James A. Tawney was a candidate for the senatorship was a bomb in the camp of the Van Santites, who appreciate the fact that a man who ran nearly 68,000 behind McKinley this year, even though elected, will have to hurry to get himself nominated and vindicated two years hence. To give Winona the senatorship would add just one more to the objections to the river captain and any support that Tawney gets from him will be with the left hand and palm downward.

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Samuel N. Nichols is to be deputy internal revenue collector in Minneapolis to succeed Pete J. Sjoblom.

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Congressman Fletcher will take advantage of the holiday recess of congress and will arrive in Minneapolis this morning. In letters to friends he says that his trip to Minneapolis is not to exploit any of the candidates for the United States senate, as in this, as well as in all other questions in connection with the well-being of the city, he can be counted on to be earnest in his endeavors and loyal in his support to a Minneapolis candidate.

One of the principal reasons for Mr. Fletcher's visit to the city at this time is to bid adieu to Postmaster Lovejoy, his personal friend, who expects to leave soon for Santa Fe, where he believes the climate will benefit his health.

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WINONA, Dec. 24.—Upon being shown the dispatch from St. Paul stating that he would use the state patronage in the senatorial fight, and that he favored Clapp as against Evans, Capt. Van Sant said:

"There is absolutely no truth in the statement. Under no circumstances could I be drawn into the senatorial fight. Both candidates are my warm personal and political friends; both worked valiantly for the success of the entire Republican ticket, and no appointment will be made with a view to help or harm either."

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Walter A. Hammond, who was assistant labor commissioner during the administration of Govs. Nelson and Clough, is now a candidate for head of the labor bureau, and has almost the solid indorsement of the railroad men's organizations, as well as a host of business men and prominent Republicans who know him in a business way or as a political worker. These indorsements, together with petitions urging his appointment, signed by a host of workingmen of all classes, have been presented to Gov.-elect Van Sant.

Missionaries Returning to China.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—The steamship Olympia sailed for the Orient tonight. Her cargo consists of about 20,500 sacks of Washington flour, tobacco, beer and general merchandise. Among her passengers are John Woodberry, Dr. Y. Mong and Miss E. Jones, missionaries from New York, who returned to this country at the beginning of the trouble in China last spring. They are now returning to continue the work which was interrupted by the Boxer uprising.

Amnesty Amendment Adopted.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The senate this evening adopted the amendment to the amnesty bill by a vote of 201 to 21, after an exhortation by the premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, to vote for the measure and "deliver the country from the nightmare of the Dreyfus affair."

COMPANY TO STAND PAT

NORTHERN PACIFIC ROAD DENIES REQUESTS OF ITS OPERATORS

NO UNION IS RECOGNIZED

Operators Are to Be Considered as Exclusively Employes of the Company—Schedule Is Turned Down.

The committee of Northern Pacific telegraphers has succeeded in settling the most important part of its transactions with the company in this city, for which purpose it has been in St. Paul several weeks. President Mellen and Vice President Kendrick held a conference yesterday, at which a decision was arrived at upon the schedule of rates submitted by the committee, and as a result an ultimatum was sent to the committee.

The schedule did not comprise any reference to wages, but dealt with hours for regular and overtime service, and various other similar matters. The company made a deliberate review of the proposed regulations and its answer to the operators was a refusal to submit. In making up their return they also included a provision declining to recognize the operators as a branch of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. The officials prefer to deal with them as Northern Pacific operators. The company's statement to its employes was exhaustive and fully explained its position, detailing just why it could not allow the adoption of the rules. The rules were framed so that they would have imposed the necessity upon the company of recognizing the organization, had they been adopted.

The committee was requested to make such further statements of their affairs as they deem proper at this time, and given the assurance by the company of a fair and impartial hearing upon them. The operators will now probably get to work on their wage schedules, which, however, they say is merely a secondary matter of consideration as compared with the rules just acted upon.

