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FIERCE POLITICAL FIGHT IN N. Y. NEARLY NEARING CLOSE

Record-Breaking Vote Being Cast To-day in New York State. Excitement Intense. Many Persons Arrested on Charge of Elections Frauds.

Both Sides are Confident. General Resume of Election in all Parts of United States. Democracy Making Big Gains in Various Parts.

By Associated Press.
New York, Nov. 6.—Weather conditions which could not be improved together with an unusual interest in the contest between Charles E. Hughes and William Randolph Hearst, leading candidates for governor brought out an unprecedentedly large early vote in all sections of the state. Advises from the widely scattered districts told, almost without exception of the flood of ballots during the morning hours and in many places nearly a full vote had been polled by noon.

New York City was no exception and except in scattered districts the noon voting was remarkably heavy.

In Brooklyn, where Patrick H. McCarran, Democratic leader, has been making a determined and open fight against William Randolph Hearst, there were indications that the regular Democratic voters were holding back early in the day. Whether this was due to "timidity" or because in many of the Brooklyn manufacturing establishments, the employees are given the afternoon rather than the morning for voting, is not known.

The fine weather which favored the voters seemed to please all the party leaders. Hughes' managers called it "good Republican weather" and declared that every hour made the prospect of their candidate more bright. On the other hand Hearst managers professed to be fully as well satisfied as the Republicans. They were sure that the farmer vote would help their cause, they said, and both candidates were claiming the victory by approximately 200,000 plurality each.

One of the features of the election was the extreme vigilance of the watchers at a thousand polling places throughout the state.

New York, Nov. 6.—Exceptionally favorable weather conditions are reported for early hours. Record-breaking activity on the part of the leading candidates for gubernatorial honors, seems to insure an unusually large vote.

In this city the balloting started with a rush as soon as the polls opened and in many sections new records for early hours were made.

John D. Rockefeller was among the early voters. He reached the polling place in Sixth avenue at 8:20 o'clock and deposited his ballot two minutes later.

"What do you think of the election?" he was asked, as he was leaving the polling place.

"I hope for the best," replied Mr. Rockefeller, as he stepped into his automobile and was whirled away.

Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for governor, voted shortly before eight o'clock in an Amsterdam avenue barber shop. Mr. Hughes walked down from his home in West End avenue. He was greeted with a cheer as he approached the polling place.

Sixty arrests on charges of illegal voting and registration, and offering and accepting money for votes, were reported at the office of State Superintendent of elections during the first two hours after the polls opened.

This is the greatest number of arrests reported in so short a time since the bureau was established.

W. R. Hearst sent the following telegram early today to State committee of the Independent League:

"We will have at least 200,000 plurality in Greater New York. I feel that our chances up the State are very bright, thanks to your efforts and the efforts of our friends."

"There is only one possible danger and that is, that an attempt may be made to count us out up State, as they counted us out in the city last fall. I urge you to take extraordinary precaution to prevent repeating, and particularly miscounting."

"I thank you for your valuable aid in this campaign and I congratulate you on the victory that I firmly believe we will achieve."

Despatches from cities and towns up State indicate that a large vote is being polled. Everywhere weather is favorable and country roads are in good condition. In all industrial centers the early morning vote was unusually heavy.

Heavy Vote Polled.

As the forenoon wore on the balloting throughout the city continued with unabated strength. This was particularly noticeable in the so-called "silk-stockings" neighborhood.

In the thirteenth election district of the 29th assembly district 201 out of a total registration of 547 had been polled by 9 o'clock. Reports from 15 election districts in the 16th, 18th, 27th and 29th assembly districts, covering Park, Madison, Fifth and Lexington avenues to the east and south of Central Park, showed that about one-third

of the total vote had been cast before 9 o'clock.

A general canvass of the 12th assembly district, Charles F. Murphy's district, showed that nearly one-half of the total registered vote had been cast before 9 o'clock.

Labor Stands for Hearst.

The headquarters of the Independent League issued a statement that the reports received from State Committee A. G. Meyers, "indicate that fraud is rampant in Herkimer county. Warrants are now being procured and all persons illegally registered will be promptly arrested."

