

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE EARTH

BIG DRUG FIRM FAILS.

Lord, Owen & Co., One of the Largest Houses in Chicago, Forced to Wall.
 Lord, Owen & Co. of Chicago, one of the oldest wholesale drug firms in the West, is bankrupt. The firm confessed insolvency in the United States District Court. The liabilities are fixed at \$762,730 and the assets at \$315,537. The assets consist principally of \$125,000 worth of stock in the store and \$150,000 in outstanding accounts. Judge Kohlsaat appointed John J. Williams receiver in bankruptcy, and his bonds were fixed at \$500,000. The members of the firm, each holding a one-third interest, are Thomas and George S. Lord of Evanston and James R. Owen. The individual debts of Thomas Lord are placed at \$37,525, and his assets at \$124,000. George Lord says he owes \$167,250 on his own account and has about \$121,480 assets. Mr. Owen schedules no individual debts, and claims exemption for his only assets—\$100 worth of wearing apparel, \$250 in cash and a \$5,000 life insurance policy. Among the largest creditors of the partnership whose names are given in the schedules are: The Bankers' National Bank, for \$89,000; Harvey B. Hurd of Evanston, for \$116,840; W. T. Richards & Co., for \$102,500; John P. Hollingshead & Co. of New York, for \$100,000; the Mercantile National Bank of New York, for \$25,000.

CARPENTER DIES WEALTHY.

Boston Artisan, Working at Bench Daily, Leaves \$3,000,000.
 Patrick McAler, the famous millionaire carpenter of Boston, is dead, aged 88 years. He came from St. John, N. E., with \$1,000, and while working at the bench every day amassed a fortune of \$3,000,000. He never signed a contract, although he handled jobs for buildings counting up in the thousands. He always paid cash for everything, from a pound of nails to a business block worth \$250,000. Most of his property was located in the heart of the city and included some of the oldest and most valuable pieces of real estate in Boston. His son was not allowed to remain idle, but when old enough was put to work at the bench on \$15 a week.

SETTLE STRATTON FIGHT.

Son of Millionaire Agrees to Take \$350,000 in Cash.
 County Judge Orr of Colorado Springs, Colo., has agreed to approve a compromise that has been reached between the attorneys for I. Harry Stratton and those for the executors of his father's will. Young Stratton is to receive \$350,000 in cash. This includes his legacy of \$50,000. The money will be paid at once, and all litigation over the estate of the late multimillionaire will cease. Mr. Stratton bequeathed the bulk of his fortune, estimated at \$15,000,000, for the establishment of a home for the poor in Colorado Springs.

REFUSED MEDICINE IS DEAD.

Dropsy Patient Would Not Take Hospital Treatment.
 "Refused to take medicine" is the entry in the records of the St. Louis city hospital opposite the name of Henry Lemberger, 12 years old, who died from dropsy. The boy's mother is a teacher at a school conducted by Christian Scientists. The lad entered the hospital March 27, but refused medicine. He fought the attendants when they tried to make him take medicine, and at times when he was able he tried to escape from the institution.

Orders Capture or Sinking of Gunboat.

Admiral Coghlan has ordered the capture or sinking of the Tatabanula, formerly a tug, now a converted gunboat in the service of the government of Spanish Honduras, as the result of the forcible detention of the Norwegian steamer David, a merchantman in command of Captain Warnecke, which arrived in New Orleans from Ceiba, Honduras.

Incendiarities at Montgomery, Ind.

The second attempt within a week to burn the town of Montgomery, Ind., was made early Monday. Just before daylight five fires were started with oil soaked rags in as many buildings in the business section of the town. All the fires were extinguished without heavy loss. The citizens have organized a vigilance committee and declare they will lynch the incendiarities.

Two Shot by Highwaymen.

John Stephens was shot and fatally injured and Ben P. Edens was dangerously wounded during a battle with highwaymen in the western limits of Huntington, W. Va. Stephens had his skull fractured by a blow. Edens leaped into stream and escaped.

Killed by City Marshal.

City Marshal S. P. Howland of Gardner, Kan., during a fight lasting half an hour, shot and killed Bud Briggs in a saloon. Briggs was with two companions who were trying to secure the release of Estelle Briggs, a brother, whom the officer had arrested for disorderly conduct.

