

SUSPECTS ARRESTED

BIG REWARD OFFERED FOR CAPTURE OF IDAHO ASSASSIN.

Former Governor Frank Steunenberg Killed for Stand He Took in the Coeur d'Alene Dynamite Outrages of 1899—Letter of Warning.

Boise, Ida., Jan. 1.—A man has been arrested at Caldwell who the officers think may be the assassin of former Governor Frank Steunenberg. His name has not been reported. Five men in all have been detained on trivial charges in order that their whereabouts may be looked up. When daylight dawned on the scene of the tragedy it was found that the dynamite had been exploded by pulling a wire. Pieces of wire and waxed fish line were found in the trees on the lawn. Further, it is believed that two bombs were used to make certain of carrying out the purpose of the assassination. They seem to have been together, both being pulled at once. It was quite definitely determined that the mine was fired by a wire. The explosive was placed against the post against which the gate closed and on the inside of the fence. That post was to the victim's left as he entered, but the force of the explosion caught him on the right, showing he turned partially in closing the gate. Had the mine been set to go off from the movement of the gate, the explosion would have occurred as he went in, and it is therefore certain the mine was fired by a wire and that the assassin, knowing his habit of making the stop to close the gate, waited until he turned around. Shoshone county has offered a reward of \$10,000 for the apprehension of the murderer and has sent its sheriff to assist in the search. It was in that county, in the northern end of the state, that the Coeur d'Alene riots occurred in 1899. It is probable the funeral will be held in Boise, the body lying in state in the capitol building.

The explosive was undoubtedly nitro-glycerine. It was in a metallic case, the metal being a combination of tin and zinc. A portion of the mechanism has been found, including the trigger used in firing the charge. The nipple used was such as is found on an old-fashioned muzzle-loader shotgun. Pieces of metal were found sticking in all the trees.

Governor Gooding, after having spent the day at the scene, states there is only one conclusion—that Governor Steunenberg was killed for the stand he took at the time of the Coeur d'Alene riots. It transpires that Steunenberg received a letter of warning while in Washington, about one and a half years ago. It stated his time was short.

Caldwell, Ida., Jan. 3.—Police Captain Swain says: "We have conclusive evidence that the bomb used in the assassination of Governor Steunenberg was manufactured in room No. 19 of the Saratoga hotel (the room occupied by Hogan) and that the details of the plans were probably formulated there."

INDICTED FOR REBATING.

Grand Jury at Chicago Returns True Bill Against the Burlington.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The federal grand jury returned an indictment against the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, Darius Miller, first vice president, and C. G. Burnham, foreign freight agent, on the charge of granting railroad rebates.

The indictment charges that the rebates were all granted to the United States Steel Products company of New York. All of the shipments on which the indictment alleges rebates were paid, were made from six cities—Elwood, Ind., Martin's Ferry, O., Pittsburg, New Castle, Pa., Cleveland and Joliet—to Vancouver, B. C. Twenty-six separate offenses are charged. The indictment further alleges that by an agreement between the defendants and a number of connecting railroads a joint tariff was made and filed with the interstate commerce commission. The rates were paid, it was declared in the indictment, according to the tariff, but afterwards a rebate of about 30 per cent was allowed to the shipper. In all cases the United States Steel Products company was the recipient of the money, according to the indictment.

As soon as the indictment was laid before Judge Betha in the United States circuit court he fixed bonds of \$5,000 in each case and the officials of the Burlington road were notified to call and give bail to the amount of \$15,000, which they agreed to do without delay.

The greater part of the evidence upon which the indictment was voted is said to have been furnished by T. P. Adler of New York, president of the United States Steel Products company; J. L. Moore, foreign traffic agent for the Burlington road, and G. W. Perry, freight claim agent of the Great Northern road.

Dynamite Bomb Wrecks Factory.
Scranton, Pa., Jan. 1.—A dynamite bomb was thrown against the front

door of the Giovanni Fazzi macaroni factory, at 28 Franklin avenue, early this morning, and the whole front of the building and half the store room were wrecked. The Arlington hotel adjoining was badly damaged. Fazzi, who is an aged and well-to-do Italian, has received three letters since Oct. 6, signed "The Iron Head," which made demands on him for \$1,000 under penalty of the death of himself and family. He paid no heed to the letters and did not even notify the police.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Lou Phelps Kills Himself.
Cozad, Neb., Dec. 30.—Lou Phelps, twenty-three years old, committed suicide at his home a few miles east of this place by shooting himself in the back of the head. This is the second suicide in the Phelps family, another son having taken his life several years ago.

