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MAURA IS WEAK

So King Alfonso Has Suspended the Sessions of Parliament in the Meantime

A NEW ELECTION

Madrid, Jan. 26.—King Alfonso today issued a decree suspending the sessions of parliament, as it had become evident that Senor Maura, the conservative leader, who formed a cabinet yesterday, with himself as premier, could not command a majority in the chambers.

An early submission of the issue between church and state to the people, through a dissolution of parliament and new elections, is the only means of clearing up the situation. The clericals and the reactionaries are jubilant, as the mere fact of the conservatives being in power will give them a great advantage at the polls.

CLERGYMAN DEAD.

Rev. Henry Martyn Field, Who Was Also an Author.

Stockbridge, Mass., Jan. 26.—Rev. Henry Martyn Field, the well known clergyman and author, and for 44 years editor of the Evangelist of New York, died at his home here early today, after an illness of several weeks. Death was due to a general breakdown incident to old age.

Mr. Field was born in Stockbridge, April 3, 1822, and was graduated from Williams college in 1838. After studying theology he became pastor of a Presbyterian church in St. Louis in 1842. Five years later he went abroad and on his return in 1850, became a pastor in West Springfield. In 1854 he removed to New York city to assume charge of the Evangelist. He was the author of several books of travel, as well as of biographies of his famous brothers, Cyrus W. Field, who laid the first Atlantic cable, and David Dudley Field, law reformer. Another brother, Stephen J. Field, was a member of the supreme court of the United States for 34 years. Mr. Field was married, but had no children. His wife survives, and was with him at the time of his death. He spent the last few years of his life in Stockbridge.

SAYS NO OPPOSITION.

Representative Goodrich Talks About County Commissioner Geddes.

Representative A. I. Goodrich was asked today concerning the report that there is a vigorous opposition to the renomination of Colonel James E. Geddes for county commissioner, and he said that the rumor is without foundation. So far as he was aware, Mr. Goodrich stated that he knew of no opposition to the renomination of the colonel, at least in the county caucus, and he did not believe that Governor Woodruff had any feeling against him.

The report has been broadcast in New Haven and some of the lobby travelers in the Capitol made it their business to spread it there, so that in the course of a day it was generally rumored that the colonel from Waterbury was going to have trouble.

Governor Woodruff has involved himself with rumor also in the project to have all county commissioners nominated by the governor hereafter. It is said that he has seen the advisability of showing to the public that he has no desire to centralize authority in the governorship and to that end it is reported that he will request that nominations for county commissioners be taken from the table next Tuesday.

Coal Train Struck Trolley.

Worden, Ill., Jan. 26.—The trolley pole left the wire as an electric car of the Illinois Traction system was crossing the Litchfield and Madison railroad track last night and a moment later a coal train struck the car in the middle. Five passengers were injured, the electric car was wrecked and the locomotive and nine loaded cars went into the ditch. The electric car was filled with passengers, all of whom except those injured managed to get out before the train struck the car.

Held for Postage.

Alton, Ill., Jan. 26.—A letter addressed to Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt is being held at the Upper Alton post-office because the writer neglected to place a postage stamp on the envelope. Postmaster Seitz has sent a formal notice to Mrs. Roosevelt that the letter will be forwarded when the necessary 2 cents are remitted.

Hotel Burned.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—A hotel and a number of stores in the village of St. Vincent de Paul were burned today, causing the loss estimated at \$50,000. There was much excitement among the prisoners in the penitentiary located near the burning building.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for Connecticut: Snow to-night; Sunday fair in south, snow followed by clearing in north portion; colder during evening and night; brisk to high north to north-west winds.

Boston, Jan. 26.—The weather bureau today issued the following storm warning: Northwest storm warning at 10 a. m. All New England sections—storm on south Atlantic coast will move northeast; winds with increasing force causing strong to high northerly to easterly gales to-night and Sunday.

