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Fresh eggs are not to be had at any price. All the hens are on a strike for 50 cents a dozen or no lay. The worst of it is too we cant arbitrate or call out the militia to awe them into submission.

We appreciate the cordial reception given the Evening Banner last night by the Bennington people and the many pleasant words that have been spoken concerning it. If well wishes insured success the Evening Banner would be the most successful in the state, we feel sure.

A paper in Kansas is responsible for the following: An Indian owed one of the merchants and called to pay and wanted a receipt. The merchant told him a receipt was unnecessary. "Me must have to show me owe white man nothing," said the Indian. "Me go to heaven, the Lord ask Injun to pay debts, Injun say yes. Lord ask Injun where is receipt. What Injun do? Can't go all over hell to look for you." Of course he got the receipt.

The University of Vermont, which will celebrate next summer the centennial of its first graduating class, was chartered in 1791. In 1804 it graduated its first class of 4. Its members increased and in the first ten years 73 students were graduated. Then, during the war of 1812, in the year 1814-1815, the college buildings were used as barracks and all college exercises were necessarily suspended. After the war sessions were resumed and slowly but surely the institution has grown until it is one of the best and most successful of northern New England.

LAUNDRY ROBBED.

After Which the Robbers Appeared To Enjoy Themselves.

Cleveland, Dec. 8.—Armed robbers got about two thousand dollars from the safe of the Garlock & Frazer laundry company early today. They felled the night watchman, bound and gagged him, and blew the safe open with nitro-glycerine. The burglars, who were well dressed, left the laundry, drove to the "Hotel Euclid," drank several times and then walked out and drove away in a carriage.

Three prisoners broke out of the Washington county jail in Montpelier Saturday night. They made their escape by cutting through a steel window bar in the woman's ward at the rear end of the jail. One of the men has been located but the other two are still at large.

ON FOREIGN GROUND

Marines Establish a Camp Near Panama.

SAID FOR THE GOOD OF THEIR HEALTH

The Actual Purpose Believed to Be To Watch Any Disloyal Act on the Part of Local Forces or Hostile Demonstration From Bogota.

COLON, Dec. 9.—Two companies of marines from the United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie under command of Captain Wirt McCreary were landed here and have gone by train to Empire, a town on the railroad near Panama, where a camp has been established in the canal company's buildings. The camp is now thoroughly fortified, and all necessary precautions from a sanitary standpoint to insure the health of the marines have been taken. The camp will be supplied with water from the Dixie pending the analysis of the drinking water available there. If this water should be found to be good the remainder of the 450 marines on board the Dixie will be transferred to the camp in batches of fifty.

The stated official purpose of this movement is to give the marines practice in the building of camps and to relieve them from their long confinement on the vessel. The actual purpose of the United States government in landing the marines is, however, believed to be connected with the precautionary measures now being carried out on both sides of the isthmus and perhaps also for the moral effect which the landing of the marines may have on the native garrison at Panama, the loyalty of which, though hitherto absolutely unwavering, has been questioned in some quarters, especially since the discovery of the plot against the life of General Huertas, commander in chief of the forces of the republic of Panama, and the alleged effort on the part of a few army officers to persuade the garrison to revolt.

It is considered significant that the point selected for the encampment of the Dixie's marines, while it is the highest and most sanitary on the line of the Panama railroad, is also on the trail most frequently used in the past for the movement of troops overland from the Cauca district into the Chiriqui district.

General Huertas is about to establish a small garrison of the troops of the new republic at Yaviza, a town at the head of San Miguel bay, on the Pacific side of the isthmus.

Dr. Manuel Amador and Federico Boyd, the special commissioners from the republic of Panama who recently visited Washington, have landed here from the steamer Segura. The commissioners took a special train for Panama.

A report from Bogota says that the national electoral committee has announced that it will not accept the resignation of the presidency sent by General Reyes from Barranquilla. The committee has proclaimed General Reyes as the unanimous choice for the presidency of Colombia and General Gonzalez Valencia as the choice for the vice presidency. President Marroquin has cabled General Rafael Reyes at Washington that any negotiation proposed at Washington not based on the return of Panama will be useless and unacceptable to Colombia. A national integrity society on a large scale has been organized at Bogota, with 300,000 active members, with the object of recovering the isthmus.

Jewel Robbers Caged.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 9.—The two men, Morris Opar and Abram Dahler, arrested here with a large quantity of diamonds and other jewelry in their possession are, according to the police department, a much wanted pair. The police officials say that an officer is on his way here from New York to identify the men for robberies there and that they are wanted in Orange, N. J.; Boston and Minneapolis for supposed connection with jewelry robberies in those places.

Society Lady Shot Dead.