Three Are Burned to Death.

Mrs. Yetta Brownstein, 30 years old, and her two children, Cecilia and Yetta, were burned to death in their home in Philadelphia. Two other members of the family are in a critical condition. The fire was caused by the overturning of an oil stove.

Threatened with Famine.

Holland is threatened with famine because of the railroad strike. Food shipments by land and water are practically stopped, and sympathetic walkout of bakers ordered. Shipowners have declared a general lockout.

mobile accident on March 10, it is claimed.

was a defaulter to the extent of \$150,000 or \$200,000. He is said to have swindled the estates of friends in the East out of large sums of money. He carried over \$200,000 life insurance. In order, it is said, that after his death the estates might be able to recoup the losses.

AFTER THE VILE MO-QUITOES.

Officials Watch Incoming Vessels for Traces of Disease-Spreading Pests.
 The watchful government officials stationed at the several ports where big ocean ships come in are not confining their attention, it appears, to the exclusion of infirm, diseased, pauper, convict, anarchistic and yellow-skinned aliens, but have for some time been watching the members of a fly-by-night class of immigrants until recently disregarded. These are the stegomyia fasciata and a less important relative, the common culicid. The invaders are perhaps better known by their popular name, mosquitoes. Ever since last June observations have been made at the gulf quarantine station under the supervision of Passed Assistant Surgeon S. B. Grubbs, every vessel arriving from ports where the stegomyia, the yellow fever bearing mosquito, prevails, has been carefully examined to ascertain whether mosquitoes are on board and, if so, their variety, where and when they took passage and under what conditions. The inspector is armed for this work with a cyanide killing bottle and a sheet of questions for the captain to answer.

GIVES \$3,000,000 TO CHARITY.

Legislature Rushes Through Act to Make Woman's Will Valid.
 The unusual spectacle of a State Legislature passing a bill under suspension of the rules in order to validate the will of a woman on her deathbed has been witnessed in Minnesota, although few legislators knew the nature of the work they were doing. The case was that of Mrs. A. H. Wilder, mother of Mrs. A. V. Appleby, who died recently. The mother was known to have drawn a will containing charitable bequests of \$3,000,000. She was taken ill and knowing the nature of her will prominent attorneys induced the Legislature to rush through a bill reviving the law of "uses and trusts," as in old English law. The House passed the bill. The measure went to the Senate, which passed it under suspension of the rules, and Governor Van Sant immediately affixed his signature and it became a law. Twelve hours later Mrs. Wilder died.

HATCHET MAY BE HISTORIC.

Quaint Old Weapon Found in Ceiling of George Washington's Home.
 The House in Fredericksburg, Va., occupied by Mary Washington, mother of George Washington, during the Revolution and his presidency is being converted into the Mary Washington Hospital. In removing a ceiling a quaintly shaped hatchet was found of ancient type. George Washington was grown before his mother owned the house, however, and there seems little likelihood that this was the famous hatchet connected with the no less famous cherry tree.

Thirteen Are Reported Killed.

Meager information has been received regarding a cyclone which passed a mile north of Hanceville, Ala. Persons on the Louisville and Nashville accommodation train from Decatur, which passed the scene of the disaster, say that thirteen dead bodies are reported to have been found and that about twenty-five persons were injured and many farm houses destroyed.

Elections in Ohio and Michigan.

M. E. Ingalls was defeated for Mayor of Cincinnati by Julius Fleischmann, Republican; Tom L. Johnson and Democratic city ticket was elected at Cleveland; Sam Jones, non-partisan, and Republican ticket, at Toledo; Michigan Republican State ticket was elected by 35,000 plurality.

Bible Barred in California.

Attorney General Webb of California has rendered an opinion declaring the use of the Bible in the public schools to be unconstitutional. Not only may teachers not use the scriptures as a text book, but even reading from them, as is the custom frequently at the opening exercises, is barred.

Officers Post to Heffelfinger.

It transpires that President Roosevelt in the course of his recent stay in Minneapolis offered the vacancy in the Civil Service Commission to W. W. Heffelfinger, the famous Yale guard and now a leading citizen of Minneapolis. Mr. Heffelfinger has not yet given his answer.

Tries New Method of Suicide.

