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A TREASURY FORGERY.

AN EX-CHIEF IN THE THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE ARRESTED.

Passing Many False Claims for the Payment of Horses.

Something of a sensation has been created in the United States Treasury Department by the discovery that a trusted official had been guilty of a systematic attempt to defraud the Government. The officer was arrested in Wilkesbarre, Penn., where he had been on a vacation, and his dismissal from the service was ordered by Secretary Fairchild. His name is Oscar J. Harvey, and he has been employed in the department since June 1885, when he was appointed Chief of the Horse Claims division of the Third Auditor's office. It was while he held this office that he perpetrated the frauds with which he is now charged. On June 2 he was transferred to the head of a division in the Second Comptroller's office, a division which has charge of claims of the same nature as those in the division he had left.

Mr. Austin H. Brown, of Indianapolis, succeeded Harvey as Chief of the Horse Claims division, and soon after he took charge of the office he discovered the frauds, which consisted in the passage of forty-three fraudulent claims for horses, aggregating \$8,200. The preparation of 161 additional cases of a similar nature, which were under consideration in the office, Mr. Brown reported the matter to the Secretary. He said his suspicions were first aroused by a peculiarity in the autographic signatures to a number of claims for horses lost or abandoned during the war by officers of Pennsylvania and New Jersey regiments. On June 20 he discovered a palpable forgery in one of these cases, all of which appeared to have been prosecuted by W. W. Wynn, first of Philadelphia and then of Washington.

The investigation lasted over a week, and during that time Mr. Oscar J. Harvey was on duty at his desk in the Second Comptroller's office, and there was every evidence that he was concerned in the preparation of all the suspicious documents. The stamp of the mail room, Third Auditor's office, and the stamp of the Horse Claims division had been forged, and the dates arranged so as to bring them within the limitation fixed for the filing of these claims. The stamp of the Quartermaster-General's office was also forged. In this way forty-three fraudulent claims, aggregating \$8,200, were paid. The drafts were regularly issued, and an examination of such as have been returned as paid shows that Harvey and Wynn are one and the same person, and that although the drafts were drawn in favor of the claimants, the money, in one or two exceptions, went directly to Mr. Harvey or to some of his relatives. He had procured their payment by forging the signature of the payee and then endorsing the draft with his own name. Mr. Monfort, the Philadelphia notary, like Mr. Wynn, the attorney, was found to be a myth. Most of the notaries and persons named in the claims are unknown to the department. In addition to the forty-three cases passed there have been 150 similar cases adjusted, aggregating \$20,000, and there are still pending and unadjusted sixty-three cases, amounting to \$12,000, making a total of 161 fraudulent cases which might have eventually been paid out for the discovery.

Harvey was brought from Wilkesbarre to Washington by secret service officers and taken before Secretary Fairchild, to whom he made full confession of his guilt. He had been driven to it, he said, by pecuniary necessities, brought upon him by a man with whom he had been in partnership, and who, ever since he received his appointment in the Treasury, had goulded him on to make the money. He was unknown to the department, and the prisoner, "I told me I had a good office and that I could raise the money he wanted. I did it, and now see what has come of it."

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

SPRINGFIELD, the celebrated London preacher is fifty-three years old.
DOM PEDRO has sailed from Rio Janeiro for Europe and the Holy Land.
FREDERICK DOUGLASS is expected to return to this country in September.
GENERAL SIMON CAMERON has sailed for Europe, to be gone until September.
SECRETARY LAMAR is a Jersey cattle fancier, and has a small herd at his home in Oxford, Miss.

QUEEN MARGHERITA of Italy, is a professed Hebrew and reads the old testament in the original with ease.
JUDGE HILTON'S park at Saratoga now comprises 1,000 acres. It is said to be the handsomest private park in the country.

REV. JAMES ROBINSON, of Money Creek, Ill., has baptized over 15,000 persons during his ministerial career of forty years.

UNITED STATES SENATOR SABIN, of Minnesota, has no children of his own, but gives paternal care to nine friendless orphans.