TURNING OUT

TALESMEN

Fifty of Them Examined in the Thaw Case and Only Six Jurors

THE JURORS LETTERS

Are Opened and Read Before Reaching the Men Thus Far Selected to Sit in the Celebrated Case.

New York, Jan. 26.—Three days of the trial of Harry K. Thaw have passed and the net work of all this time has been the selection of seven jurors. To get these seven jurors 101 talesmen, half of the panel drawn have been examined. While the lawyers engaged have got so that the examination of the talesmen consumes less time than was taken in the early stages of the trial, the talesmen themselves have become more wary, apparently, and the excuses put forward for not serving are varied and ingenious. It is possible that the remaining five jurors needed will be found in the 100 talesmen still awaiting examination, but if yesterday's proceedings are any criterion this is doubtful.

Fifty men were examined yesterday and from this number two jurors was secured. Five were drawn from the first fifty talesmen examined. The chief reason for the general desire not to serve is probably found in the order of Justice Fitzgerald practically locking up the jurymen from the time they are drawn until the trial is over. This is an unusual proceeding and, as most of the talesmen are active business men, it involves possible financial loss, besides the hardship.

About the only physical exercise the jurymen selected enjoy now, or are likely to enjoy for some weeks is the little walk twice daily, accompanied by court officers, to and from the Broadway Central hotel and the court house. The men are practically prisoners. They dine together and then spend the evening in chatting until they retire.

Every letter that is sent to the jurors is opened and read by Police Captain W. J. Lynch who has immediate personal charge of the jurymen. This is not done with the mail of prisoners in the toms. No newspapers that have in them any reference to the trial or tragedy are permitted.

Captain Lynch cuts out these parts of the newspapers that refer to the case and the jurors have to be content with the censorship. Even the books and magazines are subjected to the same sort of scrutiny.

The men are comfortably housed at the hotel, seventeen rooms, with baths, a private dining room, having been engaged for them. The jurors so far selected are accepting the situation in a philosophical spirit and with the utmost good nature. The plans of the defense, developed, are still believed to be those which have been generally phrased—emotional insanity and an appeal to the so-called "higher" law. Only the faintest indication in this direction has appeared at the trial thus far and that was yesterday when Clifford W. Hartbridge, chief counsel for Thaw, asked a prospective juror this question:

"Would you take into consideration all the evidence tending to show the condition of this man's (Thaw's) mind at the time of the killing of Stanford White?"

There were rumors in the court yesterday that there had been a serious disagreement among the members of Thaw's family.

The reports started when Harry Thaw's wife and Miss Mae McKenzie, her constant companion, arrived at the court house some time before Mrs. William Thaw, and Mrs. Carnegie, mother and sister of the prisoner. The gossip was intensified when it was noted that though Mrs. William Thaw sat near her daughter-in-law, the two apparently took no notice of each other all through the day.

Lawyer Hartbridge, when his attention was called to the gossip, took occasion to deny that there had been any disagreement between members of his client's family.

Predict a Failure.

Paris, Jan. 26.—The clerical newspapers predict that the attempt of Archbishop Vialatte, head of the independent Catholic church in America, and Father Roussin, parish priest of the church of the Holy Apostles, to organize a national French Catholic church, is doomed to be a complete failure. The archbishop is termed as schismatic and Father Roussin is classed as an apostate.

Senator Alger's Funeral.

Washington, Jan. 26.—In accordance with the wishes of himself and family, the funeral services over the late Senator Alger, held at the family residence in this city at 2 o'clock this afternoon, were very simple. The services were conducted by the late senator's friend and former pastor, Rev. Dr. Radcliffe of New York and Rev. Dr. Hale, chaplain of the United States senate.

Aim of Republicans.

Madrid, Jan. 26.—The Liberal, forecasting the withdrawal of the proposed law of associations, declares that its enactment will continue to be the aim of the republicans.

CASE WILL GO ON

Demurrer in the Famous Rebate Cases at St. Paul Were Overruled This Morning

WIN FOR GOVERNMENT

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 26.—An opinion was filed in the United States district court in Minneapolis to-day overruling the demurrers to the indictments in the rebate cases recently brought by the government against the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, the Great Northern, the Wisconsin Central, and the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroads. The cases will now go to trial on the indictments at the April term of court.