Mrs. Mary Phillips, 27 years old, attempted suicide at St. Paul by swallowing pennies. She took at least half a dozen of them, and, failing to end her life in this way, she drank carbolic acid. She was hurried to the hospital and will recover. She is hopelessly insane.

High Fine for Cigarettes.

Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, has signed the act of the Legislature prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or cigarette paper to any person under 21 years of age. The penalty for violation of the act is a fine of from \$100 to \$300.

James H. Tillman Indicted.

The grand jury returned a true bill against James H. Tillman, charging him with the murder of N. G. Gonzales last January. In the indictment also occurs the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

POISON KILLS DUKE'S KIN.

G. H. Guest, Said to Be Chicago N and Related to Marlborough, Dead.
 George H. Guest, a civil engineer, whose home is thought to be in Chicago, and who may be a relative of the Duke of Marlborough, died at the Blossom House in Kansas City from the effects of morphine. Whether he took the drug with suicidal intent or by accident is a mystery. Guest arrived in Kansas City March 31. From letters found in his possession it was learned that he was on his way to Little Rock, Ark., where he was to work as a draughtsman for the Rock Island Railway. Why he stayed in Kansas City is a mystery. Several newspaper clippings found in the man's pocketbook indicate that he may have had titled relatives. One clipping from a New York paper referred to the "Hon. Lionel Guest, son of Lord Willbourne and first cousin to the Duke of Marlborough," was at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Another clipping referred to "Lieut. G. Guest of London," who had arrived in New York.

JOHN BROWN'S COTTAGE BURNED.

Old Home of Abolitionist at Tabor, Ia., Is Destroyed.
 The small cottage in which John Brown, the abolitionist, lived for several years in the 50's, and which was used as the headquarters of his underground railroad for the helping of runaway slaves, burned at Tabor, Iowa, in connection with his headquarters in Tabor, Brown organized a military school in which his sympathizers were taught the manual of arms, the knowledge to be used in an uprising which never occurred. From this building Brown directed his companions in running away slaves, who were taken through various resting places, traveling at night only, to the Canadian border and freedom. The building was one of the show places of the town, although small and dilapidated.

SUSPENDED BY RED CROSS.

Prominent Washington Members Are Ousted by Clara Barton.
 Walter P. Phillips, a member of Clara Barton's inner board of control of the Red Cross Society, has issued an announcement that the executive committee of the society has suspended from membership what is known as the Washington "minority," or those members who have been trying to oust Miss Barton from the presidency. Among the Washingtonians suspended are Gen. John M. Wilson, W. K. Van Reypen, surgeon general of the navy; John W. Foster, former Secretary of State; Harriet Blaine Beale, Anna Roosevelt Cowles, sister of President Roosevelt, and Hilary A. Herbert, former Secretary of the Navy.

INDIANS FLEE TO THE HILLS.

Government Will Have Trouble in Making Them from Warner Ranch.
 The Warner ranch Indians, near San Bernardino, Cal., are fleeing to the hills to escape eviction. Albert Juan, an Indian interpreter, who has just returned from the ranch, states that there is very little hope of the Indians submitting quietly to be carted off from Agua Caliente, and that they are now leaving the reservation and the commissioners will find no one to move when they arrive. Juan intimates that before the Indians leave they will demand the payment of \$50,000 for improvements made on the ranch.

Drive Mob in the Streets.

A body of police officers marching in solid front from curb to curb drove 1,000 noisy Greek millworkers through the streets of Lowell, Mass., for nearly a mile Tuesday night and prevented what might have developed into a riot growing out of the return to work of a number of ring spinners of the Lawrence Hosiery Company who left work in sympathy with the strike order of the Textile Council.

Killed by a Falling Tree.

One fatality and considerable loss of property resulted from a windstorm which visited the vicinity of Appleton, Wis. Percy M. Clark, civil engineer of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, was struck by a falling tree and killed, about thirty miles north of Appleton. Property losses throughout the county will aggregate several thousand dollars.

Washington, Ind., Hotel Burns.

The Walters Hotel at Washington, Ind., burned, the fire being of incendiary origin. Twenty guests barely escaped with their lives. Harry Kramer, a railroad man, carried Mrs. John Harlan from the building after she had been overcome by smoke. Mrs. Lucy Trainor jumped from the second-story window with her boy in her arms.