RISEING SUN, Ind., Dec. 9.—Miss Elizabeth Gillespie, prominent in local society, was assassinated here while sitting in the front room of her residence. The murderer shot her through a window, the entire charge of shot taking effect in the side of her head. No reason can be assigned for the shooting, and there is no clue to the murderer.

Sentence a Hundred Years Hence.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 9.—John H. Wood, a leader of the convicts who escaped from the Folsom penitentiary last summer, when a guard was stabbed to death, was convicted of murder in the second degree here. As Wood is already serving a life sentence, Judge Hart ordered him to appear in court for sentence 100 years from date.

The Fever Outbreak at Butler.

BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 9.—At the executive committee's meeting thirteen new cases of typhoid fever were reported. There is evidently a reduction in the number of cases developing, but the situation is bad enough yet. The deaths since the last report number four.

Founder of Steel Company Dead.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 9.—George S. King, founder of the Cambria Iron works, now the great Cambria Steel company, is dead at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Linton, having succumbed to the infirmities of age in his ninety-fifth year.

Greensboro Gets Carnegie Library.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 9.—The board of aldermen of Greensboro has voted to accept Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$30,000 for a library on the usual terms.

PERKINS' TESTIMONY

Ship Trust Hearing Brings Out Connection of Morgan.

HOW BETHLEHEM WAS ACQUIRED.

Mo. Man's Partner Read Cablegram to Paris House Saying Schwab and Friends Are Interested in New Shipbuilding Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—At the hearing in the United States Shipbuilding receivership proceedings Lewis Nixon, president of the company, concluded his testimony and was followed by George W. Perkins, partner in the J. P. Morgan & Co. firm, who gave the story of the connection of Morgan & Co. with the shipbuilding flotation. His testimony on direct examination went to show that Morgan & Co.'s connection with the shipbuilding company consisted in supplying trust companies with money to loan the shipbuilding company and in the sale to it of the Bethlehem plant.

The defense made strong efforts to keep certain cablegrams and letters bearing on the French underwriting firm from being published, and at the close of the hearing Mr. Guthrie pocketed the copy of one letter, the newspaper men being unable to obtain it.

Mr. Perkins read a cablegram which, he said, had been sent by his house to Morgan & Co., Mr. Morgan's Paris connection:

"Mr. Charles M. Schwab and his friend are interested in the new shipbuilding company, and we would be glad to have you take as cordial a view of it as is consistent."

Mr. Perkins insisted upon reading the cablegram despite the strenuous objections of William D. Guthrie of counsel for Mr. Schwab.

The witness declared that so much had been said about this cablegram that it would be a real pleasure for him to read it. The cables preceding this, in which Mr. Alexander of the firm of Alexander & Green had cabled to Colonel McCook urging him to get the influence of Morgan & Co. to stimulate the French underwritings and the reply that Morgan & Co. had cabled to their Paris house commending the scheme, approving the personnel of the promoters and saying the properties to be acquired were valuable, were all suppressed.

The Bethlehem plant was acquired from Mr. Schwab by J. P. Morgan & Co. as syndicate managers for the United States Steel corporation in the fall of 1901, the arrangement being, witness said, "that if we disposed of the property (Schwab) should have a share of the profits." Schwab had no other interest in the company after its sale.

Mr. Perkins then gave an account of the connection of the firm with the shipbuilding company. In August, 1902, he said, he was approached by Mr. Pam, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Dresser, who wished to obtain from Morgan & Co. a loan for the shipbuilding company, Mr. Dresser representing to him on Aug. 11 that a large amount of the shipbuilding securities had been underwritten in France, that the money would arrive in a week or ten days, but that funds were needed for the company at once. Mr. Perkins said he declined to make the loan for the week or ten days, saying that as a firm Morgan & Co. could have no connection with the shipbuilding industry.

The next day, after another conversation with Mr. Dresser, Mr. Perkins, in behalf of his firm, agreed to deposit \$750,000 in each of three trust companies—the Trust Company of the Republic, the Knickerbocker and Manhattan trust companies—for ten days. Mr. Dresser having represented that these trust companies were willing to take an interest in the shipbuilding company if they had the necessary funds to loan. The money was deposited, but the Manhattan Trust company sent back the loan finding that Morgan & Co. were not interested in the company, and Mr. Dresser made an arrangement with the New York Security and Trust company to obtain that portion of the money, Mr. Perkins introducing Mr. Dresser at the trust company, of which he was a director. Mr. Perkins insisted that the transaction throughout was "merely an ordinary transaction in foreign exchange" on the part of the Morgan company, the money being deposited temporarily with the trust companies in order that they might have funds to make loans against expected money from abroad. The Paris branch of Morgan & Co., he said, had no connection with the French underwriting.