GOVERNOR KNOTT of Kentucky is passing his vacation season by a sea voyage on a coaster from Baltimore to Halifax and return.

MRS. LIVERMORE has delivered more than 800 temperance addresses. For many years she has lectured five nights a week for five months in the year. She travels yearly 25,000 miles.

BOVANZA MACKAY has just invested \$300,000 in an Alaska mining expedition. It consists of a vessel and a force of miners, with tools and supplies. Linga Island is to be the scene of operations.

MRS. GENERAL LOGAN is in very poor health. She has been in Chicago arranging some business affairs of the late Senator, but will return to her Washington home soon, and take a long rest.

MEER BARON ALLY, a Hindoo resident of San Francisco, has filed a declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States. He is the first of his race who, so far as is known, has ever done so.

MRS. LEVINA FILLMORE is the oldest woman in Buffalo, N. Y. If she lives until August 13 she will celebrate her one hundred birthday, at the Methodist Church over which her late husband presided for a quarter of a century.

The only member of the late Horace Greeley's family now living, is his daughter, Miss Gabrielle M. Greeley, who four years ago bought her father's house and farm of eighty-two acres at Chappaqua, for \$10,000, and now resides there.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Eastern and Middle States.

ORDERS were sent from Rome on the 4th to the Archbishop of New York to excommunicate the Rev. Dr. McGlynn, and to publish the degree of excommunication in the journals.

LUKE P. POLAND, ex-United States Senator, died of apoplexy a few days ago at his residence in Waterville, Vt. He was born in Westford, Vt., in 1815, and had been Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court and a member of both Houses of Congress.

A STATUE of General Burnside was unveiled at Providence, R. I., with appropriate ceremonies.

JOHN SLADE & Co., of New York, one of the oldest wholesale drygoods houses in the country, have failed for a large sum.

PROFESSOR C. H. GRIMLEY, an aeronaut, and a companion in a balloon ascension at Portland, Me., were carried out to sea by the wind and struck the water, but were rescued by a yacht.

JAN PHON LEE, a Chinaman who graduated recently from Yale College with high honors was married the other day in New Haven to Miss Elizabeth Maude Jerome, a good-looking heiress to \$100,000.

MORE than 100 persons on the west side of New York were made very sick by partaking of ice cream that had been poisoned.

An explosion of half a ton of material resembling gun cotton at the works of the Celanite Manufacturing Co., Arlington, N. J., destroyed the factory, killed a man and a girl, fatally injured another man and inflicted injuries on fifteen other persons. Buildings near the explosion were wrecked, nearly every store in the town had its show windows blown out, and window glass was smashed, ceilings injured, and crockery destroyed for a quarter of a mile in every direction.

The United States sloop of war Ossipee was prevented from deserting from Boston, a few days since, by the desertion of twenty-one of her crew.

MRS. ISABEL LYON, wife of Dr. Randolph Lyon, who in a fit of passion shot and killed Rhode Moe at Towanda, Penn., a few days since, and then committed suicide, took strychnine and died in great agony.

JOHN D. VAN GORDE, of Dingman's Ferry, Penn., was stung by a bee on the wrist, and died in a short time.

South and West.
An aeronaut named Bald win ascended 5,000 feet in a balloon at Quincy, Ill., and then jumped out, holding an open parachute. The descent was made in three and a half minutes, and the daring aeronaut was unhurt.

LATER particulars of the recent riot at Oak Ridge, La., state that in all about twelve negroes were killed or hanged. One white man was killed and two were wounded. The affair grew out of an attempt to convey to prison a negro accused of assaulting a white woman.

HENTON MILLER, Treasurer of Perry County, Ind., is a defaulter to the extent of \$77,000, and has fled. His predecessor is serving a term in the penitentiary for a similar offense.

The discovery of gold near Wheeling, W. Va., has created considerable excitement.

The left leg of Howard Williamson, a Kentucky farmer, has become gradually hardened until it seems to all appearance a piece of marble from the hip down.

