

# THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS-JOURNAL.

NORFOLK, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1908.

## WEST POINT MAN KILLED

### WENZEL OLIVERIUS, TRIMMING TREE, MEETS DEATH.

#### SLIPPED ON THE ICY GROUND

Well Known West Point Citizen Slipped and Fell to Frozen Ground, Concussion of the Brain Resulting and Causing Death Soon.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 30.—Special to The News: An accident resulting in the death of Wenzel Oliverius, a well-known West Point citizen, occurred yesterday afternoon. While trimming the large cottonwood tree in front of the residence of C. W. Sass, Mr. Oliverius lost his footing and fell heavily to the frozen ground, striking on his head. Concussion of the brain followed, causing his death in a few hours. He was forty years of age and unmarried. The funeral will be Friday morning under Catholic auspices.

## NEIBURG LOSES THREE FINGERS

### West Point Inventor Meets With Accident in New Machine.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 30.—Special to The News: G. L. Neiburg, president of the Neiburg Can company and the inventor of the oil can bearing his name, met with a serious accident yesterday resulting in the loss of three of the fingers of his left hand.

Mr. Neiburg was inspecting a new machine just installed by the company when in some manner his hand was drawn into the machinery with the resulting loss of three fingers. The accident is a serious one to Mr. Neiburg, the loss of the members materially interfering with his ability to perform the work he is engaged in.

#### MANY TO BE OPERATED UPON.

### A Big Delegation of Valentine People Submit to Knife.

Valentine, Neb., Jan. 30.—Special to The News: Valentine sent quite a delegation of local people to Omaha hospitals Tuesday to be operated on for various complaints.

Miss Katharine Donoher, who had been quite sick for the past week, will be operated on for stomach trouble. Edward Layport will be operated on for nasal trouble. Miss Smith will be operated on for an abscess in the ear. H. Niel will be examined for stomach complaint.

## BURLINGTON SHOPS SHUT DOWN

### Temporary Closing Orders Received at Havelock and Other Points.

Lincoln, Jan. 30.—Orders were received temporarily closing the Burlington shops at Havelock, beginning today. The same order closes the repair shops at Lincoln and extends to the shops at Alliance, Plattsmouth, Wynmore, McCook and Sheridan, Wyo. Six hundred men are affected at Havelock, and smaller numbers at the other towns. The plan of the company is to have brief shutdowns from time to time rather than discharge any of the force. It is thought the men will work at least half time, probably more.

## Killed at Trap Through Accident.

Cozad, Neb., Jan. 30.—At a shooting match at the Garrison farm, Kent Vasey, aged twenty-one, was shot and instantly killed by Harry Hess, a young man living in Cozad. The shooting was purely accidental and happened while Mr. Vasey was in the act of loading the trap with blue rocks. Only three shot struck Vasey, one in the nose, another in the eye and one in the temple. The last two penetrated the brain.

## Hastings Merchant Kills Self.

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 30.—Charles H. Klipp of the wholesale grocery firm of Kerr, Klipp & Co., prominent in business circles here for twenty-four years, committed suicide, as the result of overwork and worry, by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun. His body was found in the warehouse of his store.

## Killed by Broken Buzz Saw.

David City, Neb., Jan. 30.—Frank Watava was killed and three were seriously injured in a steam buzz saw accident at Octavia. While attempting to cut a large log the saw snapped, the pieces flying in all directions.

## Body Cut in Two by Train.

Valley, Neb., Jan. 30.—George W. Ditchett, the night car inspector for the Union Pacific at Valley, was found in the Valley yards, lying across the tracks, dead, a train having practically cut the body in two at the hips.

## Hutchinson Instantly Killed.

Loveland, Ia., Jan. 30.—John Hutchinson, manager of an elevator here, was caught in the belting and instantly killed.

## Miners' Insurance Feature.

Indianapolis, Jan. 30.—The suggestion of President Mitchell for an insurance feature with an indemnity of \$1,500 for death or total disability was discussed at length in the convention of the United Mine Workers of America and was then sent to the committee on constitution to be redrafted.

## Big Fire in Newton, Kan.

Newton, Kan., Jan. 30.—Fire that threatened the business district here, destroyed half a dozen stores, causing a loss of \$150,000. The Lehman Hardware and Implement company's building and other small buildings, together with thirty-five horses in the Thompson livery stable, were consumed.