Another statement from the League headquarters said:

"Early reports received from the Independent League state the committee in the great up-State manufacturing centers indicate enormous early morning vote, which is believed to be for Hearst."

"Every report thus far received, gives indication that labor is standing solidly behind Hearst."

In the great manufacturing centers of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Albany, Watertown, Ogdensburg and Oswego an enormous labor vote was cast early. Every indication points to this vote being cast almost spidily for Hearst.

Many Persons Arrested.

That party watchers and election officials are extremely vigilant this year was evident from the moment the polls opened.

In the borough of Manhattan 115 arrests had been reported up to 9:30 o'clock. A remarkable feature of these incidents was the unusual number of members of well known and wealthy families who were arrested and forced to prove their residence in court before being permitted to deposit their ballots.

Where Hearst Voted.

"I am making no prophecies," said Mr. Hughes, after voting today. "I am content to wait until the vote is counted. I am indeed thankful that the strain of the campaign is over. It has been a most strenuous one."

William R. Hearst voted just before 1 o'clock at an undertaker's shop in East Twenty-ninth street. On the way to the polling place Hearst was repeatedly cheered. He shook hands with several children and on his way back to his home greeted a good many people.

At Raleigh, N. C.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., November 6.—Election day dawned here bright and balmy as the most ardent worker could wish. It is just cold enough to keep workers about the polls up to their best efforts.

Voting was brisk for some time, however there was not the eagerness to vote manifested that had been hoped for.

At 2 o'clock considerable numbers of the registered vote is polled. The smallest vote in years is predicted here. No news received here at State Democratic headquarters. State Chairman Simmons returned today.

At Richmond, Va.

By Associated Press.

Richmond, Nov. 6.—The weather here is ideal, with bright sunshine and a slight wind. Indications point to a vote being cast throughout the state of 75 per cent of the registration.

At Philadelphia.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Nov. 6.—Reports from all parts of the state indicate a heavy vote. Local fights have stimulated the interest, and it is believed the total vote that will be cast will nearly reach that polled in the last presidential election.

Democrats are Sure.

By Associated Press.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 6.—Indications point to a light vote and the success of the entire Democratic State and Congressional ticket. A fight on Burnett in the Seventh is being made by a Republican candidate. The weather is fair.

The Situation at Raleigh.

By Associated Press.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 6.—Ideal temperature prevailed today. No great interest is manifested and the indications are for a comparatively light vote.

At Louisville, Ky.

By Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 6.—The beautiful weather brought out a large, early vote in Louisville. Interest in the senatorial, gubernatorial and congressional races is intense.

At Nashville, Tenn.

By Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 6.—The weather here is fair, but interest in the election is slight. Reports from the State indicate a small vote.

At Atlanta, Ga.

By Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 6.—The weather here is clear and warm, but the prospects of a heavy vote in Atlanta and throughout the State are small.

At New Orleans.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Nov. 6.—Election day in New Orleans brought an overcast sky with indications of rain. Only a very small early vote was polled.

At Charleston, S. C.

By Associated Press.

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 6.—Fair and warm weather marked the opening of election day. In the absence of reports there was no general interest in the voting.

At Jackson, Miss.

By Associated Press.