The disease known as Texas fever is spreading among cattle in Nebraska. Last year this scourge cost the stock interest in Nebraska upward of \$2,000,000.

The members of a gang which lynched John Davis near Eckert, Ind., have put the neighborhood under a reign of terror, and threaten death to anybody giving information to the newspapers. Davis was horribly mutilated and was probably dead before being hanged.

At a mass meeting of St. Louis citizens President Cleveland and his wife were invited to become the city's guests during Fair time next October.

PETROLEUM has been discovered near Nacoches, Texas. Six wells have been opened.

MRS. LYDIA WILSON was married on Saturday, July 2, at Lafayette, Ind., and procured a divorce Tuesday, July 4.

GOVERNOR GORDON was hanged in effigy at Dalton, Ga., because he commuted the death sentence of William Holman, a wife murderer, to imprisonment for life. Five thousand persons had assembled at Dalton to witness the execution, and when they heard of the commutation they took possession of the prison and hanged the Governor's effigy on the gallows prepared for Holman.

Washington.
PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has appointed Assemblyman LEONARD A. GIEGERICH (Germany) to be Collector of Internal Revenue in the Second District of New York State.

TWENTY SEVEN national banks with an aggregate capital of \$5,500,000 were organized during June.

Foreign.
A MEETING of Americans was held in London on the 4th. To the toast proposed by United States Minister Phelps ("The Fourth—No country to an American like home"), James G. Blaine responded.

EXTENSIVE preparations have been made for the eviction of seventy tenants in County Wexford, Ireland. The tenants will resist to the best of their power.

A MAN named Schimack, who has just been arrested in Moravia, has committed six murders, three great robberies, and numerous thefts. He had in his possession a programme for the murder of eighty of the richest inhabitants of Moravia. He had several accomplices, some of whom have been arrested.

BURNED IN A THEATRE.

SEVENTEEN LIVES LOST AND MANY INJURED.

Business Houses Destroyed—Half a Million Dollars of Property Burned up—Names of Those Who Perished.

A dispatch from Hurley, Wis., says: Fire broke out on the stage of the Alcazar Theatre at eight o'clock Saturday night, and within an hour the entire business portion of the town was in flames, while eleven persons had perished in the theatre. The charred remains of nine people have been taken from the ruins. The loss is fully half a million dollars. The Alcazar was a variety theatre, chiefly frequented by miners, and was one of the notorious unsavory reputes associated with the resorts dance houses of the mining regions. Only a small audience had gathered when the fire broke out and they scrambled out in a hurry. Several of the actors, however, rushed upstairs to save their wardrobe, and when they sought to escape found that they were hemmed in all sides, the flames having spread through the wooden building with incredible rapidity. How they struggled to flee will never be known, as none of them, except S. D. Wells and Mabel Powers, were ever seen again. The former appeared at a second-story window, and called piteously upon the crowd outside to save her. Before a hand could be raised the flames reached her, and communicated to her clothing. She made a frantic effort to jump through the window; but, with a piercing shriek, fell into the furnace below.

Mabel Powers had reached a third-story window, she jumped and was so badly injured that her recovery is doubtful.

Among those who perished in the theatre were:
Frank Young,
Sadie McCabe and George Jackson, colored comedians.
Tillie Moore, song and dance artist.
Mabel Goodrich and husband.
Sadie Wells.

Mrs. Fenton and two or three others whose names are not known.