## MARION HEDGESPEATH FOUND GUILTY.

Council Bluffs, Jan. 30.—Marion Hedgespeth, the notorious safeblower and trainrobber, was found guilty by a jury in the district court in Council Bluffs of blowing the safe of the Transfer company on the night of Sept. 2. He was convicted two weeks ago, but secured a new trial.

## Three Men Killed in Crash.

Clinton, Ia., Jan. 30.—As the result of a grade crossing collision between an interurban car and a buggy, three farmers, named George Barley, Albert Henry and Emil Cashier, are dead. They resided near Princetown, Ia.

## PIERCE MAN BADLY HURT

### CHARLES ULRICH SERIOUSLY INJURED IN A FALL.

#### IS THROWN OFF WAGON SEAT

Driving Through an Alley, Mr. Ulrich Was Caught by a Cross Wire That He Failed to See, and Hurled Backward on the Frozen Ground.

Pierce, Neb., Jan. 30.—Charles Ulrich, Jr., was very severely injured this morning and is in serious condition.

While driving through an alley, his head hit under a cross line and he was hurled off the wagon seat and thrown backward onto the frozen ground.

He was rendered unconscious and at noon had only partially recovered consciousness. He was bleeding profusely at the nose.

Ulrich is twenty-one years of age and works for his brother, William Ulrich, in a meat market here.

#### ACCIDENT NEAR MADISON.

### George Lindtner Sustains Severe Scalp Wound in Night Race.

Madison Chronicle: A serious accident occurred in the Meridian creek valley on Sunday evening of last week, Jake Byers accompanied by Geo. Lindtner and Elbert Mavis were returning home in a single-seated carriage. They were having a friendly race with a party on horseback when their buggy struck against a bridge and the occupants were all thrown out. Geo. Lindtner sustained a severe scalp wound while the other two escaped without injury. One of the horses died a few days later from the effects of an injury received.

## BRITISH PARLIAMENT IS OPENED

### Liberal Program Fails to Meet Expectation of Radicals.

London, Jan. 30.—Big as is the Liberal program of legislation for the session of parliament just opened and earnest as the government leaders have shown themselves to be in their endeavors to meet the views of all factions, constituting the present Radical majority in the house of commons, there is a well defined feeling of disappointment among the ministerial supporters that the cabinet has not been more definitely radical in its proposals.

The speeches of the cabinet representatives since the last session of parliament have led to the expectation of more definite proposals with regard to the government's Irish policy, old age pensions and education, to mention only a few subjects, references to which in the king's speech did not satisfy the respective elements especially interested therein.

Rumors from Dublin had forecasted another Irish councils bill, but there has been substituted for this a measure which, if it passes, will only deprive the landlords of their grazing lands in certain sections.

## HELD FOR BOYERTOWN HORROR

### Owner of Stereopticon Machine and Factory Inspector Blamed for Fire.

Boyetown, Pa., Jan. 30.—The jury which has been investigating the disastrous fire at Rhoades Opera House, in which 169 persons lost their lives, returned a verdict this morning. This verdict, in part, is as follows:

"We are of the opinion that Mrs. Monroe and the deputy factory inspector are largely responsible for the disaster on account of negligence. We request the prosecuting attorney of Berks county to arrest and, if possible, convict Mrs. Monroe, owner of the stereopticon machine, and Harry McC. Bechtel, the deputy factory inspector, on the charge of criminal negligence."

## Misceants Bombard Catholic Rectory.

Cologne, Jan. 30.—An unaccountable attack was made on the Catholic rectory in the village of Carden last night. A number of men bombarded the rectory with revolver shots, destroying every window. About fifty bullets lodged in the walls and ceiling. The rector, his sister and maid were compelled to take refuge in the cellar. The men entered the house and continued firing, but the inmates escaped owing to the thickness of the doors. There is no trace of the miscreants.

## Death of Marshall Halstead.

Cincinnati, Jan. 30.—Marshall Halstead, former United States consul at Birmingham, England, died at the German Deaconess hospital here, following an operation for appendicitis. The deceased was a son of Murat Halstead, the well known journalist and author.

## ANOTHER NAIL IN K. C. LID

### JUDGE SMITH M'PHERSON REFUSES TO INTERFERE.

#### VICTORY FOR JUDGE WALLACE

The United States District Court at Kansas City refused to grant an injunction against the Grand Jury which is indicting People.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 30.—Judge Smith McPherson, in the United States district court, today declined to interfere in the Sunday labor case.

This decision is a victory for Judge Wallace of the criminal court, who, in his campaign against Sunday labor, caused the indictment of 2,000 theatrical people and hundreds of store keepers.