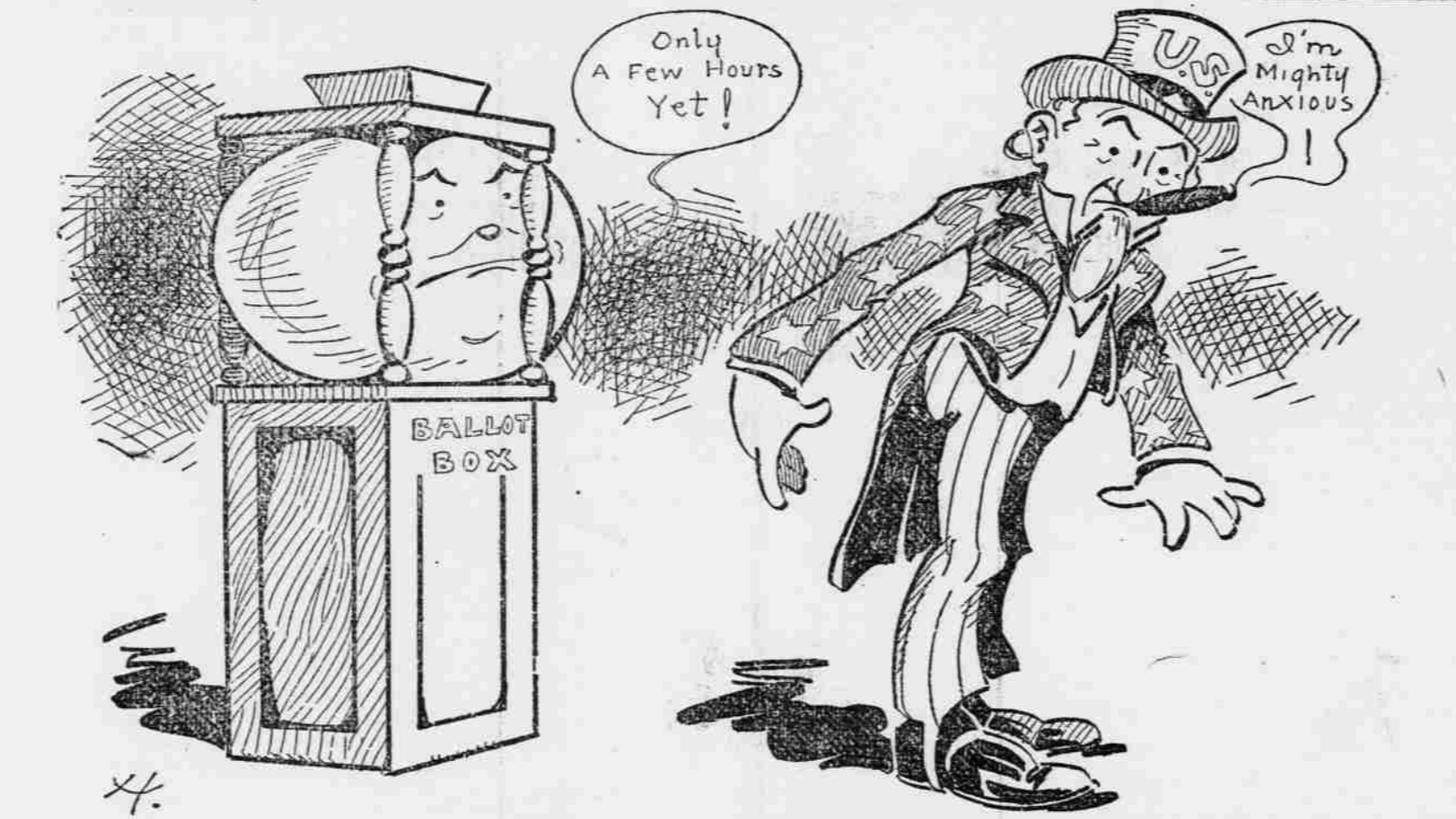
Jackson, Miss., Nov. 6.—The weather is fine, but little interest is being taken in the election and not a third of the vote will be cast in Jackson. The vote over the entire State will be light.

At Dallas, Texas.

Dallas, Texas, Nov. 6.—A large vote is not expected to be polled. The weather is fine. Republican workers are active in the cities.

200 Persons Arrested.

Up to 1 o'clock 200 arrests on the



THE NEWS WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL BULLETINS BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, THE BULLETIN SERVICE OF THE WESETERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY, AND LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE MESSAGES TO-NIGHT UP TO THE LAST HOUR WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED FROM THE FRONT OF THE OFFICE. THESE THREE SERVICES ARE UNEQUALED AND THE NEWS TAKES PLEASURE IN GIVING ITS PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC THE INFORMATION THUS RECEIVED.

