

A HOTEL HORROR

Fourteen People Lose Life in Chicago Hostelry.

MANY GUESTS SUFFOCATED

Perish in Bed Before Aid Could Reach Them—Aroused People Rush for Safety and are Squeezed in Narrow Hallways.

A Chicago, December 4, dispatch says: Fourteen persons were suffocated in a fire at 6 o'clock this morning at the Lincoln hotel in Madison street and await identification at the morgues.

The victims are believed to have been visitors attending the live stock show. Ten of the injured guests of the hotel are at a hospital suffering from injuries received by jumping from windows.

The injured: R. C. Hamilton, stock raiser, Lebanon, Ind. W. J. Thomas, mail clerk on St. Paul railway.

A. S. Haines, Fairmont, Ind. J. D. Mayer, Burlington, Ia. Mrs. J. Sheppard and seven-year-old son, Fred, Davenport, Ia.

William Hargraves, Davenport, Ia. Edward Eber, night clerk, is being detained by the police pending an investigation. None of the injured is seriously hurt. Mrs. Sheppard leaped from a third-story window to the roof of an adjoining restaurant.

The origin of the flames is not yet known, but it is supposed a guest left a gas jet open and the escaping illuminant was ignited from a stove.

The hotel was patrolled by steam and stoves were patronized chiefly by farmers. The hotel occupies the second, third and fourth floors above the Brown & Co.'s jewelry store. When the guests were aroused by cries of fire they stampeded to the narrow hallway that afforded the only means of exit. The passage was blocked by struggling men, who fought each other with desperation. No headway was made by the flames and the panic-stricken crowd soon quiet and departed from the building in scanty attire.

At noon the search of the building had been finished. No more bodies were found, the total number of dead remaining at fourteen. The police and building departments are making a rigid investigation as the building was practically without fire escapes and had hallways so narrow that two men could hardly pass abreast.

SUCCEEDED BY DAUGHTER.

Sixteen-Year-Old Bertha Krupp Takes Her Father's Place.

A tiny sprig of a girl, only fifteen years old, is the possessor of fifteen million dollars, and has the absolute control of 150,000 men, says a Berlin dispatch of December 4.

She is Bertha Krupp, daughter of Frederick Alfred Krupp, the great gunmaker, who died last week. Under his will the girl inherits about half of his vast estate, conservatively estimated at not less than \$150,000,000. The gun factory at Essen and the subsidiary plants, employing 150,000 workmen, also go to her.

Barbara, a younger sister, will also have a royal fortune. Kings and emperors among his intimates and it is said that his yearly income was more than \$10,000,000. In his will he bequeathed \$750,000 to the benefit of his employees and now his widow has given \$250,000 for the improvement of Essen. This was done at the suggestion of the daughter, Bertha.

Until she arrives at maturity, the girl's enormous estate will be managed by her mother and a committee of administrators.

MINISTER BUCK DEAD.

Dies Suddenly While on a Hunting Trip Near Tokio.

The Japanese minister called at the state department in haste Thursday to communicate to Secretary Hay a cablegram he had received from the minister of foreign affairs at Tokio, dated today, stating that while Mr. Buck, the United States minister to Japan, was on a hunting trip this morning he was taken suddenly ill and expired.

Mail Agent Gets Fortune.

A ball of fire fourteen by sixteen inches in diameter shot across the sky at New Albany, Ind., leaving a trail of fire sixteen feet long. Those who saw it say that the ball, which was evidently a meteor, must have fallen into the river or struck the earth just opposite this city. Its direction was from northwest to southeast and during its flight it illuminated the sky for miles around.

Broken-Neck Victim Celebrates.

Lawrence Gildersleeve, who broke his neck a year ago, celebrated the first anniversary of the accident by starting on a tour of New England, says a telegram from Huntington, Ind. Gildersleeve received the injury in a football game and has been under surgical care ever since. He now walks with difficulty, and is much bent, but the fracture has mended and he is apparently as strong as ever.

Old Mine in Street.

Gold was found in the main street of Harrison Gulch, a mining camp of some size in Western Shaasta, the other day. The find, which was a rich one, was made on land that is in litigation, the Midas Mining company claiming it above prior locators. Large nuggets were taken out, and there has been great excitement in the place ever since.