May Need an Extra Session.

The regular session of the Fourteenth Colorado General Assembly came to a close by constitutional limitation. The general appropriation bill was passed by the Senate after the adjournment of the House. Some members claim that for this reason it is illegal and an extra session will be necessary.

Claims \$1,000,000 on Patent.

An attachment amounting to \$1,000,000 has been served on the United Shoe Machinery Company in a suit instituted by Harry E. Cilley of Boston in the United States District Court in Boston. Cilley claims damages for infringement of patent.

Will of G. H. Swift.

The will of Gustavus H. Swift, of Chicago, filed for probate, disposes of \$12,000,000 estate; \$250,000 is to be distributed by the widow to charities; the balance is left to her and the children after special bequests are paid.

A GUEST OF LABOR UNIONS

Worksmen of Butte, Mont., Will Entertain the President

Butte, Mont., April 21.—President Roosevelt will be the guest of Butte labor unions during a part of the time he expects to stay here May 27. He has accepted the invitation of the Silver Bow trades and labor assembly. Immediately upon the receipt of the invitation Private Secretary Loeb drove ten miles to where the president was and laid the matter before him. When Malcom Gillis of the labor unions' committee, arrived in Cinnabar, Secretary Loeb had returned and informed the labor representative that the president was pleased to accept the invitation. In all preparations will be made to entertain the president at assembly garden.

Elder Vanderbilt to Wed.

New York, April 21.—It is reported here says the Paris correspondent of The American, that William K. Vanderbilt is to be married here quietly on Wednesday to a young American widow, to whom he had been recently paying attention.
 The name of the bride-to-be, who is at present living in Paris, is kept a secret. She is reported to have visited New York a year ago, where she was entertained by her sister, an unmarried woman who is in the secret of the approaching marriage, to the exclusion of Mr. Vanderbilt's relatives in New York.

Poison In Can of Peaches

Des Moines April 21.—As a result of a promaine poisoning, caused by eating from a can of peaches, two members of the family of L. H. Evans a fat and night attorney, residing at 317 East Twelfth street, are dead and five are ill.
 Earl aged five, died on Friday, and Eva, aged four, passed away Monday morning. An inquest was called and a portion of the peaches submitted to State Chemist Marcey for an analysis. The peaches were purchased from a neighboring grocery. The remaining members of the family will recover.

Sheepmen Ready for War.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 21.—The sheepmen of the Sweetwater country have declared open war on the cattlemen and a clash is imminent unless steps are at once taken to get the warring factions together on application of a satisfactory division of the ranges of that section.
 Information from Lander is to the effect that the malitia there may be called out to prevent a general fight and much bloodshed. Sheriff Charles Slough of Lander, has gone to the range country and if he finds the foundation of affairs as alarming as reported he will immediately make a formal request of Governor Richards for at least one company of the state militia.

Trolley Car Ran Away.

Pittsburg, Pa. April 21.—Because an electric brake refused to work a crowded western avenue car of the Pittsburg Railway company ran away on Federal street, Allegheny, wrecking a carriage, broke through the safety gates of the Fort Wayne railroad, derailing a fast moving freight train and then went to pieces. Almost all the forty-three passengers aboard the car were hurt, though only one fatally. When the motorman tried to make the safety stop on the steep grade at Stockton avenue he found the power brake useless and the car beyond control. It had about 125 yards to go before reaching the gates of the railroad which were down to let a freight train pass. The big car gained momentum every second. Harry Catlin was trying to get his carriage off the track but failed and it was wrecked completely. The car dashed through the safety gates, struck an empty refrigerator car on the moving freight train, turned it over and derailed several other cars. By this time the trolley was a wreck itself and its passengers were strewn in all directions, the wonder being that there were not any fatalities.

Death Claimed Them Both.

New York, April 21.—Frank J. Feeley and his wife quarreled on the street today and less than an hour later both of their bodies were taken out of the North river. The police believe that the woman committed suicide and that the husband was drowned in trying to rescue her.
 The couple had quarreled early in the day in their apartments and both left the house, the wife writing a note threatening suicide. When Feeley returned he read the note and rushed from the house, overtaken by his wife with the result that the quarrel was renewed. A policeman intervened and the woman breaking away from her husband, ran to the river and jumped in. Her husband dived after her, but both were caught under some barges and drowned.