MAN REPORTED DEAD FATALLY HURT HERE

T. H. Johnson, who was Reported Drowned in Savannah River Last Summer, was Run Over and Fatally Injured Here Last Night.

A somewhat sensational tragedy occurred in the Southern railway yards shortly after midnight last night, when T. H. Johnson, reported drowned in the Savannah river last summer, turned up hurt under circumstances of a tragic nature.

Last night one of the Southern's engines was engaged in shifting cars near the cemetery, when one of the trainmen heard groans as of someone in great pain, somewhat in the dark along the tracks.

A lantern was brought into use, and the man soon located.

He was found lying with his legs crushed and torn in a frightful manner.

The news was telephoned up town, the ambulance was soon on the scene, and the injured man was brought to the Presbyterian hospital where his condition was quickly seen to be very grave.

It was discovered that the injured man was T. H. Johnson and today it was further learned that he is the same man who was reported to have been drowned in the Savannah river near Savannah last summer.

Today Johnson's family have been to the hospital to see him, and he has been fully identified as the man who was said to have disappeared near Savannah last summer.

Today the injured limbs were amputated, and while there is a fighting chance for the victim of the accident of last night, it is hardly possible that he will recover.

At the hospital every effort is being made to save the life of the unfortunate man, and he is receiving the best of attention.

The tragic manner in which he has become known to his people after it was reported that he was dead, has caused a little comment and expressions of sympathy for the family of Johnson.

EYE OF FRANCE ON NEW YORK.

Except in Presidential Election No Election Has Ever Attracted Such Attention as New York Contest.

Paris, Nov. 6.—Never before except in a Presidential contest, has an election in the United States attracted as much attention as the electoral struggle ending today.

The French newspapers are filled with accounts of the canvass of the candidates and the issues and result of the balloting in New York State is awaited with a great interest.

FARMERS ATTACK FLEEING ROBBERS

Robbers who Secured \$7,000 from Farmers Bank Make Desperate Flight of 40 Miles Hotly Pursued by Posse. Farmers Attacked Them.

By Bell Long-Distance Phone.

Ottawa, Illinois, Nov. 6.—The two robbers who secured \$7,000 from the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Ladd, made their escape last night after an exciting chase of over 40 miles and after numerous fights with farmers who attempted to intercept them.

After robbing the bank the robbers drove to Peru and at the point of their revolvers compelled a Hiveryman to furnish a buggy and fresh horses.

They passed through La Salle and then the pursuit began.

The robbers drove through four county towns, Hippias, and a posse, armed with rifles in close pursuit.

Farmers were compelled to furnish the robbers with fresh horses.

In Wallace township there was a lively exchange of shots but the robbers took to the cornfields and securing new teams escaped to Sheridan where they abandoned their horses.

Mr. Henderson will have the robbing train, presumably for Chicago.

DR. MATTHEWS DEAD.

Committed Suicide in Baltimore Yesterday—The End of a Terrible Tragedy.

Special to The News.

Greensboro, Nov. 6.—With twenty years' imprisonment confronting him and overwhelmed with the remorse and shame that have followed him for the last eleven months, Dr. Joseph B. Matthews, convicted of the murder of his wife, committed suicide in Baltimore yesterday. Thus the final act of an interesting tragedy, like the first, is written in blood.

T. W. CRIDLER NAMED.

Is Named as Commissioner of the Jamestown Exposition for England and France.

Paris, France, Nov. 6.—Charles W. Kohlsaat, special commissioner of the Jamestown Exposition, has designated Thomas W. Cridler, ex-third assistant to the Secretary of State and who was commissioner of the United States to the Paris Exposition, to be commissioner of the Jamestown Exposition for England and France.

Mr. Kohlsaat is now at Marseilles arranging to transfer some of the colonial exhibits from the exposition there to Jamestown.

TENTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC.

Crawford to Win in Tenth by Eight or Nine Hundred—Robert's Big Vote—Democracy Will Win Through.

By Bell Telephone.