The army death list cabled from Manila totals thirty-one soldiers, including ten deaths from Asiatic cholera and eight from dysentery.

CONGRESSIONAL CHAT.

Proceedings of National House and Senate December 4.

Soon after the senate met Thursday Mr. Beveridge had read resolutions of the convention composed of delegates from Oklahoma and Indian Territory favoring the admission of both territories as one state and opposing the house omnibus bill.

On motion of Mr. Stewart Nevada, a concurrent resolution was adopted calling on the president for the papers in the "Plus Funde" case, recently decided at The Hague.

Senator Hale has introduced a bill fixing the age for admission to the naval academy between the ages of seventeen and twenty years. The present limit is fifteen to twenty-one years.

Senator Cullom, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, says he is going to press consideration of the reciprocity treaties, especially the French agreement. He does not know when time can be obtained for calling up the treaty, but thinks the senate should vote one way or the other.

Senator Quarles of Wisconsin has introduced a bill for the repeal of the desert land law and the law authorizing the entry to timber and stone lands under the placer mining laws and also a provision for the homestead law permitting the commutation of homestead entries. Senator Quarles said the intention of the bill is to preserve the public lands for actual settlers and to that end he desired to have all laws for the opening of the public lands except the homestead law repealed.

The senate committee on military affairs met Thursday for the purpose of taking up the bill for the re-organization of the militia and listened to the representatives in support of the measure by Secretary Root and General Carter.

When the hearing of Secretary Root was concluded the committee decided to report the bill as it passed this house without amendment.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch of December 4, says: The house committee on appropriations has agreed upon the pension appropriation bill. It appropriates \$137,847,500, which is \$5,370 more than for the current year.

Representative Cooper of Wisconsin has introduced a bill to promote the efficiency of the Philippine constabulary. It provides that officers of the army may be detailed for service as chiefs and assistant chiefs of the Philippine constabulary, the officer serving as chief to have the rank and pay of a brigadier general and the assistant that of colonel. Senator Lodge has offered a similar bill in the senate.

Representative William Alden Smith of Michigan presented the following resolution in the house: "Whereas, information has been received by the government of the recent killing of William A. Fitzgerald, an American citizen, at the city of Guatemala, in the republic of Guatemala, at the hands of Godfrey Hunter, Jr., son of the American minister, and James G. Bailey, secretary of the legation, and whereas, the United States has taken official cognizance of this unfortunate affair.

"Resolved, That the secretary of state be, and is hereby requested, if not incompatible with the interest of the public service, to inform the house of representatives of the circumstances which resulted in the death of William A. Fitzgerald, an American citizen, in the city of Guatemala, together with such reports and correspondence as are of record in the state department bearing upon this subject; also whether any extradition treaty is in force and effect between the government of the United States and the government of Guatemala and whether the doctrine of extra territoriality would apply to the officers and household of the United States minister, rendering them amenable to American jurisdiction with prosecution and trial by United States courts."

Send Mother to Jail.

Mrs. Mary Zeleka, forty years old, living in New York City, was sent to the workhouse for six months by Magistrate Zeller, charged with habitual drunkenness.

Captain Klein Killed Himself.

Captain Edward K. Klein, aged sixty-one, retired capitalist and veteran officer of the loyal legion, committed suicide by shooting at his home in West Minister Place, St. Louis. He was a victim of melancholy.

Ohio's Eight Hour Law.

Ohio's eight-hour labor law as applied to public work has been declared to be unconstitutional by the state supreme court.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Periz Pulgar has been arrested at Orenz, Spain, bearing a poignard. He is an Argentine anarchist and came to Spain to murder the king. Pulgar is believed to be insane.

Charles R. Barton, a well known news paper man, is dead at San Bernardino, Cal., of consumption. Instructions regarding the disposition of the body are being awaited from his family in Indiana.

Over the grave of Rear Admiral Sloat in Greenwood cemetery, New York, a committee of the California society sprinkled earth from beneath the flag staff of the old custom house at Monterey, where Sloat hoisted the American flag when he took possession of California in 1846. This was done at the request of the Sloat Monument association of California.

