

NOW ACCOUNTS WERE ADJUSTED

Profit of Over a Million in Mutual Wiped Out

BY PRESIDENT'S ORDER

Book Value of Real Estate Reduced so That All Profit Was Offset—Figures of Net Profit Annually Submitted to President or Vice President for Adjustment.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.—Stephen M. Smith, second assistant treasurer of the Mutual Life, was called as the first witness before the insurance committee to-day. Before the session began it was learned that former Superintendent of Insurance Louis F. Payne would testify some day next week.

Mr. Smith produced a statement of the net profits of the company from the sale of securities in the past ten years up to September 30, 1905. This showed a net credit to the profit and loss account of \$12,826,429, exclusive of \$500,000 of International Mercantile Marine bonds that was marked off the books in 1903.

Charles F. Heller, auditor of the Mutual, testified that he received the quarterly reports of these profits from the treasurer and said it was the custom to credit profits and charge losses on securities to the profit and loss accounts. It was the custom to reduce the book values of real estate and charge the reduction to profit and loss by instruction of the president or vice president.

The figures of the net profit were annually submitted to the president or vice president, who would instruct what adjustment of the accounts should be made, and what amounts should be debited to the profit and loss account by reason of the reduction of the book value of real estate.

TEACH COOKING AT WEST POINT.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 22.—Consideration is being given to a plan by which each cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point may be given practical instruction in cooking and baking. It is deemed of value to the army that practical knowledge on these subjects be possessed by the officers of the army in order that instructions may be given by them to the enlisted force in the matter of preparing food for the army.

CLERK OF COURT PROVED FORGERY.

(By the Associated Press.) Denver, Colo., Dec. 22.—A. A. McKean, clerk of the district court at Yuma, was found guilty by the jury in the United States district court yesterday on a charge of forgery. McKean was indicted on a charge of forgery in connection with timber culture claims in the Alaska land office district. The papers of evidence were postponed until next week.

A Peculiar Provision.

(By the Associated Press.) Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 22.—A peculiar provision in the articles of incorporation of the Inter-Mountain Republican Company, formed to issue a third morning paper in Salt

Lake, is that the stockholders shall receive the benefits of Abraham Lincoln by an actual meeting, and that their paper shall publish all the addresses made on that occasion. The company is capitalized at \$100,000. Albert E. Brown, formerly a publisher of Lafayette, Ind., is president of the new company.

FIRST MINISTER TO NORWAY.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 22.—Herbert H. D. Peiros, third assistant secretary of state, has been selected by the president as the first American minister to Norway. Charles Dooly, chief clerk of the department, has been determined upon as successor to Mr. Peiros in the State Department. This announcement was made officially to-day.

SEVEN YEARS FOR PERJURY.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.—Isaac Bloom, who was convicted of perjury in attempting to secure \$75,000 damages from the Metropolitan Street Railway, was to-day sentenced to seven years in State's prison. He claimed that his hip was injured when he was thrown from a trolley car, but it was proved that the trouble in his hip was an old injury which this accident did not affect. He is a tobacco dealer.

IMPORTANT RULING IN CRIMINAL COURT.

(By the Associated Press.) Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—The Supreme Court to-day handed down one of the most important rulings in the history of Ohio criminal law, holding in substance that the State has the same right as the accused has to change venue. The matter came up on application of Attorney General Ellis for an order compelling Judge Durringer, of Madison county, to grant the State a change of venue in the case of the State vs. McCartney, charged with murder.

S. A. L. STOCK SOLD

68,000 Shares Pooled Against Ryan-Blair Plan

Middendorf, Williams & Co., of Baltimore, and John L. Williams & Sons, of Richmond, the Buyers—\$55 for Preferred, \$35 for Common Stock.

(By the Associated Press.) Baltimore, Md., Dec. 22.—The Rubstrat committee, which was formed soon after the Ryan-Blair plan for the reorganization of the Seaboard Air Line Railway was promulgated, to protect the interests of the minority or non-assenting stockholders, and with which about 68,000 shares of preferred and common stock was pooled, announced to-day that it had sold the stock to Middendorf, Williams & Co., of Baltimore, and John L. Williams & Sons, of Richmond.