Asheville, Nov. 6.—The election is passing off very quietly here today, though a large vote is being polled. Reports from other towns in this section also indicate that a big vote is being cast. At this time it seems assured that Crawford will win in the Tenth Congressional District by at least 900 majority over his opponent, Mr. Britt.

Mr. Roberts, for solicitor, will be elected by possibly 1,500 majority, and Mr. Webb, the senatorial candidate in this district, is leading the ticket.

SITUATION IN ROWAN.

Hackett Will Carry County by at Least 1,300—His Election Now Seems Certain.

By Bell Telephone.

Salisbury, Nov. 6.—A heavy vote is being cast here. The county Democratic ticket is being scratched some, there being some opposition to the candidate for sheriff, J. H. Krider, it being claimed by some that he was responsible for the shooting of Engineer McLelland at the fall here on the night of the lynching. Hackett's majority in this county will not be less than 1,200, probably more.

This lead here would seem to assure his election.

BIG WHEEL BURSTS.

Gigantic Wheel Weighing 80 Tons Burst, Scattering Heavy Metal in All Directions.

By Associated Press.

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 6.—A 30-foot fly-wheel, weighing 80 tons, of the Whitaker Iron Works burst, scattering heavy metal in all directions.

A great section of the roof of the mill was blown off, heavy pieces flying 500 feet against the neighboring hills and on the hill side while the floor of the engine room was driven through the ground.

Fortunately the workmen had sufficient warning to make their escape.

ALEXANDER SENTENCED.

Thomas W. Alexander Gets Sentence of Six Years.

By Associated Press.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 6.—Thomas W. Alexander, formerly a wealthy cotton factor and prominent clubman who was arrested at Pittsburg, September 15, after having fled from this city July 8, leaving debts amounting to \$200,000 today pleaded guilty to an indictment charging embezzlement and was sentenced to six years imprisonment.

THE CASTELLANE DIVORCE.

Sensational Developments Expected at Hearing of Noted Case Tomorrow.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Nov. 6.—Sensational developments are anticipated at the hearing of the Castellane divorce suit tomorrow.

Convicted that all hope of reconciliation has gone forever it apparently is the intention of the Count's attorneys to open a vicious attack on the Countess' witnesses. The hearing tomorrow will be private.

Helen Gould is here, giving support and comfort to her sister during the painful ordeal.

WASHINGTON COMPANY CHARTERED.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Nov. 6.—A charter was issued for the Dixie Agricultural Co. of Washington, N. C., for the manufacture and sale of all kinds of farming implements. The capital is \$50,000 authorized. The incorporators are W. P. Baughman and J. B. Fishback and others.

REV. L. R. PRUETT OF THE NINTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, WENT TO ROCK HILL YESTERDAY TO HOLD PROTRACTED SERVICES IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT THAT PLACE.

ELECTION LOCALLY SO FAR SHOWS BIG DEMOCRATIC VOTE

The High Water-Mark Attained in Days Past by Democracy will Not be Lowered by Mecklenburg at Present Election from Present Indications.

Bond Issue Stands in Danger Because of Lightness of Vote, Reports from County Indicate Small Vote Also. Republican's Make Poor Showing.

The election locally was entirely quiet without any reported disorders of any nature. The polls opened at sunrise to close at 5:28, at the sun's setting. The vote in the early part of the morning was fairly heavy with a slight falling off as the day advanced. What per cent of the registered vote of the county will be cast today is hard to estimate at this hour.

From information obtainable at the hour of going to press, the Democratic victory is sweeping. The high tide which Mecklenburg Democracy has reached in days gone will not be lowered at the polls of 1906. It appears, in fact, that the Republican forces have materially weakened at the last moment and that vote will fall notably short of their calculations.

Chairman Bell states that everything is moving along in splendid shape. The vote is not as heavy as was wished for and expected. It seems in peril for this reason. It requires a majority of the registered vote of the county to pass the measure and it is doubtful whether a majority will vote today. The issue stands, consequently in peril from two sides, every vote not cast counting just as much as one directly cast against it.

