

## MISTAKE

Made by the Grand Jury and the Milwaukee Newspaper Man Falsely Accused

### A STATEMENT ISSUED

SHOWING POSITIVELY THAT THERE WAS NO FOUNDATION FOR HIS INDICTMENT—WAS IN NO "GRAFT"

Milwaukee, September 1.—In a statement tonight, Charles F. Pfister, who was indicted three weeks ago by the grand jury on the charge of having stolen \$14,000 which had been placed in his hands by Wisconsin Rendering company shows the manner in which \$25,000 which he had held for the company was disbursed. After the indictment was returned, the president of the company denied that Pfister had misappropriated any of its money and since then the company has made full payment on notes held against it by Pfister, without offering any counter claim.

Insulation, however, has been circulated that the money if not misappropriated, was used for corrupt purposes by Pfister.

The statement now issued is corroborated by the bank record showing Pfister's personal account by a statement signed by the officers of the Rendering company, and also by a statement signed by John J. Criley, contractor to whom most of the money was paid.

Criley in acknowledging the payments to him, explains that when the city clerk was awarded to his firm he found himself unable to enter into contract on account of lack of funds.

Agreement was made with the Rendering company by which it was to have the contract if it would put up \$25,000 with some responsible man out of which was to be paid expenses, Criley was put to, in connection with the contract.

Pfister was selected as custodian of this fund.

He had no interest with any of the bidders and paid out the money in accordance with orders of parties interested and had nothing to do with it further. None of this money, Criley states, was used for unlawful purposes. Payments show conclusively that Pfister did not steal any of the Rendering company's money and also that he did not use any of it in improper manner.

The supplemental statement by Pfister's attorneys discloses the fact that when the grand jury had the indictment under consideration two of its members together with the district attorney visited the First National bank and there received Pfister's permission to examine his accounts. They found the entire showing a deposit of \$25,000 July 19, 1897, but apparently disregarded the entries on the same page showing payments of \$6,000 and \$9,000 respectively, to Criley, nor did they call upon Pfister for any explanation which would readily have put them in possession of the facts showing the charge of theft to be without foundation. The statement now issued seems to show that there is basis neither for indictment on the charge of larceny nor for the accusations that money held by Pfister was used by him corruptly.

### BLADE OF THE AX

Came Off the Handle and Fatally Injured the Chopper's Son.

Clifton, W. Va., Sept. 1.—While Harry Lane of Ten Mile, was cutting wood with an ax, the blade suddenly came off the handle and struck his six-year-old son in the head, making a large scalp wound and fracturing the skull. He cannot recover.

## PLAN RECEPTION TO PEACEMAKER

PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON WANT TO GIVE ROOSEVELT A ROUSING SEND OFF UPON HIS RETURN.

Washington, September 1.—President Roosevelt was today notified of the desire of the people of Washington to tender him a public reception upon his return here. Recognition of his services in bringing the Portsmouth conference to a successful termination. The president will be met here with even a more marked demonstration than the reception given him two years ago upon his return from the west.

## WHAT? A STRIKE BREAKER'S UNION

CHICAGO OWNER TO THE FRONT WITH NOVEL ORGANIZATION WILL MAKE DEMANDS ON EMPLOYING PRINTERS

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Believing that their services will soon be in demand again owing to the printers' strike, special deputy sheriffs and policemen held a secret meeting Thursday and organized a strike breakers' union. A scale of wages of not less than \$5 a day and \$6 if it can be secured was fixed. Detective agencies and others who collect \$6 and \$7 a day for each man from employers and then pay guards but \$2.50 a day "for standing up to be shot at" were denounced.

Chas. E. Turk was elected president. Then each of the 116 charter members paid 15c for expenses.