Rushing Work on Ashland Line.
Sioux City, Jan. 1.—The Great Northern road has issued orders to rush work on the extension from Sioux City to Ashland, Neb. Track laying on the north end has been completed to the end of the southern boundary line of the Omaha Indian reservation.

Killed in a Runaway.
St. Edward, Neb., Dec. 30.—John H. Wheeler, a farmer living west of town, is dead from injuries suffered in a runaway. Wheeler was struck by some part of the wagon when it turned over. His skull was fractured. He died in a Columbus hospital after an operation.

Athletic Relations Resumed.
Lincoln, Jan. 2.—An agreement to resume athletic relations was entered upon by representatives of the Nebraska and Kansas university athletic boards. A complete understanding was arrived at and there will be a basketball game between the two universities this winter and baseball and football next year. Relations were broken off two years ago.

Regulation of Railways the Topic.
Lincoln, Jan. 1.—At the meetings of the Nebraska State Historical society, to be held in Lincoln on the evenings of Jan. 17 and 18, the subject of railroad taxation will be discussed by Professor E. A. Ross of the state university and Attorney General Norris Brown. On the afternoon of Jan. 17 will be held the meeting of the territorial pioneers of Nebraska.

Nebraska Teachers Elect Officers.
Lincoln, Dec. 29.—The following officers of the Nebraska State Teachers' association were elected: President, W. L. Stephens of Lincoln; vice president, J. E. Deizell of Lexington; treasurer, R. D. Overholt of Minden; secretary, R. B. Graham of Wymore. Professor Thomas of McCook was named as a member of the legislative committee, while Ed L. Rouse of Plattsmouth was named for member of the reading circle board.

Bank Cashier in Land Fraud.
Omaha, Jan. 1.—H. C. Dale, cashier of the Stockmen's National bank of Rushville, Neb., and William C. Smoot, government farmer at the Pine Ridge agency, were arrested charged with subornation of perjury in connection with the land frauds. Both of the defendants are alleged to have secured fraudulent homestead entries for two of the wealthiest cattlemen in Cherry and Sheridan counties. Each gave bond for \$3,000 to appear before the federal grand jury.

MORE LILLIE CASE LETTERS.

"Nebraska Pete" Said to Have Confessed to Committing Crime.

Lincoln, Jan. 1.—There is a good deal of speculation among Lincoln citizens who have been interested in the case of Mrs. Lena Margaret Lillie as to the origin of two letters which have purported to come from persons who know that she is not guilty of the crime. One was received by a Lincoln paper alleging that the writer had committed the crime and had come forward to tell the truth about the murder, while Governor Mickey disclosed another letter received nearly two months ago by Mrs. A. D. Beemer, in which it is alleged that "Nebraska Pete," a roomer in one of the cheap Mills' hotels in New York, had confessed, while drunk, that he had committed the murder and tried to kill Mrs. Lillie. The letters are in totally different handwriting, although about equal in illiteracy.

AUTOMOBILE BEATS TRAIN.

Locomotive Has Slight Start, but Chug Wagon Wins at the Finish.
Hastings, Neb., Dec. 28.—After a sixteen-mile race in an automobile with a passenger train Dr. J. S. Latta of Kenesaw defeated what apparently was an attempt to kidnap the four-year-old son of George Coffey. A few moments after the eastbound passenger train pulled out of Kenesaw Dr. Latta climbed into his touring car and started in pursuit. The race was about even to the first station, the

train moving off just before the automobile arrived. At Hastings, however, the train was overtaken and the child recovered.