IT IS A BIG PACKAGE.

American Express Company Taking Daly Horses East.

The Northern Pacific will today bring into St. Paul the largest Christmas express "package" that has entered the city during the season, and perhaps the largest that has ever been sent in or out of St. Paul. It comes in the form of three car loads of race horses from the 25,000-acre ranch of the late Marcus Daly, at Hamilton, Mont., there being about 150 horses in the "package."

The American Express company has the contract for this large transfer. It is considered the banner express shipment made by any local office, the St. Paul office having made the contract.

The horses are being sent to New York to be sold. Three of the cars in which they are shipped are part of the private property of the Daly estate, the remainder being New York Central cars furnished by the American Express company.

For Alaska Steamships.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 24.—The city council will submit shortly to the taxpayers of Vancouver a proposal to bonus or guarantee a northern steamship service to Alaska and connections with Yukon points. The terms are not yet settled, nor is the offer selected out of several competing proposals. In all probability the scheme chosen will in the end envolve a civic guarantee for a term of years of 5 or 6 per cent dividends on a capital outlay of $150,000. It is hoped also to secure a liberal subsidy from the Canadian government toward the new service in return for mail carriage.

News of the Roads.

President Hill is expected home from New York this morning.

The Omaha has issued its menu cards for the holidays in a very neat pamphlet form. The menu is very elaborate, and will be in service on the Twilight Limited, Omaha day express and the fast mail from Dec. 24 to Jan. 1.

Canadian Pacific Buys Clover Leaf.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 24.—A prominent railway official in this city is authority for the statement that the stock of the Clover Leaf is being purchased in heavy blocks by Canadian Pacific interests, and that road will soon have a controlling interest.

Abolishing the "Butchers."

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 24.—Orders have been issued abolishing the train boys, or "news butchers," on all trains of the Erie railroad system west of Salamanca, N. Y., after midnight, Dec. 31, and on all lines east of that point after midnight, Jan. 1.

Bidwell Goes to Cleveland.

C. A. Bidwell, who has held a position in the office of chief engineer of the Great Northern for some time, has accepted a more lucrative position with the Lake Shore, and will soon take up his new labors, being at Cleveland, O.

Rush at the Depot.

Several of the incoming passenger trains yesterday were delayed on account of the increased holiday traffic. The crowds which begun to appear at the union depot Friday, are being sustained in numbers, and for several days there will be a rush at that center.

In Favor of Pensions.

It is probable that the Milwaukee will follow the Chicago & North-Western in adopting the pension system for its aged employes.

OIL IN MICHIGAN.

Five-Barrel Well Shot Yesterday at Muskegon.

MUSKEGON, Mich., Dec. 24.—The oil well being developed here was shot today. Immediately after the explosion pumps were set and the oil began to flow. C. K. MacFadden of Geneva, Ind., who has the enterprise here in charge, stated that the well was a success and will average five barrels a day. The oil is of the finest quality. Ten more wells will be sunk.

HEADQUARTERS OPENED.

Meiklejohn Will Make an Active Canvass for Nebraska Senatorship.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn arrived in Lincoln today and established headquarters for an indefinite stay. This evening he was in conference with Republican leaders as an initial step in his canvass for one of the Nebraska senate seats. Mr. Meiklejohn has been granted a thirty-day leave of absence. The more important of his duties in the war department will be transacted from Lincoln.

SANTIAGO IS SHAKY.

Citizens Expect the Place to Come Tumbling About Their Ears.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, Dec. 24.—The second earthquake experienced by this district within a month occurred at noon today. The shocks were first scarcely perceptible, but they increased steadily and the last was the most severe known for many years in this region. It would be almost impossible to feel the shock in the outskirts of the city, but in the center some few people were injured by falling tile. The people have a deadly fear of seismic disturbances, on account of the disaster of a few years ago. Many of them now predict a disaster following two earthquakes visiting Santiago within 30 days.