"The indicted people sought a permanent injunction against the grand jury, but Judge McPherson today denied this injunction.

Judge Wallace recently declared that he intends to devote every minute of the balance of his term as judge to enforcing the Sunday labor law.

The law under which Judge Wallace is working has been on the statutes of Missouri for a great many years but was never enforced until now.

The newspapers of Kansas City are against Judge Wallace in his campaign, claiming that in the modern city a liberal view must be held in regard to Sunday work and pointing out that unless clean theaters are permitted to operate on Sundays, thousands of young men will find evil places in which to spend their time.

Many people complain, too, because they are unable to buy so much as a cigar on Sunday. Many theaters refused to close when Judge Wallace first gave notice of the enforcement of this law, and 2,000 actors and actresses were indicted as a result. Today many of the indicted players are scattered all over the United States. They were compelled to put up bonds before they were allowed to be free from jail.

#### Open Campaign for Prohibition.

Des Moines, Jan. 30.—Amid scenes of intense enthusiasm and followed by the singing of the doxology the state convention of temperance workers formed a federation of all temperance organizations and churches to begin a campaign for the adoption of a prohibition clause in a constitutional amendment. A thousand delegates are in attendance and when they scatter to their homes, they will begin at once the organization of local branches of the federation. In the resolutions adopted the convention declared that all candidates for office, high or low, should be sound on the prohibition question in order to make it a distinct issue in politics.

#### Cropper Loses His Stock.

Adelaville, Ky., Jan. 30.—Night riders burned two large barns on the farm of Jess Burr, one mile west of here. The barns contained a lot of tobacco belonging to a cropper, who is not a member of the association.

#### Two Drowned While Skating.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 30.—While Hattie, Edmund and Eva, children of Jarvis Lewis of Gillespie, were skating on a pond, they broke through the ice and Edmund and Eva were drowned. Hattie was saved by passersby.

#### Germany Waives Objections.

Paris, Jan. 30.—The Petit Parisien says that Germany has waived all objections and accepts France's proposition to allow an international commission to fix the damages resulting from the bombardment of Casablanca.

#### Canadian Government Sustained.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 30.—The house divided on the amendment of R. I. Boreen, leader of the opposition, censuring the government for its policy in connection with Japanese immigration. The amendment was lost, 41 to 100.

#### McKinley Banquet at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Jan. 30.—McKinley, the martyred president, was the keynote of several addresses delivered at the Tippecanoe club's annual McKinley day banquet here, at which Secretary of War William H. Taft was the guest of honor. All of the speakers confined their remarks to the life and deeds of McKinley, who was eulogized as an illustrious son of Ohio, and a discussion of the problems engendered by the Spanish-American war and the acquisition of the Philippines and the islands of the Caribbean.

#### Sparks Signs Police Bill.

Carson, Nev., Jan. 30.—Governor Sparks signed the police bill and it is now a law. Already there is a fierce scramble for places on the police force. It is believed that the new force can take the field inside of forty days.

#### Allen Gains Four Votes.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 30.—John A. Allen of Lexington gained four more votes in the joint session of the legislature for United States senator. Result: Beckham, 57; Bradley, 57; Allen, 7; Mayo, 1.

#### Convention of Breeders.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The sessions of the fourth annual convention of the American Breeders' association were taken up with the consideration of committee reports, the reading of papers on various subjects and the delivery of addresses.

## IN JURY'S HANDS FRIDAY

### THAW'S FATE WILL BE GIVEN THEN TO JURORS.

#### JEROME CONCLUDES SPEECH

The Second Trial of Harry K. Thaw for Killing Stanford White is Finished, Excepting the Verdict of the Twelve Men Who Judge Him.

New York, Jan. 30.—Justice Downing announced at the luncheon recess of court today that he would not charge the jury in the Thaw murder case until tomorrow morning.

District Attorney Jerome concluded his address to the jury this afternoon, sharply attacking Thaw and denouncing the killing of Stanford White as a deliberate, cold-blooded murder.

## ENGLISH WOMEN GO WILD

### SUFFRAGISTS RING DOOR BELLS AT CABINET RESIDENCES.

#### BITTERLY DENOUNCE THE KING

English Women Suffragists Visited Homes of Cabinet Members During the Morning, Ringing Door Bells and Making Frenzied Speeches.

London, England, Jan. 30.—Women suffragists formally visited the residences of cabinet members this morning.

They made demonstrations by ringing door bells and making speeches from the steps of the cabinet members' homes.

