

THE WEATHER:

In St. Paul and vicinity today. Snow.

THE ST. PAUL GLOBE

READ THE GLOBE. THE ONLY LIVE NEWSPAPER IN ST. PAUL.

VOL. XXVI.—NO. 353.

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19, 1903.—TWELVE PAGES.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

On Trains. FIVE CENTS.

BRIBERY OF LAND OFFICE OFFICIAL IS CHARGED

John A. Benson, Accused of Being at Head of Land Frauds, Is Arrested and W. D. Harlan, Once Chief Investigator, Is Official in Question—More Arrests in Interior Department Are Promised.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—John A. Benson, a wealthy San Francisco real estate operator, charged by the interior department with being at the head of the alleged land frauds, extending over a dozen Western states and territories, to which Secretary Hitchcock referred in his annual report, was arrested on a charge of bribery today, at the Willard hotel, by Secret Service Officer J. M. Burns.

Others Are Implicated. An officer of the government today said that the information obtained regarding the alleged conspiracy implicates a number of persons now employed in the interior department at Washington and elsewhere. Numerous arrests are expected to follow that of Benson, and some of the employees who are not arrested will be dismissed from the service. It is said that Secretary Hitchcock and the attorneys in the case hold it absolutely necessary to the working out of the case that no action be taken with reference to any of the other alleged offenders until the principals have been apprehended.

Continued on Eighth Page.

THE "DOPE" IS WORKING.



The Big One—I'm the Most Generous Body in the World.

POPE PIUS RECEIVES PREDECESSOR'S WEALTH

Cardinal Gotti Turns Over \$9,000,000 Which Late Leo XIII. Gave to Him for His Use if Elected Pope—Treasure Was to Go to New Pope in Four Months—Nearly Two Millions More Are Found.

ROME, Dec. 18.—According to the Tribune, the Vatican had suddenly wealth poured into its coffers today. For some time certain sums which were known to be possessed by Pope Leo were looked for without result, the search toward the end becoming somewhat feverish. Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, accompanied by Mgr. Marzolini, one of the late pope's secretaries, drove up to the Vatican today and getting out hurriedly began tugging at a heavy object in the carriage. Assistance was offered, but it was refused, and Cardinal Gotti and Mgr. Marzolini between them carried the mysterious object to the apartment of Pope Pius. They were immediately admitted and remained for two hours. It soon became known that the bag contained 45,000,000 francs (\$9,000,000) in bank notes.

When Cardinal Gotti entered the presence of the pope he sank to his knees and pointing to his burden, said: "Your holiness, the lamented Leo, just before his death confided to me the money which I now lay at your feet, saying that if I succeeded him I was to use it as I thought best, but that if another took his place I was to turn the money over to him after a period of four months had elapsed. This I now do in the presence of Mgr. Marzolini, who has been the only other person to share the secret." The pope was much affected. The Tribune relates that just about the time this scene was being enacted in the papal apartments an electrician, while removing the hangings in the late Pope Leo's chamber in order to get at the electric light wires, found a hole in the wall several bags which were carelessly tied. These bags when opened were found to contain 9,500,000 francs (\$1,850,000). PARIS, Dec. 18.—The correspondent of the Figaro says that Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda and one of the executors of the will of Leo XIII, was received by the pope yesterday and informed his holiness that he had a large sum of money confided to him by the late pope with the mission that he should hand it to the new pontiff four months after his election. The alleged reason for Pope Leo's course is that he wished his successor to learn how difficult it would be to rule the church without money, thereby impressing upon him the necessity for economy. The sum left by Pope Leo is said to amount to \$7,000,000.

LARGE LAND TRACT IS DISPOSED OF

South Dakota Judge Decides Hoge Will Case in Favor of the Grandsons.

SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE. HURON, S. D., Dec. 18.—Judge Charles S. Whiting has handed down a decision in the Isaac Hoge will case. The will covered about \$1,000,000 worth of property. The 28,000 acres of land covered by the will is situated in South Dakota. Mr. Hoge was a resident of Illinois and his will was drawn in that state and disposes of property in Illinois, Iowa, North Dakota, Indiana and other states in addition to the 28,000 acres of land in South Dakota. Under the will Mr. Hoge sought to give only a life estate in this property to his grandsons. The will was drawn under the laws of Illinois and is believed by attorneys to be valid so far as it affects property in states other than North and South Dakota. The will was contested by the grandchildren of the deceased before Judge Whiting of the Ninth judicial circuit, South Dakota.

of sale of real estate, during a period longer than the lives of persons in being at the time of the death of the testator, and he therefore holds that the grandchildren have acquired, not merely a life estate in the 28,000 acres of land in South Dakota, but have acquired as heirs a fee simple title and have full power to sell and convey their entire interest. Charles E. Hatcher, of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Isaac P. Hatcher, of Morris, Ill., are the grandchildren and heirs at law in this estate. It is understood that the decision of Judge Whiting fully settles and quiet the title to the South Dakota lands, but does not affect any of the property covered by the will situated in other states.