DIPLOMATS AT PLAY.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT AUSTRIAN LEGATION IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Christmas gayeties were inaugurated this evening at the embassies and legations. The German embassador gave a dinner limited to the members of the embassador's official family and friends. Later nearly the whole of the diplomatic colony gathered at the Austrian-Hungarian legation where Minister and Mme Pennmuller had a Christmas party, with a large Christmas tree as its special feature. Among the company were the British ambassador, Lady Pauncefote, the Misses Pauncefote, the German ambassador, the minister from Spain and Duchess D'Arcos, the Belgian minister and Countess Luchfeld, the minister from Portugal and Viscountess Santo Thryso, and most of the secretaries and attaches of the legations.

HE SHOT THE INVADERS

INDIANA MAN FILLS UNWELCOME GUESTS WITH SHOT.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 24.—Joseph Douglas shot and fatally wounded Frank Parish and Charles Doyle, who had called at his house to see Douglas' wife. She was away. The men went to the rear door and failing to get a response kicked it open. Douglas fired through a window with a shotgun, tearing Parish's face off. A second shot was poured into Doyle's back at a distance of fifteen feet. There had been trouble for some time on account of Parish's attentions to Douglas' wife. Doyle was a soldier at San Juan Hill.

"NEWEST SHOW ON EARTH."

Barnum's Old Circus to Stay in Europe—New One for America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Herald tomorrow will publish the following:

Mr. James A. Bailey, the famous showman, made announcement yesterday that he is going to organize an entirely new show for America to be called "Barnum & Bailey's Newest Show on Earth." Work will begin at once and the new enterprise will be ready to open March 15, 1902, at Madison Square Garden in this city. It will require all that time to get ready, collect the animals for the menageries, build wagons and chariots for the street parade, and cars for its transportation over the road and instruct the animals. Altogether it will cost more than $600,000. Mr. Bailey came to New York from Europe last night. He said last night: "It always has been my ambition to build an entirely new show from tent pin to center pole. I have built up several big shows from very small beginnings, but I always had the nucleus to start with. This time I am starting absolutely at the beginning. Barnum & Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth" which is in Vienna this winter is an English enterprise, owned by an English stock company. I am, of course, the chief shareholder, but still it has become a British institution and I shall not bring it or any part of it back to America.

SMITH WAS UNRULY.

American Children's Messenger to Kruger in Police Court.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Frank Smith, the boy district messenger of Brooklyn who took a message of greeting from American school children to President Kruger was in police court today charged with hurling a paving stone through a show case on Dec. 15. Smith told the court that he had been provoked to the deed by an assault committed upon him by the proprietor of the place. He was paroled after a warning.

INDIANS ARE RESTLESS.

Whites at Sitka, Alaska, Fearful of an Uprising.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—Advices have been received from Sitka, stating that the town is in a condition of suppressed excitement, fearing an outbreak of Indians. The United States marines are under arms and the marshal and deputies are taking every precaution to protect the whites in case of trouble.

Th aspect of affairs is very serious at Sitka, as the Indians are by far the strongest numerically. There are fifty-five marines commanded by Capt. Pendleton, at Sitka.

OLEO CASES DISMISSED.

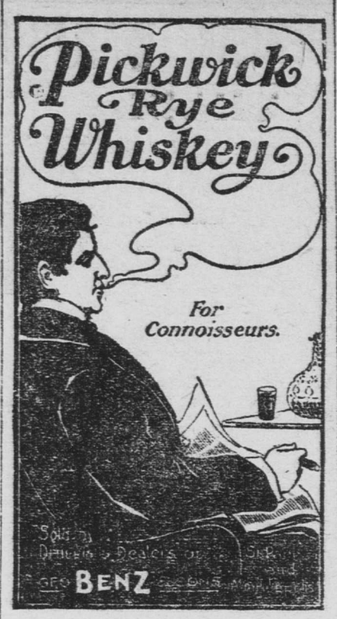
New York Justice Grants Motion of Armour's Attorney.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Justice Frank H. Hiscock, of this city, today handed down an order granting the motion recently made by the defendants in the Armour penalty cases (the oleomargarine suits), brought by the state to dismiss those actions because of failure of the plaintiff to prosecute the same.

