TO USE HENEY IN PITTSBURG PROBE

Frisco Prosecutor May Investigate Alleged Bribery by Bank Officials.

AT REQUEST OF PRESIDENT

Alleged Municipal Corruption is Referred to in Almost Every Pulpit in City.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Officially there were no developments in Pittsburg's municipal scandal yesterday. No additional arrests were made and no action for or against those arrested last Monday night was taken. Nor was there any intimation from those operating the probe as to when the next move would be made or what it would be.

There is a rumor that Francis J. Heney of San Francisco is coming here shortly at the request of President Roosevelt to investigate the alleged bribery so far as it is connected with federal institutions. According to Washington reports, Mr. Heney was in conference with the president Saturday on the Pittsburg situation.

As Special Examiner.

If he comes here it will be in the capacity of a special examiner, it is said to investigate the alleged use of money by officers of national banks to have their institutions made depositories of the city's funds. A statement was made at the preliminary hearings of the men under arrest that $176,000 had been the amount expended.

While there was no official development yesterday, the alleged corruption in municipal affairs was forcibly brought to the attention of thousands of citizens. Nearly every minister either devoted a whole sermon to the subject or made reference to it.

BROKERAGE FIRM CLOSES DOOR.

Geraghty & Co. Announce Temporary Suspension.

St. Paul, Dec. 29.—Geraghty & Co., one of the oldest commission brokerage firms in the city, has been forced to suspend business, but the members of the firm expect that business will be resumed within a short time. Announcement of the suspension was made yesterday.

The cause assigned for the suspension is the dullness of the grain market for several months past. The firm opened a line of country offices about a year ago and these proved unprofitable, owing to the heavy expense involved in their maintenance and operation.

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STRICKEN ALONE IN AUTO.

Hiram B. Berry, Wealthy Manufacturer, Dies of Heart Failure.

New York, Dec. 29.—While riding alone in his auto near Spring Valley, N. Y., Saturday, Hiram B. Berry of Warwick, a wealthy manufacturer and formerly an officer of the Morton Trust company of this city, died of heart disease.

Sues Accused for $50,000.

Chicago, Dec. 29. — George W. Fitzgerald, former assorting teller of the United States subtreasury at Chicago, Saturday filed suit for $50,000 against William Boldenweck, who is in charge of the subtreasury, and Herbert F. Young, a private detective. The suit is an outgrowth of the sensational arrest of Fitzgerald last spring, charged with stealing $173,000 from the subtreasury vaults.

Preacher Sues Preacher.

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 29.—Billy Williams, evangelist, filed a bill of particulars in a $5,000 damage suit against Evangelist John H. Ahrens, which alleges that Ahrens maliciously slandered him when he publicly announced Williams' alleged suicide pact.

Miner Killed at Sport.

Deadwood, S. D., Dec. 29. — While shooting a tin can in the air, Mike Coprovice, an Austrian miner, employed by the Golden Crest company, was shot and killed by William Altelfels. The coroner declared the death due to an accident.

Modify Quarantine.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 29.—No case of foot and mouth disease has been found in New York state in the last nineteen days, and as a result orders have been issued modifying the quarantine regulations.

$30,000 Blaze at Waseca.

Waseca, Minn., Dec. 29.—A $30,000 fire which burned out Preston & Stucky, druggists, threatened a principal business block, including the postoffice and the Farmers' National bank.

TUG WRECKED; FOUR DROWNED

Vessel Hits Pier While Trying to Make Harbor During a Gale and Is Cut in Two.

Frankfort, Mich., Dec. 29.—The fifteen-ton fish tug Rhine of Frankfort was wrecked against one of the harbor piers here last night while trying to make the harbor in a strong southwest gale. The little vessel was broken in two and the four men comprising her crew were probably drowned.

The crew consisted of Capt. Henry Hanrath, Julius Dorry, Charles Kibby and Gus Straubel. The loss of the tug was not known until yesterday, when the cabin of the boat was found on the beach.

Capt. Hanrath was the only unmarried man of the crew, the others all leaving widows and children. Although a close patrol of the beach has been kept up all day no bodies have been washed ashore up to a late hour.

PEACE IN VENEZUELA ASSURED.

Policy of the Gomez Administration Is Received With Enthusiasm.