### FORGERY

Of Notes Amounting to \$6,300 Alleged To Have Been Confessed

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 1.—John H. Waters, formerly the head of a private savings bank at Sellersburg, Ind., wanted here on the charge of forgery, came to Louisville this morning and it is alleged confessed that he had forged notes held by the First National Bank of this city to the extent of \$6,300. The alleged confession was made, it is said, in the presence of Clint C. McCarty, the president of the bank, and Burdette C. Lutz, of Jeffersonville, the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney from Clark County, Ind.

Waters, it is claimed, said that he had been renewing the notes for four years, and that they originally represented \$8,000.

The report of the alleged confession of Waters came as a great surprise to all of his friends, who did not believe him guilty of the charge. Waters, it is alleged, took this action in the hope of escaping prosecution. No warrant for his arrest has as yet been served.

### RANCHMAN

Married His Mother-in-Law, Who is 18 Years His Senior.

Montrose, Colo., Sept. 1.—Charles Palmer, a wealthy ranchman, 40 years old, has married his mother-in-law, aged 58. The wedding took place several days ago, but was kept a secret until today, as Palmer desired to escape the publicity he knew would ensue. Palmer's first wife was the daughter of his present wife. The first wife always said her husband thought more of her mother than he did of herself, and got a divorce.

The first wife is living here and has married again. One son, a boy by the first marriage, is now grandson and stepson of Palmer's present wife.

The second Mrs. Palmer is godmother and of pleasant disposition, and many neighbors are congratulating Palmer.

## A FIERCE STORM STRIKES CHICAGO

GALE RAGED FOR TWO HOURS AND MUCH DAMAGE WAS DONE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE BIG CITY.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—The severest storm of the year raged for two hours this evening. Wind at times blew for 15 miles an hour and nearly two inches of rain fell. In the business section of the city a number of signs and awnings were torn loose and some windows were blown in. The thunder and lightning were terrific and several large office buildings were struck. Several fires were started by lightning on the outskirts of the city. In parts and suburbs much more damage was done, many trees being leveled and sheds and outhouses blown down.

MEN WHO KILLED PAWN BROKER GET LIFE SENTENCE

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 1.—Frank Weakley, alias Harry Parker and Tom Sherman, alias Harry Johnson, of Independence, Missouri, were this afternoon found guilty of murdering pawnbroker Joseph Moyer, in his shop here on July 28 and sentenced to life imprisonment. The men were arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, August 5, one week after the murder, and part of the jewelry stolen from Moyer's shop found on them.

English Plowing Matches.

Plowing contests are quite common in England. The man who was best known as the champion plowman won about \$2,000 in prizes. This was Jim Baker of Ipswich. Being a thrifty young man, he amassed a comfortable competency as a result of his success in these competitions.

## THE MYSTERY CLEARED

And Owner of Team Found Here Did Not Meet With Foul Play—Horse Stolen.

Mr. E. E. Watts of Princeton, Ind., arrived last night to claim the team of horses and the wagon found by Jaler Lutz on the 21st of last month, and thereby cleared the mystery that has surrounded the driverless team.

Mr. Watts identified the outfit as the one stolen from his farm in Gibson county, Ind., on the 14th of August. For reasons best known to himself, no publicity was given the theft, and for that reason the authorities here did not know where the horses and wagon belonged.

As has been printed before, the team, hitched to a wagon, was found in a vacant lot on upper Sycamore street by Mr. Lutz, who took it in charge and has been making a determined effort ever since to locate the owner. It was feared that the driver of the team might have met with an accident or foul play, but it is now supposed that the thief evidently thought that he was in danger of arrest and deserted the horses.

Mr. Watts learned that his horses had been found here through one of the circulars sent out by Mr. Lutz.

## ROSY VIEW OF AFFAIRS BY DUN

PEACE AND PROSPERITY WALK HAND IN HAND AND ACCORDING TO REPORT THE OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT.

New York, Sept. 1.—Dun's weekly review of trade and business is as follows:

Peace and prosperity succinctly express the result of the eventful week. International mercantile markets responded to the cessation of hostilities, and a period of commercial development may be expected to follow the return of confidence.