TIMBER WILL BE SOLD

GLOBE SPECIAL WASHINGTON SERVICE, 1417 G STREET. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The interior department is preparing to award contracts for the sale of timber in the Chippewa Indian reservation, for which bids were received Dec. 6. The department will pay no attention to the suit which is pending in the District of Columbia supreme court, and which was today postponed indefinitely. The suit attacks the validity of the Morris act, but until the court rules otherwise the government will go on the assumption that the act is valid. Bids will hardly be classified and ready before the middle of January. Messrs. Parker and Pollock will leave here on the 25th to arrange the details of the sale to take place at Cass Lake on the 28th. —Walter E. Clark.

MINE BURNING AND THREE PERSONS IMPRISONED

Hundred and Forty Men Escape From Isle Royale Mine at Houghton.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 18.—The Isle Royale mine is burning fiercely and trapped north of the burning shaft, which is the northern shaft of the mine, are two miners and a drill boy. About seventy miners, who were working in Shaft No. 2, escaped easily, and about the same number who were working in No. 1 reached the surface, some of them being brought up by rescue parties. Air is being sent down into the north drifts in the hope that the imprisoned men may reach a point in the workings to which the gas from the flames cannot reach. They cannot be rescued, however, until the fire in No. 1 shaft burns itself out and there is little hope for them. They are two Petersons, father, son, and a drill boy named Gregorovick. Both shafts of the Isle Royale are down to the twenty-foot level, 200 feet below the surface. The fire was discovered today by the chief timber man,

while riding to the surface in the skip. The flames were under the timbering of the shaft at the twelfth level and had a good start. The timber man could not stop the skip until it reached the surface, when he notified the head mining captain, Edward Warning, and hurrying with his assistant who was at the surface, went back down into the shaft. The skip ran down to the 12th, 13th and 14th levels, and the natural draft is downward the majority of the men had no trouble in escaping. The shaft is timbered with cedar and makes a very hot fire. At the shaft house on the surface the flames are being held down by streams from a hose, but the shaft will be gutted and it may be a week or two before the mine can be re-entered. Two abandoned shafts of the old mine, 300 and 400 feet north of No. 1 shaft are emitting smoke and sparks. The drift in No. 1 has reversed and it is now a furnace chimney fed by air from No. 2.

SENATE RATIFIES CHINESE TREATY

Mr. Nelson Criticises It and Prophecies Serious Trouble With Russia.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The senate in executive session today ratified the treaty "for the extension of the commercial relations" between the United States and China and then removed the injunction of secrecy. No opposition was manifested by any senator to the treaty, though Mr. Nelson (Rep., Minn.) made a long speech in which he criticised the convention as making insufficient provision for the trade of the United States.

He said it indicated that the hand of Russia had been shown against this country, making it impossible for the United States to receive the concessions needed in the way of open ports. He said that the ports of Mukden and Antung, which are opened under the treaty provisions, are in fact inland ports, accessible only to vessels of light draft. He blamed Russia for this condition of affairs and warned the senate that we may yet have trouble with that country over the Manchurian question, which, he said, had been responsible for the inability of the United States plenipotentiaries to obtain the opening of other important ports under more favorable conditions. The attitude taken by Mr. Nelson was upheld in speeches by other senators, although it was argued at the same time that this treaty is an entering wedge to our trade and that it was the best China was able to do under Russian duress.

Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, urged the importance of having the treaty ratified at once and said that the state department considered immediate action as essential. He declared that the ratification probably would have a bearing on the settlement of the far Eastern question. Senators Morgan, Cullom, Spooner and others agreed with Mr. Lodge. It was stated by some of the speakers that if Russia had objection to the treaty it had not been apparent and, on the contrary, it was said that she had openly expressed her approval of it. There was no division on the motion to ratify.

SAYS BRICK COMPANIES BRIBED ALDERMEN

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18.—Testifying before a grand jury at Kansas City, Kan., today, John Boddington, a contractor, said that the brick companies paid the city councilmen for awarding contracts and paid them well, and declared that the councilmen demanded 50 cents a thousand on all bricks used in paving streets.

RANIER IS SHAKEN MAY SEND TROOPS TO THE ISTHMUS

Earthquake Breaks Off Its Highest Peak. Important Dispatch From Admiral Coghlan Is Suppressed.

SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE. TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—An earthquake today broke off the highest peak of Mount Ranier. Glaciers rolled down the mountain side and were heard a hundred miles away. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—World's Washington special: It became plainly apparent today that the administration believes the situation on the isthmus is rapidly approaching an acute stage. An important dispatch which was received from Rear Admiral Coghlan was sent to the state department and brought an immediate conference between Secretary Root and Acting Secretary Loomis, at which the sending of troops to the isthmus was discussed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—After a conference today between Secretary Moody, Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation, and Brig. Gen. George Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, it was decided that if present conditions on the isthmus of Panama continue, Gen. Elliott will sail for Colon on the Dixie, from Philadelphia, when that vessel goes south with the new battalion of marines which has been ordered assembled at Philadelphia for dispatch to the isthmus. The Dixie is now on her way north for this purpose. Gen. Elliott has been anxious for some days to be given a field command, and it is the present intention to grant his request. It was said at the navy department today that, in view of the growing complications over the Panama situation, it was inadvisable longer to announce the plans of the department with the freedom shown during the last few weeks, and for that reason a cablegram received today from Rear Admiral Coghlan was not made public.