The Alcazar was in the very heart of the city. It was a mass of flames in a very short time. The fire seemed to leap from building to building, until several blocks became a roaring oven. It was not long before every business building between Third and Fifth avenues was in flames. All efforts to get the fire under control seemed futile. The fire department, reinforced by scores of volunteers, sent its puny streams against the advancing walls of flame, but had to retreat as the fire swept restlessly on. It did not stop until the material for it to feed upon was lacking. The individual losses over \$5,000, are as follows: Moore, McFarren & Co., merchandise and clothing, \$50,000; Moore, Agnew & Co., general hardware, \$40,000; Heinemann Bros. & Co., dry goods, \$30,000; John & Nien, general merchandise, \$10,000; Brill and Langdon, same, \$30,000; Carothers Bros., stock of liquors, \$5,000; J. B. Lanilo, saloon and household goods, \$5,000; Oscar Hanson, furnishing goods, \$5,000; Lemon & Goster, drugs, \$5,000; Proprietors of the Fair, \$5,000; John E. Burton, sixteen buildings, \$500; Charles Leclair, Alcazar theatre, \$25,000; D. P. McNeil, saloon and household, \$10,000; P. S. Birdie, wholesale liquor, \$5,000; A. E. G. Ilgner, book library, \$5,000; Paeske Bros., groceries with building, \$11,000; C. Peritt, restaurant, \$5,000; F. A. Day, hardware, \$5,000; J. Ridgeman, saloon and restaurant, \$5,000.

A special from Ironwood, Mich., across the river from Hurley, Wis., says: Seventeen people lost their lives in the Alcazar. The following additional names of dead are given: J. W. Vanquick, Samuel Haley, Louis Brainerd. It is probable that John Jarrett, the stage carpenter, will die from his injuries. Jennie Sheridan, an actress, who leaped from the third-story, is also severely hurt. She said that she tried to persuade several others to jump, but they delayed and the floor fell in, taking them with it.

STAGE SPARKS.

CHRISTINE NILSSON has been engaged definitely for an American tour by Mr. Abbey.

PATTI'S seventeenth farewell tour in the United States will not begin until winter.

M. GOUNOD'S "Joan of Arc" mass is to be first sung in the cathedral at Rheims next month.

CHARLOTTE WOLTER, the famous tragedienne of Vienna, is making ready for a tour in America.

MRS. LANGTRY helped the American eagle to scream on the Fourth by reciting a patriotic poem in San Francisco.

MRS. TOM THUMB and her second husband will make a tour around the world, until the management of Messrs. Simon and Schuster.

NICHOLAS CROCIEN, of Baltimore, Md., has been made a member of the London Society of arts. He is the author of "Kathleen Mavourneen."

COMMODORE NUTT, who rivaled Tom Thumb as a dwarf some years ago, is selling tickets for a dime museum in Boston. He is gray haired.

"THE AMBER THEATRE" which was tried in London recently failed as a play, even though it had Miss Terry in the cast, and is said to be a very pretty fable.

AN Italian paper calls attention to the fact that, notwithstanding the flourishing condition of music in Germany and Austria, only twenty-six new operas and operettas were made known to these Empires during the year 1885, while thirty-nine were brought forth in Italy.

It is said that few debutantes have made a more decided success in London than Miss Amelia Groll, of Cleveland, Ohio. When she appeared at Drury Lane recently as *Marguerite* in Gounod's "Faust," she carried the audience by storm. She has a mezzo-soprano voice of great volume, notably strong in the upper register.

UNHEALTHY MILK.

A Dairy Full of Cows Sick With Pleuro-Pneumonia.

BANKERS FOR IMMIGRANTS.

A New York Institution Being Investigated by the Commissioners.

A dispatch from New York, says: At a meeting of the Immigration Commissioners Commissioner Stephenson produced a German paper published in Ohio, and called attention to an advertisement in it of "The American Immigration Company, 20 State street, New York, P. O. box 1040, R. E. Jeanson, agent." The advertisement solicited deposits of savings, and offered to transact all kinds of financial business. The commissioner said his attention had been called to the case of an immigrant who had deposited \$2,000 with the company, and who when he asked for his money, received only a part in cash and the rest in Missouri bonds. The commissioner called at the office of the company, and when he asked for the president, a man named Warner presented himself. He afterwards said he was not the president, but only the manager. This man said that up to December last the institution was known as the "American Immigrant Company, of Hartford, Ct." At that time Mr. Bartholomew, who had charge of its finances, skipped out with the assets, and the concern was bought by J. C. Savery and James Callahan. Mr. Savery subsequently told him, the commissioner said, that the company had a charter, but diligent search failed to show any record of it. Mr. Savery admitted that their present liabilities were \$50,000, and that the only security the depositors had for their money was the personal security of J. C. Savery. This sort of a thing the commissioner said, had been going on for years, and he asked that the board rescind permission to enter Castle Garden, on the plea of helping immigrants, from all persons except agents of railroads and steamers. The board ordered that a list of persons possessing such privileges be prepared, and also decided that the attention of the city authorities be called to the matter. Commissioner Stephenson also spoke of another similar institution, managed by O. R. Sjostrom, at 27 State street, in which the depositors had no security.