Capital that had been diverted into bellicose channels will be used for construction instead of destruction, and the United States will secure a stronger hold on the markets of the Orient. The domestic reports were scarcely less encouraging. Leading branches of manufacture are increasing productive capacity, especially in departments pertaining to railway equipment; textile mills have little idle machinery; footwear factories are running freely, while in structural work there is no evidence of lessened activity. Visiting buyers still through great jobbing centers and place orders for distant delivery that testify to the faith in a vigorous demand from consumers.

Railway earnings thus far available for August show increase of 4.8 per cent over last year's, and foreign commerce at this port for last week exhibit gains of \$1,592,932 exports and \$1,052,622 imports compared with 1904.

Liabilities of failures in August were \$4,350,000 less than last year, and the latest crop news endorses the earlier estimates of record breaking cereal production, most of harvesting and threshing being completed.

Iron and steel production increases in response to broadening demand, extensive plans for enlarged facilities being contemplated and in structural shapes pressure for prompt shipment. Failures this week 217, against 222 for the corresponding week last year.

### BELLBOYS

The Police Claim, Chloroformed and Robbed Prominent Women.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 1.—Mrs. L. W. Waldron, wife of a prominent physician of Louisville, Ky., and her daughter, were chloroformed by thieves in their room at the Wayne Hotel early this morning, and when they awoke \$1,000 worth of diamonds and \$50 in cash were missing.

The thieves entered the room by the transept shortly after midnight while the two women were sleeping, placed saturated handkerchiefs over their faces and committed the robbery. They then left the room by way of the fire escape.

The police are seeking one bellboy and have another under arrest.

### NEW RATES CAUSE DELAY

Put-in-Bay, Ohio, Sept. 1.—Another day was spent in discussing the Royal Arcanum's new rates. It will continue until tomorrow. Abe Landis, of Nashville, Tenn., an expert paternal actuary, in an address tonight cited statistical information to prove that the new rates were based on integrity and justice. He endorsed them, but said that they should have been put out with a better explanation.

### Old Inn Loses License.

The 400-year-old license of an inn near Warrington, Eng., is to be extinguished. The sign hangs on the adjoining church, and the cellar runs under the edifice.

## TREATY IS NOW NEARLY FINISHED

Witte and Komura Settle Points on Which Framers Balked

### TO FINISH WORK TODAY

TREATY MUST BE MADE IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH—WILL CONTAIN ONLY FOURTEEN ARTICLES

Portsmouth N. H., Sept. 1.—As result of the reports made tonight by De Martens and Demoulin, their respective chiefs upon their work in drafting the treaty of peace, Witte and Komura had conference in the former's apartments tonight regarding some details of the translation of the few points of interpretation upon which the framers had been unable to reach a complete accord. Witte and Komura had no difficulty in coming to an agreement on the disputed points and at tomorrow's session the framers of the treaty expect to complete their work.

The treaty must then be engrossed in French and English in duplicate which may take several days.

It is stated tonight that twelve articles have been completed and agreed on. It now seems probable that the framers will be able to confine the treaty to fourteen articles instead of fifteen as was the original plan.

### "HELLO, MAMIE!"

He Shouted to the Girl, Tipped His Hat and Fell Eighty Feet.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 1.—Frank McFadden was seated this morning in the top branches of a tree at his home, 228 Vermont street, when a girl friend passed.

"Hello, Mamie!" he shouted as he tipped his hat to her, and then losing his balance fell to the ground 81 feet below. He was picked up unconscious and taken to St. John's hospital, where it was found that his hip had been fractured and he was otherwise injured.

## ENGINEERS BUSY AT WASHINGTON

SPEND DAY IN PRELIMINARY WORK, TUSSELLING WITH THE QUESTION AS TO BEST WAY TO DIG DITCH

Washington, Sept. 1.—Board consulting engineers Panama canal spent today's session in preliminary work. President Roosevelt's letter convening the board was read, and also a lengthy communication from Chairman Shonts in which progress on operations on the canal, data gathered, and arguments of those favoring the sea level canal, and of others in favor of locks were submitted.