The prices paid were \$55 a share for the preferred and \$35 a share for the common stock. The amount involved in the transaction was \$2,600,000. Payment will be made on or before January 1, 1906, when the stock will be delivered to the purchasers by the International Trust Company. Negotiations for the acquisition of the stock have been quietly pending for several weeks.

Cruiser's Fast Trip.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—The United States cruiser Columbia arrived at the League Island navy yard to-day with two hundred marines who returned after two years' service in Guantanamo, Cuba, and Colon. The voyage of the Columbia was one of the fastest ever made by a naval vessel. The cruiser left the League Island navy yard on December 10 with marines to relieve those brought back to-day. There was some speculation as to whether the vessel would be able to make the trip, a distance of 4,600 miles, before Christmas day. But the cruiser completed the voyage in less than twelve days, covering nearly four hundred miles a day.

HAD NO FIGHT WITH MORGAN

Zimmerman Says Conference Was Peaceable

GOT ALL OF HIS MONEY

Former President of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Explains Meaning of New Railroad Deal—Denies Statement of a Row With Pierpont Morgan in New York.

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(By the Associated Press.) Cincinnati, O., Dec. 22.—In an interview published here to-day, Eugene Zimmerman, former president of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad, said: "If the plan of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton directors was carried out, as outlined in New York dispatches, it will mean that the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton will be clear of the Pere Marquette and the Chicago Cincinnati and Louisville. I desire to state now that while I was a stockholder and officer of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton I opposed the lease and purchase of the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville by the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton. My vote is on record, showing clearly my position in this matter. I voted against the acquisition of the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville because I did not believe it to be a rightful contract and an acquisition for the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton, and I am still of the same opinion.

"There is positively and absolutely no truth in any of the statements made to the effect that there was a stormy conference between Mr. J. P. Morgan and myself. The facts are that I did not have any conference with Mr. Morgan before the purchase of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton nor after it was turned back to him again by the Erie. I have received all my money for the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton securities I held, so that I have no interest in the properties.

HOME RULE REITERATED

Position on India May Force Kitchener Out

Announcement that Government Would Stop Importation of Chinese Coolies to South Africa Considered a Very Serious Step—Lord Selborne's Possible Resignation.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 22.—The announcement of Premier Campbell-Bannerman, in his speech in Albert Hall last night at the opening of the electoral campaign, that the government has given instructions for the stoppage of importations of Chinese coolies to South Africa caused the Kaffir market to open weak to-day. Leading shares fell 3-16 to 3-8.

The conservative papers refer to the step as being "the most serious taken by a responsible government since the attempt to impose the stamp duty on the American colonies."

The possibility of Lord Selborne, the high commissioner in South Africa, resigning is discussed.

The premier's reference to Indian affairs, in which he said: "We shall make ourselves a party to no step involving an invasion of the sacred principle of the subordination of the military to the civil authority," is taken by many military men to imply either the recall or the resignation of General Lord Kitchener, the commander-in-chief in India, who successfully appealed to the late viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedleston.

While the premier had little to say on the Irish question, the conservatives will take his announcement that "those domestic affairs which concern the Irish and the Irish people alone, and not us, should be in their hands" as a reiteration of the policy of home rule, and this will be the battle cry of the unionists in the impending campaign.

German Instructor.

(By the Associated Press.) Victoria, B. C., Dec. 22.—Advices from Pekin say that Viceroy Yuan Shihki has obtained imperial sanction to appoint a German military officer, either from the German force in North China or Germany, as head instructor, as previously intended.

ODELL FACTION MET DEFEAT

County Control Wrested from His Adherents

TEN GOVERNORS NAMED

Proclamation Granted at Warsaw To-day Establishing the New Rule. Important Banking House Forced to Suspend Because of Political Situation.