WARNS THE ELKS.

Mayor Fisher Says He Will Enforce the Lottery Law.

Middletown, Jan. 26.—Mayor Fisher to-day sent a letter calling the attention of J. T. exalted ruler of the Elks to the law governing the disposal of article of lottery. The Elks are to hold a fair next month and the tickets issued call for articles between twenty and twenty-five in number to the ticket-holder. Mayor Fisher says he has many warm, personal friends in the Elks, but this must not stand in the way of enforcing the laws as he sees them. The mayor was to have opened the fair but Exalted Ruler Flynn says the invitation will be withdrawn.

SLAUGHTER AT GRODNO.

Twelve Killed in Fights Between Terrorists, Police and Troops.

GRODNO, Russia, Jan. 26.—As a result of a general exchange of shots between the authorities and a number of terrorists on the streets of Grodno five policemen, a prison warden and one terrorist were killed and a number of persons were wounded.

The trouble started when two men, without warning, shot and killed a prison warden. The assassins fled, one of them taking refuge in a church and the other in a private house. They were pursued by the police, and three policemen, who had effected the arrest of the man in the church, were attacked by the assembled crowd, fired upon and killed. The terrorist escaped.

The police then proceeded to the house where the second man had hidden, and as they approached the building he opened fire and killed two of his pursuers. At this stage of the fighting troops were called out and fired a volley, killing the man who had hidden in the house and wounding several passersby.

At Lodz, Russian Poland, a band of terrorists shot and killed a policeman and two soldiers who were accompanying him on the streets. A patrol at once retaliated by firing a volley down the street. Two passersby were killed and several were wounded. The murderers escaped.

A Cure For Leprosy.

HAVANA, Jan. 26.—A commission appointed by the government has turned in a report to the effect that Dr. Matias Duque, who is in charge of the Hospital For Contagious Diseases probably has discovered a cure for leprosy. Two lepers were turned over to the doctor several years ago for experimental purposes, and now these persons have no exterior traces of the disease and are gaining notably in weight. Several other cases treated by Dr. Duque are in various stages of improvement. Dr. Duque's experiments have been along the line of what he terms the "red mangrove tree" treatment.

Earthquakes at Middletown.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Four earth tremors, distinct and severe enough to cause buildings to tremble and startle the occupants, were felt in this city and vicinity yesterday. The vibrations were first credited to blast operations, but upon inquiry it could not be learned that any work requiring the use of explosives was being done nearby. Reports received indicate that the tremors were perceptible at many points within a radius of fifteen miles of this city.

Passengers Were Scared.

The passengers on the car which arrived at Highland park about 12:10 this noon were given a big scare, as the car which had been smoking slightly was seen to be on fire, and the passengers, thinking that the car was going to go up in smoke, made a rush to get out. Word was sent to the North Willow street firemen and although there was much smoke underneath the car when they arrived, in a short time they extinguished the blaze by means of chemicals. The car was No. 82 and was burned to such an extent that the trip to the "ville could not be finished and the car had to be towed back to the barn.

Re-stocked With Antelope.

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—A dispatch from Los Angeles to-day says: The southwestern deserts and the forest reserves of this region are to be re-stocked with antelope, to be brought from Africa. Private capital has already been secured for the purpose, and the project, it is stated, is already under way. It is intended to secure a species of antelope that thrives in the hot desert regions and are able to live a long way from water. In former days antelopes were numerous in southern California.

MILL NO 1

DESTROYED

Big Fire in Dover This Morning Which Will Cause Loss of About \$600,000

THE WORKERS JUMPED

A Number of Them Were Badly Injured and It is Now Thought That Some Lives Were Lost.