After reading the letters the board adjourned until tomorrow. Chairman Shonts entertained the members of the board and Isthmian commission at dinner tonight.

### TOOTHLES

And Hairless Is the 120 Year Old Negro Mammy—Stranded.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 1.—Without a tooth in her mouth and scarcely a hair on her head, Susan Johnson, a negress, who says she is 120 years old, is residing in the matron's department at police headquarters before resuming her trip to San Francisco, where she says she is to be married for the seventh time.

"Aunt Susan," as she calls herself, came from Philadelphia, having purchased a ticket to Los Angeles. When she arrived in Omaha she found she had lost it. She reported the loss to an officer and was sent to police headquarters.

The old negress declares she was born on the Nuckold's plantation, near Warrenton, Virginia, in 1785. "I was there when George Washington was president," declared the old woman, "and I see him many times. Dem was good ole times until de soul and de norf got fightin'."

"I jes naturally liked dem Yankee boys and used to steal for dem. My ole marse caught me one day and whipped me for it and I had to stop."

"Aunt Susan" is dressed in an ancient black skirt, a fancy shirtwaist, large picture hat, probably stylish in red hosiery and a wig.

### SMALL BOY'S HEROISM

Bellefontaine, Ohio, Sept. 1.—Herbert Craig, a small boy of West Liberty, Ohio, dived into a mill race and saved Margaret Maxwell, a little companion. She had gone to the bottom and was revived only after great effort.

## MIXED THE WEATHER

Weather Observer Smyth Handed out An Assortment of Temperatures August

The weather, as dished out to Cairo by the warm hearted weather man during August was well mixed.

The warmest day was the 6th when 96 degrees was reached by Observer P. H. Smyth's official mercury. The coolest was the morning of the 27th when it fell to 63. The rainfall for the month was 3.79. On Sunday the seventh an inch of water fell. On the 16th the wind blew at the speed of thirty-five miles an hour.

Number of clear days thirteen, partly cloudy ten, cloudy eight.

Thunder storms passed over the city eleven days during the month.

### WIFE MURDERER CAUGHT

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 1.—Chief of Police Kennedy believes that he has positive information that Albert Glasford, wanted for murdering his wife here in April, 1905, is under arrest in Baker City, Oregon. Officers with requisition papers will go after the man at once.

## DISASTROUS FIRE IN WESTERN CITY

FLAMES LICK UP DOCKS, ELEVATORS, WAREHOUSES AND LOADED FREIGHT CARS AT PORTLAND.—LOSS \$250,000

Portland, Ore., Sept. 1.—Fire today destroyed the docks of the Oregon railroad and Navigation company and the Pacific Coast elevator company's warehouse in lower Albina. The loss was \$250,000. The wind carried the flames across Willamette river and the dry kilns of the Eastern and Western lumber company on the west side were also burned. Twenty-five freight cars on Oregon railroad and Navigation tracks in lower Albina caught fire and were completely destroyed with their loads of wheat, lumber and miscellaneous freight.

### NOTHING TO EAT.

For Fifty-Two Days and She is Cured of Stomach Trouble.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 1.—All records made by women fasters have been broken by Mrs. Elizabeth Arnold, of Howell, Mich. She has just completed a fast of 52 days. Mrs. Arnold came to Detroit July 2. Her last meal was eaten at noon on that day and the first mouthful of food taken was on the afternoon of August 24. Then she ate half of a peach.

When she began fasting she weighed 232 pounds. Now she tips the scales at 189. Nine pounds were lost in the last seven days.

Mrs. Arnold claims she has been cured of stomach trouble by the heroic treatment.

### PROSPECT

Of the Poorhouse; Inspired the Helpless to Commit Suicide.

Salon, Ind., Sept. 1.—A very pathetic case was the suicide at his home here last night of Frank Wright, who shot himself through the head with a 38 Colt's revolver.