Special to The Globe. SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 18.—Street car lines on this side of the river are being tied up by the Soo Hardware company and S. E. Talbot & Co. to secure payment of a little less than \$2,000 allowed in a judgment given in the circuit court. An officer is in charge of the car barns and as fast as cars arrive they are being held. Attorneys for the road are hustling to secure an injunction restraining the creditors, but until such time as one is issued the city will be without car service. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Walden university, a colored institution, is burning. Students, male and female, jumped from windows. From twenty-five to forty were killed or injured. Three dead bodies have been removed from under the windows where they fell. They are Mattie Lou Moore, Huntsville, Ala.; Stella Edson, Mississippi, and an unknown. It is feared there are many more in the burning building. The number of injured is estimated at fifty, and every ambulance in the city has been brought into requisition. The fire broke out in the Tennessee College for Young Women, a department of Walden university. The building was four stories high and was occupied by about sixty students. It has no fire escapes, and a wild stampede followed the alarm, the inmates jumping from the windows in droves, the south sides of the grounds, under the windows being literally lined with the injured. The president of Walden university, which is a Methodist institution, is the Rev. Jacob Hamilton, formerly of Brooklyn, who is a brother of Bishop John W. Hamilton, of San Francisco.

DESTROYS PORTRAIT

Wisconsin Girl Takes Drastic Measures.

OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 18.—Miss Blanche Brisbane, accompanied by the chief of police and an attorney, compelled a resort keeper to give up her picture hanging on the wall of his place, and destroyed it in the presence of the party named. The original of the enlarged portrait destroyed was given to an agent, who represented that he was engaged in establishing a business in the city and would enlarge a small number of pictures for nothing, merely to get a start. Because Miss Brisbane refused to pay for a frame, the agent declared that he would sell the picture in saloons and resorts. It developed that a number of women and girls were intimidated and paid for the pictures and frame on the threat.

WISCONSIN GOLD FIND IS REPORTED

MENOMONIE, Wis., Dec. 18.—Gold has been discovered on a farm in the town of Lucas, Dunn county, near this city, that assays \$145 to the ton. This assay was made from rock taken out at intervals of five feet for eighty-five feet in a well, and was thoroughly mixed, so as to determine the average amount of gold carried.

FIGHT ABOUT A GIRL

One Rival Is Dying, the Other in Jail.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.—The town of Wallace, eighteen miles west of this city, was the scene of a bloody combat last night between William Woodrow and Harry Lowe, reputable young men of that community. As a result of the affray Woodrow is in jail awaiting a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill and Harry Lowe is dying at the home of his mother. For several months the men have vied with each other for the favor of Miss Daisy Bruner, one of the pretty young women of that vicinity. She showed no particular choice between them and in their rivalry for the girl's affections Woodrow and Lowe became bitter enemies. Last night they met in the village barber shop and quarreled about the girl. Woodrow drew a large knife and made a thrust at Lowe. In the fight, which extended about the shop, and out into the roadway, Lowe was terribly slashed about the body and head.

COLORED STUDENTS ARE KILLED OR BADLY BURNED

Walden University, at Nashville, Takes Fire and Students Jump From Windows.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Walden university, a colored institution, is burning. Students, male and female, jumped from windows. From twenty-five to forty were killed or injured. Three dead bodies have been removed from under the windows where they fell. They are Mattie Lou Moore, Huntsville, Ala.; Stella Edson, Mississippi, and an unknown. It is feared there are many more in the burning building. The number of injured is estimated at fifty, and every ambulance in the city has been brought into requisition. The fire broke out in the Tennessee College for Young Women, a department of Walden university. The building was four stories high and was occupied by about sixty students. It has no fire escapes, and a wild stampede followed the alarm, the inmates jumping from the windows in droves, the south sides of the grounds, under the windows being literally lined with the injured. The president of Walden university, which is a Methodist institution, is the Rev. Jacob Hamilton, formerly of Brooklyn, who is a brother of Bishop John W. Hamilton, of San Francisco.

The Sunday Globe of Tomorrow Will Be Magnificently Illustrated in Colors. It Will Consist of Four Sections, Eight Pages in Color, and Will Present the News of the World in Readable Form, Together With a Substantial and Agreeable Spread of Sunday Reading for the Entire Family Circle, All Accurately and Handsomely Illumined by Pictures. Here are Some of the Features of Tomorrow's Globe:

Four columns describing the features of the Sunday Globe: First Section (Christmas pictures), Second Section (local news), Third Section (living interest features), Fourth Section (Marie Corelli story).