Dover, N. H., Jan. 26.—Mill No. 1, of the extensive plant of the Cocheo Manufacturing company, in this city, was burned to-day, causing a financial damage estimated at between \$500,000 and \$600,000, and possible loss of life. The fire broke out after the 500 operatives had gone to work, from a cause not yet determined. The flames spread very rapidly and a number of the workmen jumped from windows and sustained injuries. Others were taken from the windows in the upper stories. Persons thus rescued reported that some had been overcome by smoke in the burning building and the firemen immediately began search which was without result until the flames drove them outside the walls. Meanwhile officials of the mill were busy trying to locate all employees.

Although the location of the mill, which faces Washington street, a wide thoroughfare and is surrounded on three sides by a bend in the Cocheo river, there was little danger of damage to other property, help was called from Portsmouth to augment the private force of the manufacturing company, and the Dover department. The combined corps, however, could not gain control until the flames had begun to die out for want of fuel. Little except the walls of the structure were left.

Officials of the corporation stated that the mill was one of the best equipped of the plant, and that the loss, including damage to stock and machinery would reach at least \$500,000. The loss is practically covered by insurance.

Two of the men who jumped from the fourth floor were taken to the Wentworth hospital seriously hurt, and a dozen others were treated for hurts of a less serious nature. The most badly hurt were:

William Turner, mule spinner; broken hip.

James Ashton, mule spinner, both legs broken.

The fire started from a hot box in the spool room, and before the frightened employees could make any effort to extinguish it the flames spread to the spinning room and swept through the big mill. There were no fire escapes in the place and the panic stricken employees made a wild rush for the exits. Those on the lower floor generally managed to get out through the doors or the windows, but those on the fourth and fifth floors were not so fortunate. Employees on the fifth floor rushed to the fourth in large numbers and finding that smoke and flames cut off their exit down the stairways many leaped from the windows to the frozen ground. Some of the cooler headed ones remembered there were ropes in the room placed there for emergency and attaching these to the window frames slid down rapidly, burning the skin off their hands in so doing.

While the firemen were busy in getting their forces into an advantageous position for fighting the flames and helping out the people on the lower stories four men crouched at an open window on the upper floor gasping for air for nearly two hours before they were discovered. An extension ladder was raised, but the imprisoned men nearly unconscious from the smoke did not dare to venture down this swaying path to safety, and realizing their peril, Captain McDonald and Lieutenant Bradley of the fire department sprang up the ladder and by their skill and words of encouragement guided the four men down to the ground. The men thus saved were James Connors, James Darles, Harris McGrone, and John Boutley. Connors said they had been there ever since the fire started. He tried to make his way down the stairs, but he found his way blocked and turned back to the window. Connors stated that he had stumbled over what he believed to be unconscious persons. The firemen hurried to investigate, and bring down any who might be cut off.

Six Dead in Ruins.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the police discovered the bodies of six boys in the ruins. They had been charred beyond recognition. The boys had been employed in the mill room.

Marriott Will Recover.

Ormond, Fla., Jan. 26.—Fred Marriott, who was seriously injured yesterday when his racing automobile was wrecked while plunging along Ormond-Daytona beach at a speed of nearly 125 miles an hour, passed a fairly comfortable night and probably will recover. It was feared at first that the driver had sustained internal injuries, but no indication of anything of that kind has developed as yet. He is badly cut and bruised, however, and his recovery probably will be slow.

SESSION CLOSSES

Effort to Extend Right of Franchise to All Adults, Women as Well as Men

HARDIE AN OBJECTOR

Belfast, Ireland, Jan. 26.—A resolution in favor of the extension of the franchise to all adult men and women was carried at to-day's session of the conference of the labor party of the United Kingdom by 605,000 to 268,000 votes represented. This was an amendment to the original resolution which favored the extension of the right of election to women as well as the right to vote. James Kler Hardie, M. P., who was an upholder of the original proposal, declared that if the resolution adopted was intended to limit the action of the labor party in parliament he would be obliged to seriously consider whether he could remain a member of the party.

After the adoption of resolutions in favor of substituting arbitration for war as a preliminary to universal disarmament and in support of a national education policy, education to be under full popular control, and the whole cost of the system to be met from the imperial treasury, the conference closed.