The motion was made a couple of weeks ago by Frank H. Platt in behalf of the defendants. The attorney general and Hon. Fred C. Schraub, former commissioner of agriculture, during whose term the litigation was started, and who acted as counsel in the cases for the people, consented to the granting of the motion.

Killed for Refusing Service.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 24.—Thos. Vest, a railroad boss, is in jail at Beverly, W. Va., charged with killing Chas. Fawcett of Elkins, W. Va. The shooting followed the refusal of Fawcett to wait upon Vest in a restaurant.



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Do nothing you would not confess to your mother.
Do not associate with depraved people.
Do not violate the laws of nature.
Do not break the ten commandments.
Do not pollute your soul and body.
Do not hesitate. Freely consult Dr. Cole.

YOUNG MEN, many of them the flower of our land, just budding into manhood, awake to the sad realization that a secret habit has fastened itself upon them, which holds them as securely as the spider does the fly. They cannot get away from it, try as they may. The desire to quit is ever present and strong, but the flesh is weak. They need help. The pernicious habit or its deleterious effects show themselves by pain in the back, headache, dizzy spells, specks before the eyes, poor memory, weak, tired and nervous, bad dreams and unnatural losses, producing early decay, insanity, premature death.

HEALTH.

YOUNG MAN, you know what your ailment is and what caused it. You cannot transgress the immutable laws of nature without suffering the fixed penalty, not hereafter, but right here in this life. Do not hesitate. Seek the counsel and aid of this kind, old fatherly physician, who offers you this helping hand. He will aid you to rise above your wrongdoing, make a man of you, and life will then be one recurring day of joy. He offers you Honest, Faithful Service; New Advanced Treatment; Expert Skill; Rapid Cure; Reasonable Charges; Written Guarantee; Sacred Confidence, and Free Consultation.

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Washington—After handing down a number of opinions the United States supreme court adjourned until Jan. 7.

Washington—The postoffice department has issued an order establishing the free delivery service at Beaumont, Tex., effective Jan. 1, 1901.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—The Commercial club of this city unanimously adopted a resolution extending to President Kruger an official welcome and the freedom of the city.

New York—Roland Reed, the actor, was removed from the St. Luke's hospital to his home on West One Hundred and Twenty-second street. He has improved very much.

Middlesboro, Ky.—Gillis Johnson was shot and killed by Charles Wilcox in a drunken row here. Wilcox was slightly wounded. Johnson is reputed to have killed three men.

Washington—Ferdinand W. Peck, commissioner general for the United States at the Paris Exposition, has arrived in Washington and at noon paid his respects to the president. Mr. Peck also paid his respects to Secretary Gage and other members of the cabinet.

Joliet, Ill.—The Fox Steel Bar works, one of the largest industries in Joliet, was nearly destroyed by fire. The plant contained costly machinery which is more or less damaged. The damage will reach thousands of dollars. Two hundred men will be thrown out of work.

Washington—Admiral Remey cabled the navy department that he had sent the cruiser Albany from Chavite to Hong Kong to be docked, for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of the injuries, if any, was received by the ship through touching bottom in Subig bay last week.

Shamokin, Pa.—The Enterprise colliery, operated by W. L. Connell & Co., of Scranton, was tied up completely by the 700 employes going on strike because a number of miners had not paid their laborers the amounts the latter claimed were due them in accordance with the 10 per cent increase.