Willemstad, Dec. 29. — Latest advices from Caracas state that the situation throughout Venezuela under the new Gomez administration is excellent. The new president's policy has been directed toward repairing the injustice suffered by the people of the interior, and in establishing harmony with outside powers. This policy has been received with enthusiasm by all parties in Venezuela, and there is a feeling among the people that peace is now assured.

WRIGHT ESCAPES DISASTER.

Discovers Gasoline in Oil Box Just Before Making Ascent.

Lemans, France, Dec. 29.—Just before making a flight Saturday, Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplanist, discovered that some one had filled the oil box of his aeroplane with gasoline. The discovery probably prevented a serious accident. Subsequently Mr. Wright gave a remarkable exhibition in the presence of a large number of spectators, including M. Barthou, the minister of public works.

TRAIN PLUNGES FORTY FEET.

Twelve Passengers Injured in Dash Down Embankment.

Reidsville, Ga., Dec. 29. — On the Georgia Coast & Piedmont railway, near here, an incoming passenger train in rounding a curve on a high embankment jumped the track and rolled down a forty-foot incline into a ditch. The passenger list consisted of twelve persons, all of whom were seriously injured, several receiving broken limbs.

STUDENT MURDERS FAMILY.

Money Demands Refused, Slays Father and Three Sisters.

Mainz, Germany, Dec. 29.—Because his demands for money were not gratified, a young student of astronomy committed a quadruple murder, killing his father, Dr. Racke, a former member of the reichstag, and his three sisters, one of whom was betrother on Christmas eve.

THE MARKETS.

Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Centers.

St. Paul, Dec. 29. — Wheat — No. 1 hard, $1.09 3-4@1.10; No. 1 Northern, $1.08 3-4@1.09; No. 2 Northern, $1.06 3-4@1.07. Corn — No. 2 yellow, 55 1-4@55 1-2c. Oats — No. 3 white, 47 1-4@47 1-2c.

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Duluth, Dec. 29. — Wheat — No. 1 hard, $1.10; No. 1 Northern, $1.09; No. 2 Northern, $1.07. Flax—$1.45 3-4. Oats—No. 3, 48 1-2c.

Chicago, Dec. 29. — Wheat — No. 2 red, $1.03 3-4@1.04 1-2; No. 2 hard, $1.01 3-4@1.03 3-4. Oats—No. 3 white, 48 -12@50c. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 56 1-2 @56 3-4c.

Milwaukee, Dec. 29. — Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.10; No. 2 Northern, $1.07@1.07 1-2. Barley — Standard, 65c.

Chicago, Dec. 29. — Cattle—Beeves, $3.25@7.40; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.60; cows and heifers, $1.50@5.30. Hogs—Bulk, $5.50@5.75. Sheep—Natives, $2.40@4.40; lambs, $3.75@6.00.

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 29. — Cattle—Grass steers, $3.30@6.15; stockers and feeders, $3@4.25; calves and yearlings, $2.40@3.30. Hogs—Range, $5.10@6.65.

South St. Paul, Dec. 29. — Cattle—Grain-fed steers, $4@6.75; cows and heifers, $4@5; veal calves, $3.75@6; good to choice stock steers, $4@4.50. Hogs—Bulk, $5.25@5.40. Sheep — Yearlings, $4.10@4.25; spring lambs, $4.50@5.

Cigarette Sets Off Powder.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 29.—Oscar Herr ignited with a cigarette stump a bottle containing mine powder last night, and he and three companions were probably fatally injured and several others were seriously hurt.

Ready to Invade Servia.

London, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Vienna to the Daily Express says that Austria-Hungary has a force of 155,000 men in Bosnia and Herzegovina, ready to invade Servia at a moment's notice.

CARNAGE RIVALS BLOODY SUNDAY

Five Prisoners Believed to Be Sole Survivors of the Russian Raid.

BATTLE RAGES TWENTY HOURS

Artillery Brought Into Play After Police and Infantry Had Twice Been Driven Back.

Moscow, Dec. 29. — Officers of the Moscow garrison and the crown police are planning punishment for the revolutionaries who Saturday for hours repulsed the joint attack of police and cavalry upon a suburban town with terrible carnage. The assault upon the terrorists' stronghold in the midst of the plotters' meeting marks the bloodiest combat between revolutionaries and the military arm of the czar since the historic "bloody Sunday."

During the twenty hours of fighting Baron Cotte, chief of the czar's secret police, and Col. Muraki of the Cossack cavalry and an unknown number of their host were killed, while many of the terrorists were bayoneted and clubbed to death.