TERRIFIC SUMMER STORMS.

Churches, Barns and Mountain Forests Fired by Lightning.

READING, Pa.—Thursday night's storm did a vast amount of damage in this section of the state. At Weisenburg, Lehigh county Zaegle's Church was struck by lightning and entirely consumed; loss \$8,000. Near Kutztown, this county, Peter Kline's large barn was struck and destroyed, with all the contents; loss \$5,000. Hundreds of acres of growing corn were washed out by the heavy rainfall. Lightning set fire to the dry timber on the Blue Mountains, and the flame spread rapidly over five hundred acres of timber, until extinguished to-day by hard work on the part of residents of the neighborhood.

NEW YORK.—During the thunder storm Thursday evening lightning struck the wire connected with the dynamite cartridges placed in the holes drilled for blasting at shaft 6, on the new aqueduct, causing their premature explosion in both the north and south headings of the tunnel, killing Buzzell Strancker, an Austrian. The men in the tunnel had just been called away when the explosion took place, otherwise the loss of life would have been large. The wire was disconnected with the battery at the top of the shaft when the lightning struck it.

ST. LOUIS.—A special from Little Rock, Ark. says: A special from Carlisle and Jacksonville, Ark. says that those places were visited by a severe wind and rain storm Thursday afternoon. The Baptist Church at Carlisle was blown down, and several other buildings were completely destroyed. It is impossible to estimate the loss to crops and property. So far as ascertained, there has been no loss of life.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The number of religious sects in England and Wales now number 230.

THERE is complaint in all parts of California of a scarcity of harvest hands.

The Society of Christian Endeavor, only six years old, now numbers 100,000 members.

Two years ago Findlay, Ohio, had 5,000 inhabitants; now it has 20,000. Natural gas did it.

RAILWAY cars are now fitted up as chapels in Russia, so that people may worship as they travel.

A MITRALFEUSE is being tried in the Austrian army which will fire 1,000 bullets in ninety seconds.

The United States Fish Commissioners have distributed 91,000,000 shad in the rivers of the country the past season.

A VERMONT physician reports the recent death of a patient at sixty years of age who never possessed a natural tooth.

SIXTY-TWO sheep huddled together under one tree in Oshetme, Mich., during a recent storm were killed by lightning.

EMANUEL CROSS, of Stoddard County, Missouri, is nearly 105 years old. He draws pension for services in Indian wars.

MR. JAMES S. RICHARDSON, of New Orleans, the largest cotton planter in the world, has this year 38,000 acres in cotton and 7,000 acres in corn.

HON. E. E. JACKSON, of Baltimore, has purchased 40,000 acres of agricultural land in Alabama. He intends to go to raising cotton on an extensive scale.

EX-MAYOR DAVIS, of Tuscola, Ill., has a sand bill crane that gives a shrill call twenty-four hours every storm. The crane is fifty years old, and has never failed in its prophecy.

MARKETS.

BALTIMORE—Flour—City Mills, extra, \$3.25; 1st, \$3.15; Wheat—Southern Fultz, \$3.84; Corn—Southern White, 56¢; Fultz, Yellow, 49¢; Oats—Southern and Pennsylvania, 37¢; Rye—Maryland and Pennsylvania, 58¢; Hay—Maryland and Pennsylvania, 14¢; Straw—Wheat, 7.50; Butter, Eastern Creamery, 18¢; Cheese—Eastern Fancy Cream, 10¢; Eggs—Western, 10¢; Eggs—12¢; Cattle—3.25; Swine—6.25; Sheep and Lamb—3.45; Good Common, 2.4; Middling, 2.6; Good to fine red, 2.8; 2.8; 2.8.