Chicago—Ralph E. Brownwell, vice president of the Brownwell Improvement company, filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities are placed at $163,000 and assets $15,000. Mrs. Hetty Green, of New York, is one of the largest creditors.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 24.—The British steamer Antilia, Capt. Montell, from Nassau for New York, fith a general cargo, went ashore on Great Egg Harbor bar. Her passengers were safely landed. Signals were hoisted asking for assistance, and the crews of the life saving station responded. The Antilia is a vessel of 588 tons.

New York—Louis Lombardo made took to serenade Jose de Pablo in Brooklyn. The girl's father ordered him away, but Lombardo persisted in singing a love song and while his sweetheart was at her window, Lombardo drew a revolver and with it shot himself in the head. He was carried to a hospital where he died two hours later.

Trenton, N. J.—Judge Kirkpatrick, in the United States court today made an order postponing until Dec. 27, the hearing on the question of continuing as permanent the recent appointment of Henry C. Kelsey, as receiver of the Bay State Gas company, of New Jersey. The postponed hearing will take place before Judge Kirkpatrick at Atlantic City.

Wrecks on Virginia Coast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Supt. Kimball, of the lifesaving service, tonight received the following dispatch from Keeper Hitchins, of the Smid, Va., lifesaving station: "Tug Ocean King, the barge Rondout and barge Astoria are ashore on Myrtle Beach, eight miles northeast of Smith's Island station. Crew numbering seventeen saved in the life boat by the Smith's island and Cobb's island lifesaving crews."

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

St. Petersburg—Grizenko, the painter, is dead.

St. Petersburg—Dr. Popoff, the czar's physician, has returned here.

Port Au Prince, Hayti—There was a strong earthquake shock here, but no damage was done.

Sydney, N. S. W.—The steamer Mariposa, from this port for San Francisco, has 200,000 sovereigns on board.

Caracas, Venezuela—The archbishop of Caracas has been excluded from religious functions owing to illness and mental trouble.

Yokohama—Gen. Keomn, governor of Formosa, has been appointed minister of war, replacing Minister Kathura, who has resigned.

Dublin—Archbishop Crowe has followed the example of Archbishop Walsh and sent a check to John E. Redmond for the Irish parliamentary fund.

London—The White Star line steamer Cymric bound from Liverpool to New York, will have among her passengers the Countess Atrim and her son, Count Dunluce.

Weimar—Some anxiety is felt regarding the health of the aged Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar. He is suffering from influenza. A bulletin issued by his physicians says his condition is satisfactory. The grand duke was born in 1818.

London—Dense fogs on the coasts are greatly interfering with navigation and several wrecks have occurred. The British steamer Brunswick grounded in the Bristol channel, heeled over and sank. Seven of her crew were drowned.

London—Lord William Beresford is suffering from peritonitis. This morning his condition is reported as slightly improved. In consequence of Lord Beresford's illness, the Christmas festivities at Deepdene, his seat at Dorking, have been postponed.

Fatal Trolley Car Crash.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—As a result of a trolley crash near the Broadway ferry, Brooklyn, tonight, an unknown woman was killed and two others severely injured, while fully a dozen more sustained minor injuries. The two women seriously injured are Mrs. Elizabeth Warren and Mrs. Emma Toleman, both residents of Brooklyn. They were taken to a hospital and are so badly hurt that their lives are despaired of. There was nothing on her person by which the dead woman could be identified.

Christmas in Europe.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The weather throughout Europe is mild and there are many complaints of influenza.

Christmas trade is generally quiet.

A brilliant entertainment was arranged in Vienna last evening by the American and English colonies, and a huge electrically lighted Christmas tree was displayed at the Hotel Bristol.

British Fishermen Drowned.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The report that a number of fishing boats were in great danger and had probably been lost in the storm that raged over the channel today was confirmed tonight. Though only one boat has been found, it is known that twenty-five fishermen have been drowned.

Fell Through the Ice.

CHEBOYGAN, Mich., Dec. 24.—J. Hawes, W. Campbell and Ernest Marquette, lumbermen, while crossing the ice on Mullet Lake, broke through and were drowned.

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