PARSONS ELECTED TO PRESIDENCY OF NEW YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE TO SUCCESS HALPIN—THE LATTER PROMISES HIS HEARTY SUPPORT—QUITS FOR PARSONS.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.—During a contest which continued from 9 o'clock last night until 4 o'clock this morning, marked at times by bitter recriminations, but concluding with mutual pledges of support, the control of the New York county Republican committee was wrested from the adherents of former Governor Benjamin B. Odell, chairman of the Republican State committee, by the faction headed by Herbert Parsons.

In reorganizing for the coming year the committee elected Mr. Parsons to the presidency in succession to William Halpin, and chose other officers named by Parsons' friends. In his fight Mr. Parsons was credited with having the support of Governor Higgins' influence and the sympathy of President Roosevelt.

The election of Mr. Parsons was secured at 2:35 o'clock this morning. It was made by acclamation and was received with wild enthusiasm. Mr. Halpin immediately congratulated Mr. Parsons, and in a brief speech promised him his hearty support.

Mr. Parsons replied, thanking the committee for his election and lauding Governor Higgins and President Roosevelt.

Tactics of delay were adopted by the Odell faction as soon as the committee met, and these continued for several hours. It is said that the motive for delay was to await the result of the speakership fight. Mr. Parsons and his friends did not propose to wait, and announced their intention of reorganizing the committee if it took all night.

STORMY SCENE WAS PREDICTED.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.—The meeting of Republican assemblymen at the Hotel Cadillac to-day is expected to develop a showing of the strength former Governor Odell and his friends will have in their fight to prevent the election of James W. Wadsworth, Jr., to the speakership of the assembly. The election of Herbert Parsons to the chairmanship of the county Republican committee last night being accepted as a defeat for Mr. Odell added much interest to the meeting of assemblymen, and politicians were eager to know how much support the anti-Wadsworth men would be able to rally around them. Both Edwin A. Merritt, Jr., who is supported by the Odell men and Mr. Wadsworth, who has the backing of Governor Higgins, were

STOWAWAY TELLS STRANGE STORY.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.—Henry Kupper, of Galveston, Texas, who claims that he was worth \$30,000 before the Galveston flood, which he says wiped out his fortune, was deported to-day on the steamer Colorado.

Kupper says that he became a naturalized American citizen in 1885, and that he had a hardware business in Galveston. After losing his money he returned to his home in Antwerp, Bel-

MARTIAL LAW IS PROCLAIMED

Russian Poland in Hands of Military Power

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Proclamation Granted at Warsaw To-day Establishing the New Rule. Important Banking House Forced to Suspend Because of Political Situation.

WATSON RUSSIAN POLAND, DEC. 22.—A proclamation of the governor general was granted here to-day establishing martial law in all of the ten governments of Russian Poland and appointing an (temporary) military government.

The failure of the important banking house of Maurice Nelson was announced to-day. The difficulties of the concern are attributed to its political situation.

Many Refuse to Strike.

(By the Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—3:40 p. m.—The failure of many of the railroad men of St. Petersburg to obey the strike order and the ability of M. Nemchukoff, minister of communications, to move trains on all the roads except the Baltic roads, are items in the story of the strike leaders. The fact went forth at last night's meeting of the workmen's committee that traffic must be interrupted at all costs, though this admittedly will be difficult on the Nishnias road to Moscow. Trains are run with the ordinary crews on this line, but all the trains are heavily guarded. The delegates will try moral coercion with the faithful employees but if it failed they will also resort to destroying the bridges along the road. The government has succeeded in arresting practically all the members of the strike and railroad committees.

To shake the workmen's faith in their leaders the government has distributed thousands of copies of circulars signed by "the union of Russian workmen" exhorting on the arrest (Concluded on page two.)

HANGED IN JERSEY CITY

Arranged to Make Signals After the Drop

Clergyman With Whom Arrangement Was Made Refused to Say Whether the Hanged Man Did Signal as He Said He Would—Justly Punished, the Negro Said.

WOMAN DEAD IN WRECK

Six Injured on the Illinois Central Today

(By the Associated Press.) Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 22.—One passenger was killed and six were injured in a wreck on the Illinois Central Railroad near Holly Springs, Miss., this morning.