IT WAS BLAKESLEE DAY.

Thousands of Children Lined Up for Annual Ride.

Ralph N. Blakeslee's annual sleighride to the children of Waterbury took place this afternoon and was a success away and beyond the most sanguine expectations of even entertaining 6,000, but the number of boys and girls in the 116 large two horse sleighs must have exceeded that, but as a matter of fact, it would be hard to get at exact figures. Mr. Blakeslee and family rode at the head of the procession and occasionally blew a horn that made a noise which must have been heard all over town.

People flocked from all sections and when the procession started the sidewalks were thronged with sightseers and some say that more people were in Exchange place at that time than ever before, not even excepting circus day. Most of the teams belonged to Mr. Blakeslee and the rest were furnished by the factories and others, one or two being in line from Naugatuck and one marked "Bristol Star."

The weather conditions were just right and the youngsters were in their glory. They yelled "what's the matter with Blakeslee?" and answered "He's all right" until they were hoarse, hollered at those whom they recognized on the streets and appeared to have the time of their lives. Considering the number of children on hand they behaved remarkably well, much better than on former occasions so that in addition to increasing in numbers the boys and girls of Waterbury are making headway along the lines which all who have an interest in their welfare want to see them. It was a wonderful sight and in another year or so the shops will want to shut down when Blakeslee day comes around so that the hands may have an opportunity to get out and take in the sights. It is now admitted on all sides that Blakeslee has Barnum beaten a mile and from now on the occasion will be down on the calendar as Blakeslee Day.

Several of the policemen who are on duty during the night volunteered their services to Mr. Blakeslee and along the line of march saw to it that everything was carried out in the proper manner.

IN THE COURTS.

Man in Jail on Charge of Alienating Wife's Affections.

Christino Tiberio, who was taken to jail a few days ago in default of bail in a suit for \$500 damages for alienating the affections of the wife of Michael Petronio, of Mattatuck street is still in detention and the jail authorities have requested Attorney Peasler, counsel for Petronio to send a check for next week's board for the Tiberio. The check was sent to-day and Tiberio is good for another week in jail. The complaint says that Tiberio entered Petronio's house during his absence, took away Mrs. Petronio and thus alienated her affections. The suit is returnable to the district court the first Tuesday in February and Tiberio will have to remain in jail until then unless he provides a bond or Petronio gets tired of paying his board.

The suit of the International Book company against J. W. Scully was heard in the district court to-day by Judge Peasler. Scully contracted for a series of lessons in a correspondent school. He wished to learn the art of window dressing, and after taking a few lessons it seems he got tired and declined to take any more, thus violating his agreements.

Patrick Buckley was arrested this afternoon at his boarding house, 335 West Main street, as he was causing a disturbance, and giving his boarding mistress much annoyance. Buckley was under the weather and was looking for trouble, and was not at all particular whom he bumped into. He made such a racket in the house that it was thought advisable for the safety of the other occupants to have him arrested.

EVENING DEMOCRAT SELLS FOR 2 CENTS A COPY.

MYSTERIOUS

SHOOTING

Dr. Townsend Shot This Morning While Laying in Bed at His Home

REVENGE WAS MOTIVE

Hundreds of Dollars Worth of Jewelry and Silverware Lying Around But the Assassin Did Not Disturb It.

New York, Jan. 26.—Dr. Charles W. Townsend, one of the best known physicians and surgeons on Staten Island was shot and probably mortally wounded while lying in bed in his home at New Brighton, S. I., early to-day. The case is surrounded by mystery, but from the meagre details which have been permitted to leak out by the officials it is believed that the doctor was the victim of a man who sought vengeance from some real or fancied great wrong. That it was not the act of a burglar, as was first believed, appears to be borne out by the fact that not a single article was taken from the house although hundreds of dollars worth of jewelry and silverware was within easy reach. This also is believed to be borne out by stories which have been told the coroner by both Dr. Townsend and his wife. Mrs. Townsend witnessed the shooting. The coroner has declined to make known any of the information obtained from Dr. Townsend and his wife. He declares that to do so would tend to defeat the end of justice. It is inferred that the identity of the assailant is at least suspected and that the officials hope to make an early arrest.

