



Earthquake shocks were distinctly felt in western Missouri, eastern Kansas and some portions of eastern Nebraska on the evening of January 7.

The battleship squadron of the United States navy got tangled up in New York harbor January 7. The Kentucky and Kearsage were grounded, the Alabama ramming and seriously damaging the Kentucky. Rear Admiral Evans, commonly known as "Fighting Bob" was in command. The vessels were moving in close formation and the rear end of the squadron swung too far in toward the bank; other vessels closely following resulted in the complication. A naval board has been chosen to investigate.

The tri-annual election of one-third of the membership of the French senate, resulted in the return of most of the former senators. The supporters of the government received increased majorities.

Elliott T. Danforth, who from 1890 to 1894 was New York state treasurer and in 1896 was chairman of the democratic state committee, died at his home in New York City, January 7. Several months ago, Mr. Danforth had an attack of typhoid fever which resulted in a breakdown from which he never recovered. He was well known by democrats throughout the United States.

Mary McDonald, a negress who claimed to be 135 years old, died in Philadelphia January 7. It is claimed that she was born November 14, 1770 in a settlement near Valley Forge, Pa.

New York dispatches say that Governor Higgins has no intention of asking the legislature to continue the insurance investigating committee or to appoint a new one.

A dispatch to the New York World under date of Suffolk, Va. January 8, follows: The provisions of a death compact made between John M. Nall and his dying victim, Isaac Norfleet, whom Nall mortally shot several weeks ago, held good in Wansmond circuit court today, where Nall was acquitted of Norfleet's murder. On condition that Nall would pay the doctor's bills and support Norfleet's family after his death, Norfleet made a dying declaration that the shooting was accidental. Another witness

swore to like testimony in court today. State's Attorney Edward E. Holland, who made a vigorous prosecution says the result is a miscarriage of justice. Nall exhibited receipts to prove that he was keeping the agreement with his victim.

Washington dispatches say that Mr. Shonis, chairman of the Panama canal commission, is likely to resign.

Sam R. Shipley, retiring president of the Provident Life & Trust company of Philadelphia, declares that his company paid to Congressman Olmstead, one of the leaders of the Harrisburg bar, \$7,500 for using his influence to have two unfavorable insurance bills buried by the committees of the Pennsylvania state legislature.

The Democratic state committee for Indiana met at Indianapolis, January 8, and re-elected W. H. O'Brien chairman.

Geronimo, the aged Apache chief, was married at Lawton, Okla., January 8, for the eighth time. He is 76 years old.

Congressman Binger Hermann of Oregon will be tried in March for land frauds. Mr. Hermann is now ill in Washington city.

The United States senate has directed an investigation of the Panama canal affairs.

August Koch aged 88 years, died at St. Louis, January 9. He was first a Prussian soldier and then a veteran of the Mexican war. He acted as interpreter between General Taylor and Santa Anna.

Eight lives were lost in a hotel fire at Minneapolis, January 10. Fire loss was \$30,000.

George D. Perkins, editor Sioux City Journal, republican, has announced that he will be a candidate for governor.

William Rainey Harper, president of the Chicago university died January 8.

The bankers' committee at Cleveland discovered that the firm of Denison, Prior & Co., is insolvent and that a number of its securities were forged.

Senator Brackett reintroduced in the New York senate January 11, his resolution calling upon United States Senator Depew to resign.

Washington dispatches under date of January 12 announce that the diplomatic relations between Venezuela and France are broken. Paris cablegrams of that date were full of grave predictions. The rupture is said to be due primarily to the personality of the French representative at Caracas, and also to the attack by President Castro upon the properties of the French Cable company.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Columbus, Ohio, January 11, follows: Senator Meeks' resolution declaring for the election of United States senators by popular vote was unanimously adopted today. Senator Wood said that senators who could probably not be elected by the popular vote were blocking the president in

his effort at rate legislation. The spectacle of one senator dying in disgrace and another convicted of a felony was before the country, he said, and showed the method of electing them should be changed.

General Morales, fugitive president of Santo Domingo, has sought refuge in the American legation. Negotiations are on for Morales' resignation and departure from San Domingo.

On January 12 the Philadelphia republicans elected 114 delegates to represent them in the state convention which meets June 6. That state convention will nominate a candidate for governor and other officers. It is claimed that of the 114 delegates Senator Penrose and his followers will control at least 75, and that this insures the defeat of Mayor Weaver in his gubernatorial aspirations.

Elihu Root, secretary of state, has been chosen as president of the American Society of International Law. The permanent organization of this society was perfected in New York, January 12. Vice presidents of this society are as follows: "Chief Justice Melville M. Fuller and Associate Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court; Andrew Carnegie, Joseph H. Choate, Justice William R. Day, John W. Foster, Judge George Gray, John W. Griggs, Judge William W. Morrow, Richard Olney, Oscar S. Strauss and Secretary of War William H. Taft." The members of the executive council are as follows: James B. Angell, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Chandler P. Anderson, New York City; Senator Augustus O. Bacon of Georgia; Representative Richard Bartholdt of Missouri; Charles Henry Butler of Washington, D. C.; Jacob M. Dickinson, Chicago; Professor Charles N. Gregory, Iowa; Representative Robert R. Hitt, Illinois; George W. Kirchwey, New York City; Senator Philander C. Knox, Pennsylvania; Robert Lansing, New York; John B. Moore, New York City; Frank C. Partridge, Vermont; Horace Porter, New York City; Leo S. Rowe, University of Pennsylvania; James B. Scott, Columbia university; Carl Schurz, New York City; Senator John C. Spooner, Wisconsin; Charles B. Warren, Michigan; Andrew A. White, New York; Everett P. Wheeler, New York City; Theodore S. Woolsey, Yale university; George G. Wilson, Rhode Island. The executive council organized temporarily with Oscar S. Strauss as chairman; Charles Henry Butler, corresponding secretary; Professor James B. Scott, recording secretary, and Chandler P. Anderson, treasurer.

Mrs. Cassie L. C'adwick was taken to the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, January 12, and began her service of ten years imprisonment.

ANOTHER MEANEST MAN

A well-to-do Chicago real estate owner came into a hardware store in that city and asked the proprietor for a pound of nails. The small package was made up and the price, a nickel, handed to the merchant, when the customer asked if the purchase could be sent to his house, which was in a distant part of the city. The merchant assented, and calling an errand boy handed him the parcel with the nickel he had just received for it and said:

"Here, Johnny; take the car and take this parcel out to Mr. Blank's house."

"What!" said the customer, "are you going to give the boy the nickel to take the parcel out?"

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