The women denounced King Edward severely because he made no recommendations in their favor.

The incident caused considerable excitement here and was the chief topic of conversation in England today.

## BLANK CERTIFICATES USED

### BROTHER OF ARCHITECT TESTIFIES IN CAPITOL GRAFT SUIT.

#### PREACHER TELLS OF ONE DEAL

Sofas Six Feet Long Billed to the State at Eighteen Feet and Paid for at Rate of \$18.40 "Per Foot"—Assistant Aids State.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 30.—That Architect Joseph M. Huston means to take care of himself at the expense of his four co-defendants in the conspiracy cases now on trial in the Dauphin county court is apparent from the testimony of his brother, Rev. Samuel C. Huston of Philadelphia, a retired Presbyterian clergyman, who was called as a witness for the commonwealth.

Stanford B. Lewis, the architect's active assistant while the capitol was being constructed and furnished, and who is under indictment on two charges of conspiracy to cheat and defraud the state in the payment of bills aggregating \$92,704.80 for capitol furnishings, was also a witness for the commonwealth.

Rev. Mr. Huston testified that when his brother went to Europe in the spring of 1906, on business for the state, he left with him signed blank architect's certificates and a power of attorney. Soon after the architect's departure Contractor John H. Sanderson, one of the defendants, appeared with a bill supported by an affidavit purporting to be in proper form, for which he asked and obtained certification of the architect by the brother's signature.

The commonwealth expects to prove that this bill was fraudulent, in that Sanderson was given the contract for certain furnishings under one item in the special capitol furnishings schedule and billed these articles to the state under another item, the amount of which is in excess of the item for which is given the contract, and that some of these articles were invoiced to the state and paid for as containing three times as many feet as they actually contained.

#### Sofas Exhibited in Court.

Following the testimony of Rev. Mr. Huston and that of Lewis, to the effect that the architect was expected to certify only to the quality and not to the quantity of furnishings, the commonwealth had brought into court and exhibited to the jury two of the sofas, a table and two clothes trees supplied by Sanderson for the capitol under the "per foot" system. One of the sofas was measured for the information of the jury and was shown to be six feet long. Sanderson billed this sofa to the state at eighteen feet and it was paid for at the rate of \$18.40 "per foot." The other sofa also measured six feet and was billed and paid for as containing nineteen and one-half feet. The table had been billed under item 22 in the schedule at \$18.40 "per foot," instead of under item 24 at \$10.40, as called for by Sanderson's contract. The clothes tree was billed as containing one and one-half feet at \$18.40, and should have been furnished, the commonwealth claims, for \$5.55.

## KITTREDGE MAKES REPLY

### SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR ANSWERS HIS CRITICS.

#### IS FOR TAFT AS PRESIDENT

Making His First Political Speech Since Becoming a Factor in South Dakota Politics, Senator Kittredge Addressed Large Crowd.

Mitchell, S. D., Jan. 30.—Making his first political speech since becoming a factor in South Dakota politics, Senator Alfred B. Kittredge addressed an audience that filled the Gale theater, more than twelve hundred people being present. The senator spoke in defense of his record in the senate, replying in particular, to the charge of opponents that his support of the policies of President Roosevelt is insincere. He advocated the nomination of Secretary Taft for president and declared in favor of a 2-cent passenger fare.

#### South Dakota Indorses Bryan.

Huron, S. D., Jan. 30.—The Democratic state central committee voted to hold the first convention in Rapid City and the second in Mitchell. The proposed nomination of Bryan was indorsed.

#### HUGHES STRONGLY INDORSED

New York Republican Committee Launches His Boom for Presidency.

New York, Jan. 30.—Governor Charles E. Hughes was strongly indorsed for the Republican nomination for the presidency and the administration of President Roosevelt was commended in a resolution unanimously adopted by the Republican county committee at a meeting in the Murray Hill Lyceum last night. The resolution further favored an instructed delegation to the Chicago convention from this state for Governor Hughes, which shall see all honorable means to obtain his nomination till he is "either nominated or directs the withdrawal of his name from the consideration of the convention."

The committee, under the resolution, pledges itself to do all in its power to have congressional conventions and the state convention adopt resolutions instructing for Governor Hughes. The indorsement of Governor Hughes for the presidency had come up at two previous meetings of the county committee, and each time resolutions to that effect were tabled after warm debate. The action of the committee on those occasions was provocative of much feeling among committeemen, and Secretary of War Taft recently wrote Congressman Parsons, chairman of the committee, that he did not desire his friends to advocate his interest in any state which had a candidate of its own and that he would "greatly deprecate a contest which imperils Republican victory in New York in November."