Two coaches of a northbound passenger train running between Canton, Mississippi, and Cairo, were derailed and turned over a twenty-five foot embankment. Mrs. James Wade, of Sison, Miss., was crushed to death. The injured: Dr. William Murphy, Jackson, Tenn., will probably die; W. S. Boki, Jackson, Tenn.; Rev. R. M. Evans, Vaiden, Miss.; Dr. Coleman, Oxford, Miss.; Chicago salesman, name unknown; R. T. Miller, Dehard, Tenn.

Bryan in Manila.

(By the Associated Press.) Manila, Dec. 22.—W. J. Bryan arrived here at noon to-day and was given an enthusiastic reception by committees representing the citizens and the Elks. He declined to discuss politics, and he would express no opinion upon the State of Nebraska going Republican at the last election. He said he had enjoyed hugely his visit to Japan. Mr. Bryan has given up his idea of a trip to Australia. He will remain in Manila for about two weeks and then sail for India.

EX-PREACHER AND BIGAMIST

Ended It All With a Bullet Today

IN HIS NORFOLK HOME

R. J. Gibbons, 37 Years Old, Leaves Letter Expressing Love for Two Wives—Was Methodist Preacher in Princess Anne County, N.C., When He Married His First Wife.

ENGINE KNOCKED THE ROOF DOWN

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—A shifting engine backing up a train of empty cars at the loading platform of the Adams Express Company on the Pennsylvania Railroad, jumped the track to-day, and sixteen men were injured. The locomotive struck the supports of the platform, and the roof fell upon the workmen on the platform. None of them was seriously injured.

Oriental Flour Trade.

(By the Associated Press.) Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—An agreement dividing territorially the Oriental flour trade between the large trans-Pacific steamship companies came to an end yesterday as a result of a meeting of the representatives of the different companies held here for the purpose of inducing the Great Northern Steamship Company to confine itself to Oregon and Washington and not to invade California. The conference failed to induce the Great Northern to reconsider its determination.

Botanical Director.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 22.—Dr. Daniel Trembley McDougall, of New York, has accepted the appointment as director of the newly created department of botanical research, established by the Carnegie Institute of this city. Dr. McDougall resigns as assistant director of the New York Botanical Garden to accept the position.

CAN'T ASSESS STATE EMPLOYEES.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 22.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Jacksonville, Ill., says:

Assessment for campaign contributions of employes in state institutions of Illinois is to be stopped abruptly by the state board of civil service. Inclusive action was taken yesterday toward this end by W. B. Moulton, chairman of the board, who filed charges against a politician of this city to the effect that he solicited contributions during the last campaign from employes in the State school for the deaf here.

Killed While Duck Hunting.

(Special to The Evening News.) Washington, N. C., Dec. 22.—While out ducking at Ocracoke, about 30 miles from this city, John Spencer was accidentally shot yesterday.

The trigger of his gun in some way hit the boat and discharged the whole load in his right arm, tearing his muscles completely off. His companion, George Simpson, who was in a blind near by, came to his rescue and he was brought to this city and taken to the Washington Hospital, where everything was done to save him, but hemorrhages setting in he died at three o'clock this morning. The body will be taken to Ocracoke to-day.

Korean True Patriots.

(By the Associated Press.) Victoria, B. C., Dec. 22.—Advices were received by the steamer Tremont that Min Yong Whan, the Korean minister who committed suicide when the treaty with Japan was signed, did so because America would not intervene. He left a letter to this effect. When his body was carried to his residence his mother took poison and died. Cho Piong Sik also poisoned himself with opium when in his chair in the streets.

A rising tide take place in South Korea, not far from Fusan, but was soon quelled by Japanese troops. A state funeral was ordered for the suicides, and the posthumous title of "true patriots" given them.

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(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch to the Evening Standard from Constantinople says that the Turkish consul at Batoum reports that the Armenians are massacring Tartars at the rate of 500 daily.