Enoch Coffey, aged twenty-two, of Junction City, Kan., who has been visiting his brother, George Coffey, in Kenesaw, took the latter's little boy to church. When they failed to return at the expected time Mrs. Coffey became alarmed and began a search for them. Just as the train was moving off she found that the man had taken the child aboard. She immediately notified Dr. Latta by telephone and asked him to make an effort to intercept them at Juniata or Hastings. The police of this city were also notified by telephone and they were in waiting when Dr. Latta arrived, a few moments before the departure of the train. They took possession of the child and the doctor returned it to its mother. Enoch Coffey insisted that he merely meant to take the child down the road a short distance and then return with him on a later train.

Searle Withholds Money.
Lincoln, Jan. 3.—State Auditor Searle has refused to pay the contractors of the Kearney normal any more money until the building is completed. It was arranged a few days ago to allow them all the money but \$1,500. Today the auditor stated that the building must be accepted before any more cash is paid.

Booth Quits Coaching Game.
Lincoln, Jan. 3.—Professor J. T. Lees, chairman of the University of Nebraska athletic board, announced Football Coach Walter Booth had definitely declined to return to Nebraska. Professor Lees met Booth in New York and the latter said he had quit coaching for good. Assistant Coach Westover has also retired from the game.

Joy Morton Improving.
Nebraska City, Dec. 29.—Physicians in attendance on Joy Morton said that there had been improvement in their patient's condition during the day and they regarded the worst as over. The skull, the doctors are satisfied, has not been fractured and no operation will be necessary, the blood clots being absorbed by natural processes. Mr. Morton is conscious. His recovery will be slow at best and the doctors say he can not leave his bed for weeks.

Nebraska Supreme Court in Session.
Lincoln, Jan. 3.—Before the closing session of the supreme court tomorrow, Judge Letton, associate justice-elect, will be sworn in and Chief Justice Holcomb will retire from office. The appointment of Judge Letton's successor as a member of the supreme court commission will be announced at that time. No announcement has yet been made as to who this is to be, but it is generally thought that Judge Epperson of Clay county will be appointed.

Nebraska Teachers Conclude Meeting.
Lincoln, Dec. 30.—The fortieth annual convention of the Nebraska Teachers' association, the second largest meeting of its kind in the United States, having had an attendance of 2,100 teachers, has adjourned. At the meeting in February of the new executive board, consisting of President W. L. Stephens of Lincoln, W. H. Gardner of Fremont, A. L. Caviness of Fairbury and A. O. Thomas of Kearney, the date and place of the next annual meeting of the association will be decided upon.

THEY ARE ADVISED TO READ.

Librarian Talks at Meeting of His Associates in Lincoln.

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—At the meeting of the State Library association Librarian Weyer of the state university advised all the librarians to read the newspapers and the magazines. Mr. Weyer urged the librarians to make a careful analysis of the daily papers, clipping and classifying the important portions. He said that he had seen some very comprehensive indexes made by librarians.

The officers were elected as follows: President, G. H. Thomas of McCook; first vice president, Miss Fanny Geer of Columbus; second vice president, Miss Mary K. Ray of Kearney; secretary, Miss Nellie Compton of Lincoln; treasurer, Miss Margaret A. O'Brien of Omaha. The next meeting of the association will be held in Kearney during the sessions of the state meeting of women's clubs. The exact date has not been fixed.

MORE ARRESTS IN LAND CASES.

J. C. Pettijohn, Attorney Tucker and Edward Letson Taken into Custody.

Omaha, Dec. 30.—Upon a complaint filed by Special United States Attorney Rush J. C. Pettijohn, the receiver of the Valentine land office, who was recently removed from office, has been arrested by Deputy Marshal Allan. Pettijohn is charged with subornation of perjury, conspiracy in securing fraudulent homestead entries and unlawfully inclosing government land. Attorney Tucker of Valentine has also been arrested for alleged complicity in the land frauds.

Word has also been received by the federal authorities that Edward Letson, a son of Mayor Letson of Horton, Kan., has been arrested. Letson is charged with subornation of perjury in securing fraudulent homestead entries for ranchmen known as Margrave Prothers, whose range lies in Sheridan and Cherry counties, Neb.

STATE WILL CALL FOR CASH.

Auditor Pierce Sends Out Notice to Insurance Companies.