Five wounded revolutionists were taken prisoners. Upon these prisoners will fall the weight of the government's wrath unless the secret service is successful in running down escaped participants, and this is not considered likely.

Terrorists Open Fire.

A meeting of the leaders of the revolutionists was considered the opportune moment for dealing a telling blow against the circulation of seditious propaganda. As the police approached the villa, the barricaded terrorists opened fire, mowing down the uniformed attackers.

The unexpected resistance disconcerted the police who withdrew to await the arrival of military reinforcements. For twenty hours the firing continued and the combined forces of the besiegers was compelled to retire once more. The third advance was made behind requisitioned artillery, which destroyed the building.

The lack of information leads to the belief that the sole survivors of the massacre in the ruined charnel house are five maimed prisoners in the dungeon at Kremlin, awaiting the verdict of a court-martial.

MISTAKEN FOR BEAR; IS SHOT.

Drunken Man in Buffalo Coat Instantly Killed.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Mistaking a drunken man clad in a long buffalo coat for a bear, Thomas Deckmar, a well known farmer, shot and instantly killed Thomas Andrews near Lafayette, Tenn.

A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Two Firemen Injured.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—A fire which caused a loss of $100,000 occurred yesterday in the Occidental hotel building. An explosion in the basement, where a decorating company stores paints and oils, caused the fire. Two firemen were injured. The one hundred guests in the hotel escaped without injury.

Catch Smuggled Chinese.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—Employes of the Southwestern railway yesterday found eleven Chinese in a box car at Duran, N. M. The aliens were taken into custody. The Chinese were plentifully supplied with water and provisions and had been seated in a car billed from Redlands, Cal., to Chicago.

Spread of Trachoma Is Feared.

Valparaiso, Dec. 29. — The steamer Carabella, from Yokohama, is in quarantine at Iquique with trachoma on board. Three of the Chinamen on the vessel made their escape and are in hiding on shore. It is feared that the contagion will spread.

Cattle Disease Among Children.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 29. — Ten cases of what is suspected to be the foot and mouth disease have developed in children of five families in the town of Clarkson, Monroe county, and one of the ten, an infant, has died.

Shoots Sleeping Father.

Hurley, Wis., Dec. 29.—Frank Terrell shot and killed his father when the father was asleep in his room. The murder was committed because the son hated his father, he said.

Thirty Injured in Panic.

London, Dec. 29. — Thirty persons were injured in a panic caused by the cinematograph fire at Stratford, London. The fire did but little damage.

$42,000 School at Wakefield.

Wakefield, Mich., Dec. 29.—A high school to cost $42,000 is to be erected here. The contract has been awarded to an Ashland (Wis.) builder.

Troops Withdrawn.

Stearns, Ky., Dec. 29.—Quiet prevailing last night in Stearns, where on Christmas day miners and United States marshals engaged in a battle fatal to several of them, the Somerset company of state militia was ordered back home. There have been no developments during the day.

Northwest News

EARTH TREMBLES IN MONTANA

Seismic Disturbances in Vicinity of Virginia City Cause Great Alarm.

Virginia City, Mont., Dec. 29. — At 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon this section was shaken by the severest of a series of seismic disturbances that have been going on for more than a week. The electric power and light plant was put out of commission. This plant is located ten miles distant from Virginia City, and as telephonic communication with it has been interrupted, it is impossible at this time to ascertain the extent of the damage done.

Virginia City was in darkness last night and much alarm existed. During the past week Virginia City has experienced more than thirty earthquakes, in which the earth movement was very pronounced. Last Monday two shocks within ten minutes of each other drove the people into the streets panic-stricken, caused cracks in several buildings and dislodged considerable plaster.

Yesterday afternoon's tremor further cracked buildings, threw down plaster and scattered dishes from the shelves and tables.

PLAINTIFFS NUMBER 600.

Water Rights Case Involves Not Less Than $1,500,000.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 29. — Judge Cheadle early next month will hear at Bozeman the largest water rights case ever tried in the United States. The rights in dispute are along the West Gallatin river and include nearly all the famous Gallatin valley.

Water rights probably worth not less than $1,500,000 will be affected by the decision.

About 600 farmers and companies who claim water rights along the river have filed their complaints.

$14,000 GIFT FOR SQUAW.

Aged Indian Is Found to Be Heir to Farm Lands.