A few years ago Wright fell into a well and broke his back. He had been a helpless invalid ever since. He slept with a revolver under his pillow. It was not loaded, and yesterday he asked that his trunk be placed up near his bed so that he could look at some papers.

During the night sometime it is supposed he found a cartridge, loaded the revolver and took his own life.

Relatives were preparing to take Wright to the poor asylum today. He did not want to go. He was about 40 years of age. He leaves a widow and two children.

### Fritz Wanted to Know.

Fritz was the meekest looking office boy that ever put glue on a bookkeeper's stool. He worked for a lawyer, and one day the lawyer had a woman client, whose brute of a husband had beaten her and for whom he filed suit for divorce.

A week later the husband, 6 feet tall and broad in proportion, came into the office drunk, announcing his intention of whipping every one there. Every one was too busy, to see him and he was left to Fritz.

Fritz held conversation with the man and listened to his troubles. Finally the man declared loudly: "I've buried three wives, two of them in this county."

"What county buried the other one," inquired Fritz.

## "TAG'S" LETTERS BITTER IN TONE

BUT THE PRETTY DEFENDANT IN THE FAMOUS ARMY SUIT SAYS SHE DIDN'T RECEIVE THEM

Wooster, Ohio, Sept. 1.—"Your venomous heart seems to break, because I have received common justice."

This sentence from a letter of Capt. Taggart to his wife introduces a bitter arraignment, read in court late yesterday in the divorce trial.

The letter, says Taggart, was written to Mrs. Taggart when he was notified that his wife was about to take legal action against him and, as he supposed, press court martial charges. In his bitterness, it presents a startling contrast to his protestations of affection in previous letters.

Mrs. Taggart sat in the witness chair while Taggart's attorneys read the letter to her. Her face was pale and her lips were compressed. She would neither admit or deny that she had received the letter.

"Knowing, as you do, the people you became attached to, and in spite of what has been done in your favor," the letter continues, "you now propose to set yourself up in the most shameful manner as the central figure in that group of four," (reference is here made to certain army officers) "the very mention of whose names is a stench in the nostrils, not only of the people, but of the whole army. Not one of them has more regard for the sanctity of marriage than a dog."

Taggart in the letter had told how he had shielded his wife's name and made no charges against her, when Geo. Miner imprisoned him at Fort Leavenworth. He had told how, through General Bell, his record had been cleared of a blot resulting from the charges against him. He referred to the happenings of their early married life and asked if his treatment of her before the affair at Fort Leavenworth had not always been kind.

"Your vindictive mind," he wrote, "has run away with your reason. Your letter reads like the ravings of a maniac, and you have no doubt got to believe that what you say is true. I am sorry for you from the bottom of my heart."

"I enter this case most reluctantly. I shall follow the same honorable course I have always pursued. I did not lose one friend as a result of the disgraceful course pursued by you and I go among them with a conscience clear as the sunlight."

The letter covers many pages. It is signed "Very sincerely, E. F. Taggart."

Mrs. Taggart was cross examined at length, but held her own bravely.

### Not Hiding Under a Bushel.

Mr. Reid, the leader of the Australian free traders and late prime minister of the commonwealth, remarked in the course of a recent speech, "Australian statesmen are very scarce. In fact, I doubt whether Australia has yet produced one." Here a voice inquired, "How about you?" Mr. Reid modestly replied, "Well, I think I come as near the real thing as anybody."

## TWO MEN DIE BY THEIR OWN HANDS

AFTER SHOOTING AND STABBING THEIR SWEETHEARTS—ONE WOMAN AND MAN RECOVER FROM INJURIES.

Tonopah, Nev., Sept. 1.—R. D. Chase, alias Russell, formerly of Cherokee Iowa, today shot and killed Alie Watson and then fired a bullet into his own brain, inflicting a fatal wound. He left a note saying he was a brother of O. L. Chase, head of the mercantile company in St. Louis, and that he leaves a wife and two children at Englewood, a suburb of Chicago.