WHERE MONEY IS

Treasurer Stuefer Names State Depositories

AND THE AMOUNT IN EACH

Financial Statement for Biennium Ending November 29, 1902. Contains Summaries Showing Disposition of Funds—Other News

The financial statement of State Treasurer Stuefer, for the biennium ending November 29, 1902, filed with Governor Savage, contains summaries showing the disposition of funds during his term and a list of the depository banks and the amounts in each at the close of the fiscal year, November 29.

The following shows the receipts and disbursements:

Balance Dec. 1, 1900	\$ 615,018.34
Receipts:	
Dec. 1, 1900	6,742,551.71
Nov. 29, 1902	6,925,314.67
Disbursements:	
Dec. 1, 1900	6,925,314.67
Nov. 29, 1902	432,255.38

Following is the list of the state depositories and the amount deposited in each November 29, 1902:

Union Natl. Bank, Omaha	\$ 18,278.62
U. S. Natl. Bank, Omaha	39,053.93
City Natl. Bank, Lincoln	25,076.15
Peoples' Natl. So. Omaha	9,428.46
First Natl. Lincoln	18,924.91
Saunders Co. Natl. Washon.	10,311.09
Adams County, Hastings	6,141.19
German Natl. Hastings	8,858.33
Battle Creek, Valley	10,000.00
First Natl. Alliance	4,224.19
First Natl. York	5,247.25
Norfolk Natl. Norfolk	10,000.00
Broken Bow State, Broken Bow	6,000.00
Citizens' State, Valentine	8,302.12
Union State, Harvard	7,149.55
City Natl. York	3,942.28
City, Curtis	4,345.53
Farmers' and Merchants' Stromsburg	5,215.77
Omaha Natl. Omaha	36,687.19
Merchants' Natl. Omaha	31,402.99
Columbia, Natl. Lincoln	3,969.75
Bank of Battle Mills	1,500.00
First Natl. Omaha	36,687.19
First Natl. Holdrege	4,389.19
First State, St. Paul	4,500.00
First Natl. Wayne	10,000.00
Pierce County, Pierce	7,000.00
Bank of Orleans, Orleans	6,000.00
Grand Island Banking Co. Grand Island	10,000.00
First Natl. Loomis	5,000.00
Valentine State, Valentine	7,500.00
Bank of Syracuse, Syracuse	5,000.00
Commercial Natl. Omaha	21,716.94
Citizens' Natl. St. Paul	10,000.00
Newport State, Newport	2,000.00
Bank of Commerce, Lincoln	13,818.01

Total \$429,994.62

The following shows the resources from which receipts for the general fund were derived:

Balance, Dec. 1, 1900	\$ 49,594.46
State taxes collected	1,797,022.00
Fees	134,062.00
Transferred funds	20,944.31
U. S. aid to soldiers' homes	60,667.85
Deposit interest	29,716.04
Oil inspectors fees	4,446.00
Transfer from sink'g fund	67,782.81
Platts Co. compromise	8,000.00
Third dividend from Capital National bank	4,727.27
School land notices	1,002.19
Comptroller of the currency for First Natl. Alma	925.00
Mrs. Jones' board inmates	577.00
Sale of fish	291.70
Sale of imp'v't school'g's	250.00
Miscellaneous items	256.60

Total \$2,188,926.82

Principal general fund warrants paid \$1,959,365.09

Interest general fund warrants paid 145,955.13

Total \$2,105,320.22

Balance on hand, Nov. 29, 1902 \$ 83,606.69

Following are the unexpended balances of the current funds November 29, 1902:

General	\$ 82,606.69
Temporary school	244,717.44
Temporary university	44,419.30
Temporary for insane	1,250.66
State library	4,741.35
University cash	18,646.20
Normal library	5,074.10
Normal interest	2,048.06
Penitentiary special labor	2,636.15
Penitentiary land	4,088.00
Agri. and Mech. Arts	16,500.43
U. S. Experiment station	1,730.30
Inheritance tax	64.73

Total \$429,994.62

Following are the total investments of the educational trust fund:

Permanent school	\$ 5,072,235.79
Agri. college endowment	224,692.14
Normal endowment	59,000.00

Total \$5,456,978.90

PLEAD FOR TIME

Stockmen Will Petition Congress to Delay Tearing Down Fences

A meeting of the representative stock men in the vicinity of Alliance, Neb., was recently held and a committee was appointed to prepare a petition to congress and asking the president that a commission be sent to learn the real conditions in regard to fencing of government land. The committee appointed will arrange for a thorough presentation of the matter to each stockman in western Nebraska, and the petition will show the address, town, range and number of cattle owned by each signer.