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—Deputy Insurance Auditor Pierce, in sending out his annual notification to insurance companies calling for their annual statements, is advising the companies to remit with the reports the 2 per cent of gross receipts taxed against them under the present revenue law. The companies required under the law to pay 2 per cent of their gross receipts are life, casualty and surety companies. The insurance department is keeping close "tab" on the investigation of large life companies now being made in New York. Special Examiner Wiggins of the Nebraska department, who is assisting in the investigation, is expected to return to Nebraska in a few days. His assistance is needed in reviewing the many annual reports soon to be presented.

In discussing the submission of annual reports, Auditor Pierce suggests the need of corrective insurance legislation. "The insurance department should have police power," said he, "to punish local officers of insurance companies for misstatements in their annual reports."

PRINTERS' STRIKE IS ON.

Union Typos Inaugurate Big Struggle for Eight Hour Day.

New York, Jan. 2.—For the first time since the organization of the International Typographical union, a general strike went into effect today in every shop in the United States and Canada where the employer refused to grant an eight-hour day. Several times before the union printers in various parts of the country have ordered strikes to enforce a betterment of their conditions, but these strikes have always been sectional, and in many cases have been won by the employers. Now, with a treasury fund of more than \$250,000, obtained by assessment on every union printer, a determined effort is to be made to establish the eight-hour day universally. Out of the 6,000 members of Typographical union No. 6 in New York it was stated that fewer than 900 were obliged to strike. The Typothetae members have established a temporary home for an army of about 500 nonunion printers in an old school house in West Tenth street, where lodging and meals will be provided. Union officials said that many New York firms had agreed to the eight-hour day.

SAYS M'CALL HAS RESIGNED.

Orr May Succeed Him as President of the New York Life.

New York, Jan. 2.—The Times says: Although neither John A. McCall nor any member of his family would discuss the matter, positive confirmation was obtained that Mr. McCall had resigned the presidency of the New York Life Insurance company. With it came information that Mr. McCall had already turned over to the company a check for \$235,000, covering the moneys that Andrew Hamilton received in 1904 and which are yet unaccounted for in detail. It was also learned that Alexander L. Orr would probably succeed Mr. McCall as president of the company.

No Wedding at Busch Home.

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—The announcement following the frustrated elopement of Miss Wilhelmina Busch, daughter of Adolphus Busch, and Lieutenant Edward Scharrer of Stuttgart, Germany, that they would be quietly married at the Busch mansion, was not carried out. Instead, Miss Busch has gone to the Grant farm to spend some time and her father has asserted that there is no engagement between his daughter and the lieutenant. An air of mystery seems to pervade the affair. Lieutenant Scharrer, seen at his hotel apartments, declined to discuss the matter.

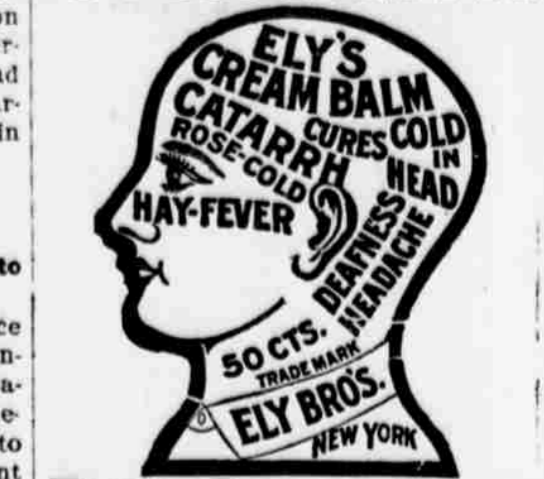
Mighty Wave Sweeps Schooner.

Wood's Hole, Mass., Jan. 1.—A great wave, reaching almost tidal proportions, rolled up Vineyard sound, and overtaking the five-masted schooner Henry O. Barrett, tumbled over the stern and swept overboard to their death Captain Joshua Norton, the commander of the vessel, and his mate, James Conley. The wave carried away the deck house and did considerable other damage to the ship.

125 Per Cent Paid for Call Loans.

New York, Dec. 28.—After having reached 110 on the Stock exchange and 125 per cent on privately arranged loans, the rate for call money fell to 6 per cent. Just before the close it advanced again and closed 15 bid, offered at 20. As the money rate fell the stock market advanced and approximately the highest prices of the day were reached at the close.

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