Mr. Untermyer pressed him with questions about the knowledge Morgan & Co. had of the French underwriting and of the security upon which Mr. Dresser obtained the money from the trust companies, but Mr. Perkins insisted that these were details in which his company was not concerned.

American Consul Insulted.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 9.—The United States flag over the consulate at Alexandria, Asiatic Turkey, has been hauled down and Consul Davis has left his post for Beirut in consequence of an attack on the consul, during which Mr. Davis was insulted and assaulted by the local police. The affair grew out of the arrest of an Armenian, Ohannes Attarian, a naturalized American citizen, whom the consul was assisting.

Wall Street Cigars at \$4 Each.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Huge black cigars of special brand and manufacture, costing \$4 each, will be sent out as Christmas boxes to customers of a Wall Street Stock Exchange firm. It is said that the maker of the brand has given a guarantee that the customer will become boorish after smoking the cigar.

DOINGS IN SENATE.

Canal Agreement Sent to Foreign Relations Committee.

CUBAN BILL SEVERELY HANDLED.

Without Comment the Nomination of General Leonard Wood as Major General Was Sent to the Committee on Military Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The recent investigation into frauds in the post-office department was the basis of a sharp debate in the senate by Mr. Gorman and Mr. Lodge. The discussion arose over a motion by Mr. Lodge to refer to the committee on postoffices the resolution introduced by Mr. Penrose looking to a senate investigation into the conditions in the department. Mr. Gorman intimated that the investigation by the department had been partisan in character and said that counter charges had been made against the men who had made it. Mr. Lodge defended the department's work and declared it was far more thorough than a congressional inquiry would be. The resolution went over without action.

Mr. Teller made a speech in opposition to the Cuban bill. He severely criticized General Wood and declared the bill was in the interest of the trust. Mr. Clapp spoke briefly, holding that the senate had absolute power in making treaties.

The senate in executive session referred the treaty between the United States and Panama for the construction of a canal across the isthmus to the committee on foreign relations. The senate without comment also referred the nomination of General Leonard Wood to be major general to the committee on military affairs.

Senator Frye introduced a bill to regulate commerce between the United States and the Philippine archipelago, providing that on and after July 1, 1904, under penalty of forfeiture, no merchandise shall be transported by sea or any passengers be carried between ports of the United States and ports or places in the Philippine archipelago in any other than vessels sailing under the flag of the United States. The bill does not apply to coasting laws in their entirety to trade between the Philippines and the United States, as was done in the cases of Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico, but simply restricts the transportation of freight and passengers to American vessels.

IN THE HOUSE.

Postmaster General Requested to Send in Postal Scandal Papers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The house has authorized the committee on post-offices and postroads to request the postmaster general to supply the committee with papers in connection with the recent investigation of the post-office department. It was explained by Mr. Overstreet, chairman of the committee, that the purpose of the resolution was to supply the committee with information essential to the proper consideration of appropriation bills.

The house also instructed the judiciary committee to make inquiry and report whether the file of Pines can be closed in Cuba without the concurrent action of the house and senate. Representative Hepburn reintroduced the pure food bill, embodying the recommendations of the national pure food congress.

Representative Gillett (Mass.) introduced a bill "to protect antiganibling laws from nullification through interstate gambling by telegraph." Representative Firrell (Mass.) introduced a bill "to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors in buildings and upon premises owned or controlled by the United States government."

Death Sentence For Criminal Assault.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A jury in the criminal court here brought in a verdict of guilty in the case of John W. Burley, a negro charged with criminal assault, and prescribed death as the penalty. The victim was Adeline Turner, a five-year-old colored girl. This is the first instance of the death penalty being fixed for such crimes in the District of Columbia.

Ault & Wiborg Deny Fraud.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 9.—Ault & Wiborg have published a reply to the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, charging "ex parte statements, malicious insinuations," etc., claiming that so far as their contract with the postoffice department for ink is concerned it is absolutely false and libelous.

Said He "Alone Was Responsible."

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 9.—John McKean of Dryden, seventy-five years of age, committed suicide here by shooting. He left a note addressed to the coroner which read "This case needs no investigation, as I alone am responsible."

Sixty-seven Charged With Contempt.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 9.—The judge of the county court of Spotsylvania has issued subpoenas against sixty-seven persons for alleged contempt in signing a petition asking that he do not try a certain case.

Stone Elected at Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 9.—Everett E. Stone has been elected mayor over John A. Loring (Dem.) by a vote of 3,903 to 3,908. The city went for Stone by a vote of 3,914 to 2,378.

Third Victim of Ottawa Plee.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 9.—Father Fulham, who was injured at the Ottawa university fire on Wednesday last, has died at the Water street hospital.

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