STABBED GIRL—DRANK ACID. Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 1.—Jealousy prompted Patrick McDermott, of Webster, Neb., today to cut the throat of Miss Agnes O'Conner. He then stabbed himself and drank carbolic acid, dying instantly. The girl may recover.

### MAN COOKED

To a Crisp When Ladle of Molten Steel Fell Upon Him.

Donora, Pa., Sept. 1.—A large ladle filled with molten steel burst in the melting department of the United States steel works today. One man was burned to a crisp, six others seriously injured.

### Uses of Lemon Water.

Not only is the drink of lemon water an excellent liver corrective, but if taken in hot water instead of cold it will prove a very efficacious anti-bilious remedy. It is better than any drug or complexion powder for giving permanent clearness and beauty to the skin.

## PLAGUES

Menace Both This Country and Germany—Cholera and Fever Spreads

### A CASE AT NEW YORK

BUT REPORT SENT OUT FROM NEW ORLEANS IS FILLED WITH HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT—13 CHOLERA CASES.

### REPORT TO 6 P. M.

New Cases ..... 39  
Total ..... 1,958  
Deaths ..... 4  
Total ..... 281

New Orleans, Sept. 1.—The fever record today bore out the hopeful view of Dr. White and his fellow fever fighters, that the worst is over and that if the citizens are watchful and continue to give the authorities the same co-operation that they have in the past few weeks, a miracle will be wrought of stamping out the fever before frost comes.

Contrary to expectations the fever is assuming a milder form and deaths have grown insignificant in number.

### A CASE AT NEW YORK.

New York, Sept. 1.—Henry R. Wardell, an American, employed by the Panama railroad as a boiler maker is seriously ill tonight with yellow fever in quarantine hospital on Swinburne Island.

Wardell arrived in New York yesterday as a first cabin passenger on the Panama railroad steamer Havana from Colon.

He was one of six passengers taken off the ship because they had temperatures when the quarantine directors went aboard for the customary inspection. Wardell had been ill on the whole voyage.

### MANY CHOLERA CASES

Berlin, Sept. 1.—Forty three cases of cholera in all have been reported. Nine persons have died from the disease and many suspicious cases are under observation.

The legal and medical machinery for dealing with this invasion is now working at full pressure. The state has now detained under medical observation nearly 1,000 persons including emigrants at Brunschwane.

### BEER KEG

Helped the Bride to Mount the Saloon Bar, Where She Was Wedded.

Akron, Ohio, Sept. 1.—Edwin Price and Miss Grace Allen were married today while standing on the bar of William Burg's saloon on North Howard street. The bride did not object to having the ceremony performed in a saloon, but at first stated that it was impossible for her to climb upon the bar. With the assistance of a beer keg and the strong arm of the groom she succeeded in reaching the top. A Methodist minister performed the ceremony. The minister refused to stay for the jollification which followed.

### PHOTOGRAPHED FORTRESS

ARRESTED THEN RELEASED

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 1.—Dr. Franklin Clark of Boston, Mass., was arrested here July 17 and tried yesterday before chief justice for breach of official secret act by taking photographs of fortifications at Port Royal. He was liberated today after the proceedings yesterday, when chief justice summed up in favor of prisoner, but the jury failed to agree, resulting in remanding Clark on bail until today. The Crown prosecution saw that his case was hopelessly weak and accordingly dismissed the case.

## IRATE JAPANESE RENOUNCE MIKADO

DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE HIS RULER CONSENTED TO PEACE WITHOUT INDEMNITY JAP BECOMES AN AMERICAN.

Cleveland, Sept. 1.—Disappointed because the Japanese government renounced all indemnity in the peace settlement and did not insist on greater territorial acquisitions from Russia, Sinoako Kitani, Cleveland's leading Japanese merchant renounced allegiance to the Mikado today by taking out his first naturalization papers. Similar action on the part of his fellow countrymen is said to be also contemplated as they believe their country showed great weakness.