NEW YORK—Flour—Southern Common to extra, 3.50; Wheat—No. 1 White, 84¢; 2d, 82¢; Rye—State, 54¢; Corn—Southern Yellow, 47¢; Oats—White State, 38¢; Butter—State, 18¢; Cheese—State, 11¢; Eggs—14¢.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour—Pennsylvania, fancy, 3.25; Wheat—Pennsylvania, 18¢; Corn—Southern Yellow, 47¢; Oats—26¢; Butter—State, 18¢; Eggs—24¢; Cheese—N. Y. Factory, 11¢; 12¢; Eggs—State, 12¢.

A TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

FORTY HOUSES AND TWO HOTELS SINK INTO A SWISS LAKE.

A Strange Disaster in Which Many Lives Were Lost.

The beautiful town of Zug, nestled at the foot of the towering Zugerberg, on the shores of Lake Zugensee, in Switzerland, was visited by a terrible calamity the other night, resulting in the loss of more than one hundred lives. Without warning and almost simultaneously several large quays recently built into the lake, and upon which had been erected the Hotel Zurich, a handsome four-story structure, and an inn and some forty dwellings, silently sank with great rapidity into the water. Not a vestige was left of the great structures except such furniture and framework as floated from the general wreck. The horror of the scene was greatly heightened by the oppressive silence when the waters closed over all. The cries of the few victims who were awake were hushed in a moment, and those who witnessed the awful sight were too dazed by the strange phenomenon to utter a sound.

The Hotel Zurich was full of visitors and the inn was crowded also, and many entire families were in the private parlors. It was dark when the accident occurred, and many undoubtedly were inguiled while they slept. Among those known to have been lost is M. Collin, President of the Canton of Zug. People came flocking in from neighboring cities to learn the fate of relatives and friends, but all stood helpless on the shore wringing their hands. A few bodies came to the surface, but the majority were held down by being pinned in the wreck. Men from the silk and cotton mills and from the tanneries offered their services, and active steps were taken to recover the bodies. Fully half the new quays have vanished, and it is not probable that they ever be rebuilt, as there is no certainty that the foundations will be secure enough. People moved precipitately from the houses on the other quays and sought homes farther back from the lake. Great terror seized the inhabitants because of the mysterious accident. Some ascribe it to earthquake causes, while others believe it is but a kind of a landslide on the mountain side which was caused by the action of the lake.

One of the most striking incidents of the terrible disaster was the discovery at daylight of a cradle floating on the lake several hundred feet from the shore. Several boatmen put off to secure it, but what was their surprise on rowing alongside to find a babe sleeping peacefully. Whether the cradle was pushed from a window in one of the doomed houses or was accidentally released from the wreckage will never be known. The little child was uninjured. The scene on shore among the matrons who had gathered there to join in the general lamentation was pathetic, each woman in turn gazing wistfully into the little face in the effort to identify it. The people of the whole town were on the lake shore all day, and work in the factories and homes was neglected.

The town of Zug has a population of 4,277. There is a gymnasium and public library, and the inhabitants are engaged in fishing, cattle-raising, in tanning and in silk and cotton spinning. The lake on which it is situated is nine miles long and two to three miles broad. The Zugerberg towers from the east shore of the lake to a height of 3,351 feet.

The Canton of Zug is the smallest State of the Swiss Confederation, and is surrounded by the cantons of Schurz, Unterwalden, Lucerne, Aargau and Zurich. It has a population of 22,775, and an area of ninety-two square miles. The town of Zug is fifty-two miles northeast of Bern, and the lake is 1,361 feet above the level of the sea. The town is about seventy-five miles south of the southern boundary line of Germany.

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