Dr. Townsend and his wife were awakened shortly before 4 o'clock this morning by a sound in their sleeping room, and a moment later they were startled by the flash of a match which revealed a man holding the lighted match in one hand and a revolver in the other. Leveling the revolver at Doctor Townsend the intruder ordered him to arise at once and then, without waiting a moment fired. The bullet grazed the doctor's body and buried itself in the bedclothes.

Another shot followed almost instantly, the bullet entering the doctor's abdomen and piercing the intestines.

A third lodged near the doctor's heart producing a wound, which, in itself, may result fatally.

The assailant then ran down stairs and escaped but how he got out of the house is not known as every door and window was closed when help arrived. When Mrs. Townsend tried to call assistance she found that two of the three telephone wires leading to the house had been cut. The third, which was in the doctor's office in the lower part of the house, apparently had been overlooked.

Over this wire a servant in the stable was notified of the shooting and word also was given the police. While awaiting the police Mrs. Townsend who herself is a physician, dressed the doctor's wound and prepared for the operation which she knew was instantly necessary in the effort to save his life. It is feared, however, that even with the prompt attention the wound will prove fatal.

The police were unable to find any trace of the assailant. All the doors and windows were locked and no marks had been left by the fugitive. The coroner however appears to be satisfied that the man will soon be apprehended.

The Townsend home is in the residential section of New Brighton, scarcely half a mile from the home of Charles L. Spear which, not more than a year ago was the scene of a tragedy strangely like that of to-day. Spear was shot in his home during the night and died from his wound. It was at first believed that he had been the victim of a burglar but an investigation proved that he had taken his own life.

In the Townsend house at the time of the shooting there were, in addition to the doctor and his wife, the doctor's aged mother and his four children. All of them occupied sleeping rooms in the upper part of the house.

"Salome Is Protested." New York, Jan. 26.—A protest against the further presentation of "Salome" has been made to Director Conrod of the Metropolitan opera house by the owners of the house.

CITY NEWS

On Wednesday evening the Big Seven Social club will give their sixth annual sociable and dance at Eagles' hall. All arrangements have been completed and the affair promises to be one of the best events ever given by the organization.

The members of the Holy Name society of the Sacred Heart church are requested to meet at 7:30 this evening in church basement to make arrangements to attend the funeral of their late brother, Dennis Kearns, the union committee are cordially invited to be present at that hour.

Division No. 4, A. O. H., at a meeting Thursday night, decided to hold installation of officers on February 14. County President McCarthy will be present and install the officers. A social session will follow the installation ceremonies, to which all Irish-Americans are cordially invited.

CONGRATULATION

Emperor William Pleased at Chancellor Von Buelow's Dissolution of Parliament

APPEAL TO COUNTRY

Berlin, Jan. 26.—Emperor William called on Chancellor Von Buelow early to-day and congratulated him on the soundness of his judgment in dissolving the reichstag and appealing to the country on an important question of national policy. The emperor throughout the campaign did not attempt by word or act to influence the result, yet, as everyone knew, he was intensely interested in the issue, and especially regarding the manner in which the country would treat the colonial question and how the socialists would emerge from the conflict. Later his majesty took his usual morning walk in the Tiergarten and then returned to the chancellor's palace in order to discuss the latest returns. The emperor came out of the palace smiling and seemingly in the best of humor, almost gaily acknowledging the salutations of the waiting crowd. Emperor William will be 43 years old to-morrow and some one remarked that the country had given him a fine birthday present "in checking the growth of Red Republican-Socialism."

Traffic Interrupted.

Madrid, Jan. 26.—Railroad traffic in Spain has been seriously interrupted at various places owing to an unprecedentedly heavy fall of snow.

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