Black River Falls, Wis., Dec. 29.—A gift of $14,000 in land was the Christmas present that A. P. Jones, former agent for the Winnebago Indians, has made to a squaw more than eighty years old. Mr. Jones cleared up twenty-five heirship cases while on his visit to Nebraska to pay money due the Winnebagoes in that state. The aged squaw gets clear title to an improved eighty-acre farm and a half interest in 360 acres.

TRIES TO KILL SON-IN-LAW.

Calls Him From His Home and Fires Four Shots, Three Taking Effect.

Waterloo, Iowa, Dec. 29.—Asserting she had discovered the murderer of Patrolman Fred Widmann, who was shot by a burglar last October, Mrs. Will Kelly of Waterloo attempted to kill her son-in-law, Fred Cordell, also of Waterloo. She called him from his home and fired four shots, three of which struck him, but produced only flesh wounds. Mrs. Kelly is under arrest.

GASOLINE TANK EXPLODES.

Marshalltown (Iowa) Blacksmith and His Family Severely Burned.

Marshalltown, Iowa, Dec. 29.—The explosion of the gasoline tank of a brazier's furnace at Union wrecked and almost totally destroyed by fire the home of Matthew Cox, blacksmith, and injured Cox, his wife and five children.

Cox's burns are very serious and may prove fatal. The others' burns are slight.

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SEEKS HORSE RUSTLERS.

Pierre (S. D.) Sheriff Makes Two Arrests in Stanley County.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 29.—Sheriff Huson is rounding up horse rustlers who have been at work in Stanley county, and has arrested Elmer Ziegler and Tom Barnes, claiming the horses were found in the possession of Barnes, who, in turn, claims to have purchased them.

SENTENCES SEVEN TO PRISON.

Fargo Court Sends Five to Penitentiary and Two to Jail.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 24. — Judge Pollock of the state district court handed out some Christmas presents yesterday afternoon in the shape of five penitentiary and two jail sentences.

Edward M. Regan was given four years for robbing Northern Pacific freight cars while acting as brakeman. Milton Longacre, who pleaded guilty to complicity in the same crime, got two years. Other sentences were: John Renouff, wheat thieving, two years; James Smith, highway robbery, two years; James Murray, burglary, one year. Bert Casey and Mrs. Savage, convicted of adultery, got three months in jail.

OPPOSE SANTA ROLE.

Relatives of Aged Wisconsin Man Bring Suit.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 24.—Relatives of Leroy Bell, an aged and prominent resident of Galesville, Wis., have started suit against Grace London for the recovery of property valued at more than $10,000, which they allege has been transferred to the woman by her aged admirer solely because of her winning smiles.

The complaint filed by the man's relatives in La Crosse says that he gave her money and that she established a friend in a saloon business which paid no dividend, and she finally she induced Bell to deed over property in Trempealeau county valued at $10,000.

BURST MAY CAUSE BIG SHAKEUP

Developments on Chicago Great Western Being Watched.

St. Paul, Dec. 24.—President A. B Stickney and Receiver C. H. F. Smith of the Chicago Great Western are expected back to-day having spent yesday in Chicago on their return from St. Louis, where proceedings were taken Monday whereby Horace G. Burt succeeded Mr. Stickney as receiver of the road.

With Mr. Burt in the saddle, evidently put there by English stockholders to become udtimately the president of the road, rumor has it that there are going to be some changes in the management of the road. It is claimed that there is going to be a new regime and the abandonment of some methods, which have been rigidly adhered to by those who have been in control for years.

$1,000,000 BANK FOR MILL CITY.

State Bankers Meet and Decide on Enormous Capital.

Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—A new state bank, with a capital of $1,000,000, will be organized in Minneapolis shortly as a result of a meeting of a large number of state bankers of Minnesota at the West hotel here yesterday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by C. D. Griffith of Sleepy Eye, and nearly every one of the 616 state banks in the state was represented.

The proposition of organization met with the unanimous approval of nearly every banker present, representing bankers of Minnesota and the western part of Wisconsin. About fifty men were in attendance.

THIEVES STEAL HORSE.

Farmer Starts in Pursuit but Is Delayed by Injury to Wife.

Barnesville, Minn., Dec. 24.—Early yesterday morning John Allen, a farmer living just outside of the city limits, heard a commotion in his barn and on going out found some parties stealing his horses. They managed to get one horse out of the barn, and mounting it rode rapidly away.

Allen called to his wife to bring the lantern, and in doing so she slipped and broke her shoulder bone. After securing medical aid for his wife Allen pursued the thieves, but thus far has not captured them.