At the meeting held it was agreed that the immediate duty of each stockman was to support Senator Millard in the prosecution of the land-leasing bill introduced by him and to notify him that he has the indorsement of all stockmen in western Nebraska in his efforts in their behalf.

LOSES A FOOT

Wealthy Stock Farmer Meets With Serious Accident

Howard J. Chapman, a wealthy stock farmer living about six miles south-east of Table Rock, Neb., was the unfortunate victim of a railroad accident in the city yards, which cost him his left foot. He had just received a car-load of cattle from the western range and in going across the sidetrack to see them he crawled under the bumper of a car, not seeing any engine attached, as the train was starting and was caught and his left foot was cut off just above the ankle. It was necessary to amputate the leg half way between the ankle and knee.

FINDS VALUABLE RELIC

E. E. Blackman Discovers in Topeka a Volume of "Nebraska Palladium"

E. E. Blackman of the Nebraska State Historical society has just returned from Topeka, Kan., where he read a paper before the Kansas State Historical society. Mr. Blackman found a bound volume of "The Nebraska Palladium," the first paper published in Nebraska, dating from July, 1854. This find adds a few more copies of this early paper to the number now known to exist. Volume 1, No. 1, is in the lot just found. At present there are nine numbers missing out of the possible thirty-seven. Of a few numbers there are three copies, and of some others there are two copies in existence. It is hoped to secure the missing numbers in time.

EXPORTS ARE HALTED

Cattle Shippers Quit Until the Disease is Stamped Out

No reply has been received as yet to the cable sent to the British government by the acting consul at Boston expressing the desire of steamship men and cattle shippers that its quarantine against the shipment of cattle from New England be modified so as to permit shipments from Portland of western and Canadian animals.

Meanwhile the New England export cattle trade is at a standstill, though some information from Washington says that the British authorities have requested a statement with regard to the foot and mouth disease, and a report as to the wisdom of allowing cattle to be loaded at Portland.

TURN THE HOSE ON

Angry Citizens of Waukegan, Ill., Take Law in Own Hands

Unable to find the mayor of their town, and with no circuit court jury available, the citizens of Waukegan, Ill., took matters into their own hands and with the aid of a fire plug and a line of hose routed a gang of street railway laborers who were trying to lay a track on one of their streets.

The track was being placed by the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric company, which for some reason is not popular with the people of Waukegan. When the laborers started to lay the track a call was made on the mayor to have him put a stop to the work. The mayor could not be found. An injunction was then sought, but no jury was in the city and then the citizens rushed for the hose. The hose was the last resort.

Arrest Hotel Proprietor

Fred A. Smith, proprietor of the Lincoln hotel in which fourteen men were smothered to death, and Night Clerk E. C. Weber were arraigned in police court at Chicago on the charge of being accessories to manslaughter before the fact. They were arrested at the instigation of Coroner Traeger and Chief of Police O'Neill, but furnished bail and were released.

Fire at Blue Hill

The residence of Tommy McClure, at Blue Hill, Neb., was totally destroyed by fire. The local fire department was on hand promptly but as the house was outside the water district they could not do anything. The origin of the fire is not certainly known, but is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. No insurance was carried.

Concentration Camps

Preparatory to an aggressive campaign against the ladrones in the Rial province of Luzon, Governor Taft has established zones of concentration. The land will be filled during the day and the people retire within the zones at night. A strong force of constabulary will be used against the bandits.