Fatal Tornado in Kansas

Topeka, Kas., April 21.—Word has just reached here of a tornado at St. Paul, Neosho county, Saturday night which destroyed a great amount of property and injured five people, four of whom cannot recover. Mrs. David Chambers and three members of a German family named Longham will die, it is thought. David Chambers has bruises of a severe character while several other persons sustained minor injuries.

Nebraska Notes

The death of Chaplain Henry Masterman of Farragut post G. A. R., of Lincoln, will cause sorrow among his old comrades all over Nebraska, for he was one of the most notable of all the veterans of the civil war in the state. The stories that are told of him are legion. About twenty years ago Mr. Masterman complained that he was greatly handicapped in the camp fires by the fact that he held the position of chaplain. Some of the boys had been telling rather able stories of their experiences and he said that so long as he was chaplain he couldn't keep within gun shot of them. "If I wasn't chaplain," he said in one meeting. "I could tell you some interesting stories, but on account of my office it is necessary for me to stick to the truth." Then he told of his exciting experience when he had charge of a wagon load of loose powder which he was carting across the zone of fire to one of the batteries. He was very much afraid that the powder would take fire, and in spite of all his precautions a shell fell into the wagon box and exploded. "That was about the liveliest time I ever had in my life," the veteran chaplain declared. "for the plucky stuff took fire and more'n a bushel of it must have burned up before I could stamp it out."

The two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Newton of Wymore was found dead in bed Monday morning. The child had suffered an attack of measles but was thought to be recovering. Some time during Sunday night the baby was found to be quite cold, and was taken in bed with her parents, where she was warmed. She then insisted that she should be allowed to return to her bed with her little brother until her parents consented. They took her to her bed and covered her up warmly. In the morning when they went to the bed they found she was a corpse. Both the father and mother are nearly heartbroken.

Want Chinamen for Mines

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 "Since the close of the Boer war," said Mr. Noyes, "mining in South Africa has gone ahead with tremendous strides, but the future developments of the industry is seriously hampered by the want of cheap labor. There is not sufficient Kaffir labor to operate the mines, and the Chamber of Mines of South Africa, has, accordingly undertaken the feasibility of importing Chinese labor."
 "The idea of employing white labor is out of the question. White men will not work alongside of Kaffirs. We think, however, that under wise governmental regulations, we will be able to get sufficient Chinese labor to meet the conditions. Mr. Skinner and myself are now on our way to the orient to report to the chamber of mines on the capabilities of the Chinese worker."
 "At the present time I think 100,000 Chinese laborers could be profitably employed in the South African mines. To overcome political objections, it is proposed that Chinese shall be indentured in China and taken to South Africa for a term of years and upon the expiration of their fixed term of service will be returned to their homes."

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 Colonel Allen says that the principal cause of delay is the non-arrival of the cable, but the work will be completed late in the fall.

Soldiers Sentenced to Die

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A SHOCKING DEATH

Burned Herself to Death With Kerosene—She Responsible For It.
 Ashland, Neb., April 22.—Mrs. A. G. Bentz, who succeeded in killing herself Tuesday, will be buried tomorrow in the Ashland cemetery. Her husband is a prosperous farmer, living near Memphis and there is a large family of grown up children. All the home life and family connections seem to be pleasant with nothing to cause insanity.

Her death was a shocking one. Several months ago she began to show a tendency to take her life, and after some earnest attempts she was placed in the insane hospital at Lincoln. It is only a few weeks since she was brought home and while it was hoped that she was cured, a very close watch was kept over her by the family, but yesterday morning her opportunity came. She slipped into the cob house where the kerosene can stood, poured oil all over her clothes and over a quilt, which she wrapped around her and set them on fire. As the flames flared up around her she ran out screaming around the house. A son-in-law seized her and tore off the burning clothes. Medical aid was obtained and everything done to save her life but she died about 5 o'clock. After being taken into the house she was very anxious to have the fire in the cob house extinguished in order not to burn down the residence, and other buildings. During all the hours of her suffering she never uttered a scream or a word, but bore it all without a murmur.

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