MENTON RAIDED BY FIRE DEMON.

Flames Destroy Six Buildings in a Village Near Crookston.

Crookston, Minn., Dec. 24.—Fire destroyed the general store of V. Weidecamper, the hardware store of A. Coffey, the feed store of Jens Olson, a barber shop, a warehouse and a dwelling at Menton, in this county, last night.

The loss sustained will be about $20,000, with insurance about $10,000. The fire started in the clothing department of the general store.

Killed by Automobile.

Waterloo, Iowa, Dec. 24.—Crushed under the automobile which she was operating, an electric runabout, Mrs. Courtright, wife of Former State Senator O. B. Courtright, received fatal injuries.

Share It Equally.

"Yes," said the fellow with the bald brow, "it's certainly true that if a man has no respect for himself nobody else will have much respect for him."

"But it's equally true," replied the teen one, "that if he has too much nobody else will have any."—Catholic Standard and Times.

A March Miracle.

Now all the world is festive green,
Yet spring is slow.
Unto St. Patrick's day, I ween,
The feat we owe.

Perhaps.

"Why did George Washington own up to chopping the cherry tree?"

"Perhaps," replied the Western lawyer, "his judicial mind enabled him to foresee the reluctance that has been developed about putting any faith in confessions."—Washington Star.

Careless Effects.

"Do you go to Paris for your styles?"

"I have hitherto," answered the fashionable milliner, "but this season I am getting fine results by studying the ash-barrels in our alley."

IN THE SCANDINAVIAN NORTH

Gleanings of Important News of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, with Occasional Comments.

By MARTIN W. ODLAND.

NORWAY.

The largest dairying company in Norway is at Stavanger, where three large concerns have recently been consolidated. In 1907 these concerns handled 8,000,000 liters of milk.

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Emperor William of Germany, has ordered the interior wood-work for a hall in his palace from Ole M. Olson of Bergen, who is one of the most skillful carpenters of that city. The emperor saw specimens of Olson's work while in Bergen last summer and was so well pleased with it that he placed the order in question.

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Some time ago the postal department of Norway conceived the idea of reducing the postage on letters between Norway and the United States to what it is within each country, and accordingly began negotiations with the postmaster general of the United States in reference to the matter. But the reply of the postmaster general was adverse to the reduction, and, for the present at least, the idea of making the change has been abandoned.

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I have stated more than once, in these columns, that the crusade against liquor has made great progress in Norway and Sweden. On account of this, Norway has imported less and less wine from France and Spain, a fact which has been noticed in those wine producing countries with anything but satisfaction. Indeed, so nettled have the business interests of those nations become, that they threaten to discontinue trade relations with Norway. It is reported that already, by way of retaliation for the slight to French wine, the bank of Norway has been refused a loan of 20,000,000 crowns at Paris. Should France and Spain make good their threat, the effect on Norway's fish and wood industries would be serious.

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Michael Alger writes as follows about the "horseless age" in Norway:

The natural conditions of Norway would not exactly tend to make Norway a great market for motor cars. Nevertheless the automobile has arrived, and it looks as if it is going to be a stayer. While there can hardly be said to be a great number of automobiles in the country as yet, about 150 to 200, perhaps, new ones are added to the list with short intervals. The cab horse is likely to be looking for a new job mighty soon, at least in this city. About ten autocabs are now in regular service, with separate stands, and charging the same rates as the old-fashioned cabby, and the public is not slow in taking advantage of the superior mode of transportation thus offered.

Apropos transportation, the new Norwegian steamship line to New York is still a topic of much interest, but so far no reliable details can be obtained, although it is said that the agreement with the Danish and Swedish lines goes into effect Jan. 1, 1909.

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SWEDEN.

The receipts of the state telegraph system during the past year were over $3,000,000.

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Carl P. Osterberg, whose death occurred recently, has left a donation of $2,700 to the children's hospital at Malmo.

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The annual festival of the Swedish Academy will be celebrated the 20th of December. The event occurs in the large hall in the bank building in Stockholm.

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The government receives the sum of $6,750 per year for the privilege of serving meals on state owned railroads, this privilege being let to private parties.

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The Baptists are about to erect a monument in Landa parish, in Holland, where the sect had its origin in this country. The funds for the monument are secured by popular subscription.