Reports from the county indicate that the vote there is also light. The farmers are in the busiest part of the season and it requires more than ordinary interest to attract them away from the fields. The county will roll up its usual high majority on the Democratic side.

At the polls today the leaders of both parties were present working out the prospects for the candidate favored. Loyal Democrats are standing by Chairman Bell and giving him all the assistance necessary.

A message from Matthews shortly before the hour of going to press says that from a total registration of 100 about 70 votes had been cast, 6 of which were Republican.

Cornelius reports 75 votes cast up to two o'clock, the Democratic vote being 15 ahead of the Republican. The total registration at this box is 187.

At Mint Hill, box 1 of Clear Creek township, about 26 had been cast out of the registration of 70. The vote will fall considerably short of the registration.

At Huntersville the registration is about 160. Up to two o'clock 60 votes had been cast. About 100 are expected. There is considerable scratching of the Democratic ticket.

At Steel Creek No. 1, about 105 votes are expected, 70 having already been cast at 3 o'clock, all of which are Democratic.

Pineville reports a very light vote. It is unable to give any figures. Bond issue is receiving good support. Republican forces are slim.

Berryhill reports about 60 votes cast at 3:30, with the Democratic victory sweeping. Voting is light.

In the city voting precincts no estimate can be given of how the votes are running, except that there is notable falling off, the vote not being more than half as large as at this hour two years ago.

Reports recorded this far are: Ward 1, Box 1, 124 votes polled, 255 this hour two years ago, 357 registered.

Ward 3, Box 1, 106 polled, registration 274.

Ward 3, Box 2, 58 polled, 120 registered.

TEXAS BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Waco, Texas, Nov. 6.—Enthusiasm appeared to be the keynote of the State convention of Baptist women mission workers, which opened in Waco today with a large and representative audience. The reports presented this forenoon showed the past year to have been one of unusual activity and gratifying results for the organizations. The convention will continue in session until Thursday and will be followed by the regular annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

MEAT FAMINE IN GERMANY.

Berlin City Council Demands Relief From the Government.

Berlin, Nov. 6.—The municipal council has now taken the lead in the angry movement against the government, which has arisen from the high prices of meat owing to the restrictions on the imported meats. The council, at a meeting today, passed vehement resolutions demanding that the Prussian government heed the voice of the people and relieve the meat famine by opening the frontiers.

It is declared that meat has entirely disappeared from workmen's tables, and that it is regarded as more or less of a luxury by the middle classes. The consumption of horseflesh is increasing enormously, and in the remote districts, where the pinch is felt the worst dogs and cats are eaten. Warm times are predicted when the Reichstag is opened on November 13.

RELEASED FROM PRISON.

Leavenworth, Kan., Nov. 6.—Frank Hunt, son of a wealthy cattleman of the Indian Territory, was released from the United States prison here today, his sentence of fifteen years having been commuted to five years by the president. He was sent to the prison in 1901 for manslaughter. Hunt and another cowboy, while on a round-up, engaged in a fight with the result that Hunt killed his antagonist. Because of extenuating circumstances the charge was made one of manslaughter instead of murder, and to this charge Hunt pleaded guilty.

DEATH OF BEAMAN.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 6.—Dr. Edwin E. Beaman, one of the best known men of this city, died at an early hour today. Twenty-five years ago Dr. Beaman quit the practice of medicine to enter upon the manufacture of chewing gum and later was associated with W. J. White, now of New York. Dr. Beaman made a fortune of several million dollars, as did Mr. White.

STOESSEL DEAD BROKE.

Defender of Port Arthur in Dire Straits Of Finance.

By Associated Press.

London, England, Nov. 6.—A despatch from St. Petersburg to Reuters telegraph company says that Lieutenant-General Stoessel, defender of Port Arthur, is in such financial straits that he had applied to a charitable institution for wounded soldiers for assistance to enable him to employ a servant.

The officers of the institution asked the general to procure a medical certificate showing that his health requires the services of a servant.

—Mr. D. Baxter Henderson has bought Mr. John S. Blake's house and lot, No. 704 North College street. Mr. Henderson will have the house remodelled at once.