

CURATOR OF D. A. R. PILFERED FUNDS FOR MANY YEARS

Confesses That She Has Rifled Mails of The Organization of Small Sums WILL BEAR THE LOSS AND NOT PROSECUTE

Miss McClay Was One of The Most Popular Members & Held Office 14 Years

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—There was consternation in D. A. R. circles here when it was learned that Miss Sarah B. Maclay, one of the most prominent and respected members of the organization, for fourteen years the curator of the society, had confessed that for years past she had been systematically robbing the organization. The confession was made to Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, the president-general of the organization, in the presence of Mrs. Mabel G. Swornsted, the corresponding secretary-general, and two postoffice inspectors.

GREAT LAKES TAKE TOLL OF FIFTY EIGHT LIVES IN SPACE OF ONE WEEK

Has Been Disastrous Year on Shipping with Loss of 121 Lives LAKE HURON EXEMPT

DETROIT, Dec. 12.—With the practical certainty that the men of the steamer Clarion and the ferry Marquette and Bessemer No. 2, have gone to their doom, the toll of death taken by wind and wave since the official close of navigation on the great lakes one week ago, falls but five short of the official season's total. Sixty three men was the count up to last Saturday. This week's death list, fifty-two on Lake Erie and six on Lake Superior—already is fifty-eight and when the final reckoning is made of those whose terrible fight for life in the icy waters of the inland seas brought broken and frost-bitten limbs and bodies, the number may be made to exceed the casualties of the entire season of legitimate navigation.

This total of 121 men lives lost in 1909 is not far from four times the total of last year, when thirty-three men found watery graves as the result of storm and stress.

STRIKE STILL ON. ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 12.—There was little change today in the switchmen's strike situation. The railroads say they are moving freight satisfactorily and are steadily improving the service while the strikers dispute this assertion.

BREACH IN CHURCH OF SCIENTISTS IS GROWING WIDER

Mrs. Stetson's Sister Resigns From First Church And Mother Church Also PRACTITIONERS CONTINUE HEALING

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Through disclosures made last night it became known that the dissension in the First Church of Christ, Scientist, thought to have been ended when Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson was excommunicated by the Boston officials, still exists, and has reached a state so serious that the intervention of the Boston officials may be again necessary.

Discovery yesterday that Mrs. Stella Stimpson, sister of Mrs. Stetson, has gone abroad and that after leaving this city she resigned by wireless not only from the First Church, in which her sister had been the dominant figure, but from the Mother Church in Boston, was followed by other revelations which seem to show that the hope of reconciling the followers of Mrs. Stetson with the officials of the Christian Science has lessened.

CORPORATIONS MAY AS WELL GET READY TO PAY THEIR NEW TAXES

Secretary of the Treasury Sends Out Instructions as to How to Report EXPLAINS REPORTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—More than 400,000 corporations in the United States will have to make their returns in conformance with the new corporation tax. Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh has issued a very comprehensive statement for the government of those corporation officials. The statement is calculated to cover any questions of classification and distinction which might arise in the making of the reports, and it sets forth in terse language what the government expects.

Secretary MacVeagh's statement plainly begins with the statement that the government expects returns to be made to conform with the intent of the law and that the law had two intents—first that it should be a revenue producer for the government and second to levy a tax of one per cent. on the net income of corporations as provided in the law. After a concise definition of what is considered net income with the law the statement says:

"It is clear that the purpose of the law was not to put a tax on receipts, but a tax on profits and that the terms 'net income' and 'gross income' are used because while they are practically identical with gross profits and net profits, they are yet more embracing and consequently permit a more comprehensive administration of the law."

LEFT FOUNDERED BOAT ONLY TO DIE OF GOLD IN YAWL

Nine Bodies Found Frozen Stiff In Waterlogged Boat on Lake Erie TENTH IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE DROWNED

ERIE, Penna., Dec. 12.—With her flag at half mast, the state fisheries boat Commodore Perry, Captain Jerry Driscoll commanding, brought to this port late today the dead and frozen bodies of nine of the crew of the Bessemer and Marquette ferry No. 2 which left Conneaut, Ohio, Tuesday morning, carrying thirty-two men and which probably foundered in the middle of Lake Erie. For the past forty-eight hours the Commodore Perry has been scouring the waters of eastern Lake Erie for the traces of the car ferry, but until a tiny ten man yawl was sighted fifteen miles off this port at 11 o'clock today had almost given up hope of being able to ever tell a portion of the story of the fate of the big car ferry.

As the Perry came abreast of the drifting and half water-logged yawl the men gathered at the side of the fish boat, saw that they had arrived too late. The nine occupants of the boat, which was marked "Bessemer and Marquette No. 2," were frozen stiff in death. Taking the yawl in tow the Perry made all steam for this port, arriving here late today. All police reserves were called out and ambulances lined the wharves as the Perry docked.

PRISONS OF MANAGUA FULL OF PRISONERS STARVING TO DEATH

Zelaya Orders Catholic Society to Cease giving them Food to Eat REIGN OF TERROR

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 12.—It is learned from an authoritative source that a reign of terror is being maintained in Managua and that not less than five hundred persons identified with political affairs are in chains in the prisons. A Catholic society has been ordered to cease sending food to the prisoners, and these are in a fair way to starve to death as they are allowed only two cents a day for food. Corporal punishment is meted out daily to various alleged offenders. Zelaya, in order to create an impression that the sentiment of the people of Managua is hostile to America and Americans, recently ordered Amelio Estrada, a prominent liberal and brother of the revolutionist, to organize a demonstration against that country and people, but he refused to do, and Zelaya had him arraigned on a fictitious charge.