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Dr. Sven Hedin, the noted explorer, has reached Shanghai, on his return from his two years explorations in Thibet. He was given an enthusiastic reception upon his arrival and the five days spent in the city were busy ones for him.

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The exports from Sweden to Argentine Republic have been increasing of late years, and business relations between the two countries are of the best. The articles exported are lumber, paper, safety matches, and manufactured articles, for all of which there is a brisk demand.

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Capt. Anderson and crew of the Swedish steamer "Helene Lohden" were recently rewarded at West Hartlepool, England, for heroic service in saving the crew of the English schooner "Sam Weller," shipwrecked in Bristol channel last October. The medals and gifts were distributed with appropriate addresses. Capt. Anderson was given a handsome silver loving cup, with inscription, and in expressing his thanks he said he only did what any other seaman would have done under the circumstances.

It has been found that the income of the late E. Summerdahl, a wealthy wholesale dealer of Stockholm, has for many years been taxed too little, and the authorities have decided to levy a back tax for the years 1903 to 1907 of 30,000 crowns per year. The tax for last year which was not paid has been placed at 200,000 crowns. The heirs are inclined to contest the levy and have offered to settle at a greatly reduced figure.

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The new organ of the Hedwig Eleonora church in Stockholm, built by the P. L. Akerman & Lund company, has recently been tested and accepted, the committee finding it perfect in every detail. The organ is one of thirty-seven pipes, and has three manuals and pedal key boards, with all modern improvements. It contains one set of pipes, the Chor Anglais, which no other organ in Stockholm has, and is in all respects a fine instrument.

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There has been considerable in the Swedish press of late, about the "waterfall trust." In a recent issue of a Stockholm paper, Prof. Richert attempts to clear up the public understanding of the question by stating that no such trust is contemplated. He states that the movement which gave rise to this idea was simply the suggestion that a national association be formed to make possible uniform and just procedure in the granting of franchises for water power rights, and the better regulation of the use of the rivers and lakes. Prof. Richert's explanation of the matter has met with both criticism and approval, and it is safe to say that the question of the formation of such an association will be pretty thoroughly discussed.

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The leaders in the movement that was started something over a year ago to induce Swedes in America to return to their native land, are not entirely discouraged by their lack of success. So far their labors along this line have shown but little result. Many of those who returned to Sweden to settle soon tired of the cramped conditions and have again returned to America, and at the best, only a small number were induced to take up their residence in Sweden in spite of the active work of the committee. The latest move is to interest the Swedish-American press in encouraging Swedish culture in America, and the keeping up of Swedish traditions, in the hopes that such a course will foster a love for the old country that shall eventually lead to the return of many. But in the meantime, the holiday excursions to Sweden are larger than ever, and it is noticeable that the visitors never return to America alone, but are accompanied by others who seek opportunities for bettering themselves in America. The problem of staying the emigration is a difficult one, and as yet Minister Lagercrantz and his associates have not solved the question.

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DENMARK.

The federation of women have succeeded in gaining admission for young ladies as students in the school of technology at Oersted Park, Copenhagen. Hitherto only young men have been given instruction.

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A very interesting dispatch from Copenhagen reads:

An official document issued at the ministry of justice announces a vacancy for the post of public executioner.

Although capital punishment was never abolished in Denmark, it had fallen into disguise, the crown always availing itself of the perogative of commuting the sentence. Within recent years, however, the increase of crime has been so remarkable that the minister of justice deems it prudent to revive the penalty.

The late hangman, who grew old in the service, resigned as soon as he was informed that he might soon be called on to exercise his profession. The salary is $300 a year, with a premium of $10 for every execution.

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At last! The case against Rev. Bjerre has been decided. The special court, which has been grappling with this far-famed controversy for over a year, has found Rev. Bjerre guilty of conduct improper for a minister, and has sentenced him to pay a fine of 400 crowns to the fund for the poor in Soro, his home. The court does not decree that he must retire from the ministry, nor does it cut off his life pension; indeed, it holds that, had he occupied a civil position, his conduct would not have been deemed improper—at least not so improper as to call for punishment.

The charge against Rev. Bjerre is that he acted immodestly in the presence of certain women, particularly in the presence of the wife of a Soro editor, who proceeded against him. Only a few days prior to the accusation, Rev. Bjerre was designated as a member of the landsting by King Frederick, who reposed great confidence in him. On account of his prominence and his close relations with the king, the charge against Rev. Bjerre created national interest, and the people have kept close watch of the trial.