The Omaha central labor union, an organization composed of representatives of various labor unions in Omaha, have unanimously voted to boycott all boarding houses where Union Pacific strike breakers stay, and also to boycott all meat markets, coal yards and various other business houses which sell meat, coal or other goods to such boarding houses. Saloons are in the list of business houses mentioned in the resolution. Those who started the movement hope to see it result in a walking out of cooks and waiters in boarding houses where strike breaker lodge.

BILL FOR PUBLICITY

House Favorably Reports a Measure Against Trusts

IS A MOVE FOR REFORM

Business of Commercial Combinations Must Be Like an Open Book—Trusts Cannot Hide Secrets From the Public—Bill's Provisions

A Washington dispatch says: The sub-committee of the house judiciary committee to which was referred anti-trust bills has reported favorably to the full committee on Mr. Littlefield's bill providing for giving publicity to the affairs of commercial combinations with certain amendments.

Acting Chairman Jenkins of the judiciary committee appointed a sub-committee consisting of Representative Littlefield of Maine, Representative Overstreet of Indiana, Representative Powers of Massachusetts, Representative DeArmond of Missouri and Representative Clayton of Alabama, to which all anti-trust bills, including the publicity bill, have been referred.

The publicity bill as amended provides that every corporation, joint stock company or similar organization engaged in inter-state or foreign commerce and every such corporation which shall hereafter be organized shall file with the inter-state commerce commission on or before September each year a return, stating among other things, its name, date of organization, where and when organized and if consolidated, the names of the constituent companies and the same information concerning them. If the concerns have been reorganized the original corporation or corporations is to be stated with information concerning them.

It is also provided that the amount of authorized capital stock, shares into which divided, par value, whether common or preferred and distinction between each, amount issued and outstanding, amount paid in—how much if any, in property, and if paid in property, a description and cash market value of the property at the time it was received in payment shall be stated.

The indebtedness, its nature and for what purpose incurred is to be given, also a statement of the assets at their present cash market value, giving the elements upon which the market value is based.

It is also required that the total earnings and income, operating expenses, interest, taxes, permanent improvements, net earnings, dividends declared, with rate and date during the year preceding the first of the preceding July, salaries of officials and wages of employes be disclosed.

It is provided further that the treasurer or other officer of concerns affected by the bill having the requisite knowledge shall answer on oath all inquiries that may be made in writing under the direction of the inter-state commerce commission, relative to its financial condition, of its capital stock. Such answer is not to be used as evidence against the person making it, except in prosecution under the proposed act.

A tax of 1 per cent per annum is imposed on so much of the capital stock outstanding which is not fully paid in cash or other property at its full cash market value, and provision is made for collecting the tax.

Any concern contemplated in this bill failing to make the return as required under this bill, and any concern failing to pay a tax imposed is to be restrained from the suit of the United States from engaging in inter-state or foreign commerce. It is made the duty of the attorney general at the request of the inter-state commerce commission to enforce the provisions of the proposed act, and suit may be brought in any district court of the United States at the election of the attorney general where an offending concern has a place of business.

Provision is made that the inter-state commerce commission shall prepare and publish a statement showing a list of corporations and disclosing their condition. The bill does not apply to any concern the amount of capital stock of which does not exceed \$500,000.

LIKE A MUSHROOM

Oklahoma Cornfield Springs Into a Town in a Night

Eagle City was cornfields and rye prairie December 4. It is now a town of 2,000 inhabitants, with a complete municipal organization, a bank in operation, a daily newspaper established, a hotel, four restaurants, seven saloons, at least a score of mercantile establishments and no end of gambling houses.

The lot drawing began at daylight December 5. Each boomer paid in \$25, which entitled him to a twenty-five foot business lot or a fifty-foot residence lot, the selection to be by lottery. As soon as the choice sites were drawn the bidding for them became lively, and several sales were made at from \$500 to \$1,000 each. Eagle City is to be a division point on the Frisco line.

A Chicken's Adventure

The employees of the B. & M. coach shop at Plattsmouth, Neb., found a live chicken yesterday, which, if it could talk, would doubtless tell a very interesting story. It was found snugly perched on the trucks of a coach which had just been brought in. How the fowl got there is a matter of conjecture, but some believe that it was near the tracks when a rapidly moving train came along and the suction pulled it upon the trucks of the car. Both of its legs were frozen.