Further authoritative despatches received here state that five hundred of Zelaya's forces have been entrenched for the purpose of preventing the American marines from passing over the bridge into Coyote. Scouting parties are out in every direction to determine the objective point of General Vasquez, who has asked for two days' extension of the truce to enable him to communicate with Zelaya. As General Vasquez is in possession of a telephone system over which probably ten minutes would suffice to transact his business with Zelaya, this request is regarded with suspicion, and it has been refused.

OUTWARDLY CALM. MANAGUA, Dec. 12.—Outwardly Managua is peaceful. There have been no military preparations, and the people appear unconcerned. Band concerts are given daily on the plaza and to all intents conditions are as they were before the United States delivered its final word to Zelaya.

ZELAYA WILL QUIT IF HE CAN GET OUT OF COUNTRY WITH LOOT AND "HONOR"

With Little Band of Conspirators Has Systematically Robbed Nicaragua for Sixteen Years. Prefers to be Forced out Now Rather Than be Deposed by Revolutionists of His Own Country.



PANAMA, Dec. 12.—It is the opinion of Panamanians that President Zelaya of Nicaragua is riding for a fall, that he is deliberately working to bring about intervention by the United States, having chosen this form of humiliation in preference to the greater one of suffering defeat at the hands of revolutionists.

When the originators of the system found themselves threatened they promptly surrendered—all save one. This one turned revolutionist, with the result that an army of several thousand men was soon in the field at Bluefields and the entire eastern coast of Nicaragua conquered.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 12.—Late today a shabbily-dressed stranger giving his name as Sinking, appeared at the home of eight-year-old Alma Kellner, whom the police believe to have been kidnapped last Wednesday, declaring he could produce the little girl. Pressed for details by the mother, Mrs. F. L. Kellner, the man becoming frightened, made a hasty exit and is now being pursued by police and detectives.

OFFERED TO PRODUCE LITTLE KIDNAPPED GIRL

Stranger Visits Mother but escapes When She Makes Terms

Every rumor, save this one, has been followed to a fruitless end by the police. Rumors of differences between the mother and father over the education of the child, led to a conference between Mr. Kellner and Mrs. Kellner, however, and they assured the mayor that no family differences had anything to do with the disappearance of the child. With the elimination of these rumors the officers are forced to admit that the circumstances leading up to the disappearance of Alma Kellner, are as much of a mystery tonight as at any time since she left home Wednesday morning.



WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Forecast North Carolina: Rain Monday, Tuesday fair in west, clearing in east portion; colder; brisk east winds Monday.

GALE DRIVES BLERIOT'S MACHINE AGAINST HOUSE

Aviator is Thrown to Earth and Sustains Severe Injuries

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 12.—M. Bleriot, the French aviator, whose flight across the English channel was one of the most remarkable achievements of the year and who has had more narrow escapes from death than any other aviator, met with another serious accident here today. He was giving an exhibition in the presence of an immense crowd when his aeroplane collided with a house. The force of the impact turned the machine completely over and it fell to the ground. He was injured on the left side and it is feared internally hurt. His machine was wrecked.

INSURGENTS MEET TO AMEND CANNON'S RULES

Cannot Get Together on Any Other Proposition and will Not Try To

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Nineteen "insurgent" republican congressmen met tonight in the room of Representative Hubbard in the house office building and for three hours discussed ways and means of forwarding the fight begun at the extra session against the house rules. The participants refused to admit that any other propositions than the one to amend the "Cannon rules" were considered. The net result of the meeting was the appointment of two committees of five members each. One committee was to map out a plan of action regarding further procedure and presumably to sound out the democratic minority on a joint program, and the other was to take care of the subject of publicity.

FRENCH AVIATORS ARE COMING OVER

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, accompanied by his wife, two pilots, Masson and Mispard, who recently distinguished themselves at Pau and four mechanics, will sail for the United States, December 18th, with two Bleriot cross channel machines and two of the latest type of Farman machines.

LEOPOLD OF BELGIUM IS IN GRAVE CONDITION

Suffers Relapse and Physicians Announce he is Suffering of Dropsy

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HALF MILLION FIRE

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 12.—Fire today destroyed the plant of the Racine Manufacturing company, entailing \$600,000 damage partly covered by insurance.

CONGRESS MAY DO SOME BUSINESS BEFORE HOLIDAYS

Tawney And Payne Insist That Appropriation Bills Must be Taken up OPPOSING FACTIONS IN THE LOWER HOUSE One Desires That no General Legislation be Attempted at Th's Session

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Appropriation legislation will be undertaken by congress before adjournment for the holidays. There has been a general opposition that all measures of any character would be postponed until after the first of January. Chairman Tawney of the committee on appropriations, has upset this scheme by declaring that an appropriation bill could be prepared and passed before the Christmas adjournment as easily as not.

Mr. Tawney has found a ready second in Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee and the two putting their heads together have arranged a program which will insure the passage of the district of Columbia appropriation bill and possibly the army bill before the departure of the solons for their homes. "They must earn their turkey before they eat it," said Mr. Tawney when reminded of the anxiety of some of the members of both houses to get away next Saturday.

Opposing Elements. The determination immediately to begin work on the supply measures is an indication of the program of the leaders of the present congress. They are going to have the appropriation bills passed at as early date as possible. This plan is independent of all other legislative schemes.

There are two elements in congress. One favors extensive general legislation. The other takes the position that in view of the fact that a general tariff bill was passed in the long extra session of the spring and summer, congress should be content to do very little more during the present session than pass the appropriation bills. The latter faction take the position that in recent years there has been too much legislation rather than too little. They say that the country needs and wants a rest.

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