REMARKABLE TRIBUTE

Paid to the Memory of Ex-Speaker Thomas Brackett Reed

A Washington, Dec. 8, dispatch says: The house today paid a remarkable tribute to the memory of ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed. His death had created a profound impression and there was a universal desire among the members that the house show a signal mark of respect to his memory. For the house to take action on the death of a former member had only three precedents in its history, namely, on the occasions of the death of Benton, Blaine and Alexander Stephens, when the house adopted resolutions and adjourned out of respect to their memories. It was decided to follow these precedents in the case of Mr. Reed.

The chaplain at the opening of the session paid a feeling reference to the death of the ex-speaker. No business was transacted beyond the formal reading of two messages from the president and an arrangement to postpone the special order of the day—the London dock bill—until Tuesday.

Mr. Sherman of New York, then amid deep silence arose and in a few feeling remarks offered the following resolution:

"Resolved that the following minutes be spread upon the record of the house of representatives: "The Hon. Thomas Brackett Reed died at Washington, December 7, 1902. For twenty-two years he had been a member of the house; for six years its speaker. His services terminated with the Fifty-fifth congress. Within this chamber the scene of his life's great activities were laid. Here he rendered service to his country which placed him in the front ranks of American statesmanship. Here he exhibited characteristics which compelled respect and won admiration. Forceful ability, intrinsic worth, strength of character, brought him popular fame and congressional leadership. In him depth and breadth of intellect, with a full and well-rounded development had followed a giant who towered above his fellows and impressed them with his power and wisdom.

"A distinguished statesman, a lofty patriot, a cultured scholar and incisive writer, an unmatchable debater, a master of logic, wit and satire, the most famous of the world's parliamentarians, the great and representative citizen has gone into history.

"Resolved, That in honor of the distinguished dead the house now adjourn."

When the reading of the resolutions had been concluded Speaker Henderson asked if there was objection to their present consideration. The silence remained unbroken. The resolutions were then unanimously adopted and accordingly at 12:15 o'clock, p. m., the speaker declared the house adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Reed.

WOMEN PERFORM RITES

A Ceremony Which is Unique Among the General Services

A ceremony unique among funeral services was performed at Rosehill cemetery, Chicago, when the body of a woman was laid to rest by a party of her women friends. A woman said the prayer, a woman spoke the words of eulogy over the body and consigned "dust to dust" at the open grave. Only one man stood in the throng of mourners. He was the son of the woman in the casket, but he took no part in the simple rites. It was the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver Monahan, dead at ninety years of age, daughter of Capt. Joseph Oliver of the continental army in the revolutionary war. Following her last wish, she was buried by her fellow members of the daughters of the revolution.

STRIKE RICH ORE

Selected Rock Reported to Assay Over \$4,000 Per Ton

A Cheyenne, Wyo., December 7, dispatch says: One of the richest strikes ever made in southeast Wyoming is reported from the Silver Glance mine, in the Hartville district, where a three-foot lode has been opened up which assays \$4,328.60 to the ton in gold. The ore from which returns were received was selected rock, but it is said the vein matter is very rich, containing in addition to the gold about 15 per cent copper and some silver. This mine, with a group of four others, is owned by the Sunrise Copper Mining company.

Commission Will Inquire

The interstate commission has ordered a hearing to be held in Washington December 16 in the matter of the proposed advances in freight rates from the Missouri river to New York. An order has been issued requesting the attendance of other representatives, qualified to give information of the roads concerned, as well as the reasons and necessity for the advances.

Treaty Progressing

Dr. Herman, the Colombian charge, called at the state department to discuss the proposed canal treaty with Secretary Hay. The negotiations are said to be in excellent shape with the only open issues relating to the exact amount of annuity to be paid and the amount of the capital payment. It is hoped that a treaty will be signed next week.

Soldiers Under Guard

The disorderly character of some of the discharged soldiers who are going home on the transport Logan has led General Davis to order a company of infantry aboard to act as a special guard, says a Manila dispatch. The company will accompany the transport to San Francisco, and then return. The Logan sails on December 15 and carries the remainder of the men discharged under the reduction order.