#### Women Band of Robbers Arrested.

Lublin, Russian Poland, Jan. 30.—The police of this city have unearthed a band of robbers, composed entirely of women, and the leaders have been taken into custody. These women are said to be responsible for a long series of highway robberies.

#### Loses Life for His Child.

Hartshorne, Okla., Jan. 30.—Howard Ratliffe and his young son were burned to death in the destruction by fire of their home here. Ratliffe saved four children and lost his own life when he returned for the fifth, which he was unable to locate.

#### DIVORCED; WEDS CREDITOR

### Mrs. Alice Butler, Railroad Promoter, Chief Engineer's Bride.

Des Moines, Jan. 30.—Twenty-four hours after she obtained a divorce in Davenport from her husband, C. F. Butler of Des Moines, Mrs. Alice M. Butler, known as the only woman railroad promoter in America, was married secretly in St. Louis to S. F. Moore of Coshocton, O., chief civil engineer of her projects and her heaviest creditor in recent bankruptcy proceedings.

Mrs. Moore was forced by her creditors into bankruptcy. Her only assets were wearing apparel and personal effects, worth \$150. Her heaviest creditor was Mr. Moore, who had a claim of nearly \$7,000 for his professional services. She has now canceled this obligation by becoming his bride. As grounds for a divorce Mrs. Moore claimed that she was compelled to leave her husband in 1903 in Des Moines because of domestic trouble and nonsupport and become a promoter that she might make a living for herself and child. She has one daughter in the teens.

#### Iowa Farmer Ends His Life.

Missouri Valley, Ia., Jan. 30.—Bert Swan, a wealthy farmer near here, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. Swan is believed to have been temporarily deranged, as the result of brooding over a Texas land deal. He owned over four hundred acres of land and was in excellent financial condition.

#### Hasseans Given 25 Years Each.

Denison, Ia., Jan. 30.—Judge F. M. Powers sentenced Joseph and Solomon Hassean to a term of twenty-five years each in the penitentiary for the murder of their cousin, Fred Nawfal, last January. The motion for a new trial was overruled and the case will be taken to the supreme court.

## THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

### Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Condition of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today.  
Maximum ..... 16  
Average ..... 13  
Minimum ..... 10  
Barometer ..... 30.00  
Chicago, Jan. 30.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Snow tonight and Friday. Warmer east portion tonight, cooler west portion Friday.

## CORTLEYOU MAKES REPORT

### SECRETARY OF TREASURY REPLIES TO SENATE QUERY.

#### GREAT DEMAND FOR BONDS

Amount Offered Subscribed Forty-Four Times Over—Tells Why Banks Got Panama Issue—Lots of Irresponsible Bidders—Distribution of Money.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The senate was entertained by a series of animated comments on the method adopted by Secretary of the Treasury Cortleyou in placing before the senate his reply to the resolution calling for information relative to the operations of the treasury department in connection with the financial disturbance. The secretary had had the introductory part of his reply printed and copies of the pamphlet were on the desks of all senators, which was declared by Democratic senators to be without precedent.

The secretary transmitted detailed statements concerning the award of Panama bonds and 3 per cent certificates, together with recent financial transactions of the government, and also embodying information as to the general state of the nation's finances during the closing months of 1907—the period over which the recent financial panic extended.

#### Turning Point of Panic.

"The announcement of the issues of new securities by the treasury," says Mr. Cortleyou, "marked in some degree the turning point of the panic." Secretary Cortleyou defends the issue of Panama bonds and treasury certificates by saying that it was advisable to take some strong and resolute step which would convince the public, both at home and abroad, that the government was thoroughly alive to the situation and determined to give its aid in every possible legal and proper form.

Concerning the allotment of the new issues of securities, he says: "Even if there had been no other justification for limiting subscriptions to national banks, this consideration—that the bonds would be used to meet the pressure for currency—would, in the opinion of the department, have justified an absolute restriction of the awards to national banks."

#### Subscribed Forty-Four Times Over.

The total bids for the Panama canal bonds, continues the secretary, amounted to \$2,320,604,580, or more than forty-four times the amount offered. This fact, not heretofore made public, would have stamped the loan as an even more remarkable success than it was if all these bids could have been regarded as made in good faith by responsible parties.

Examination of the bids showed, however, that many of them were not only speculative in character, but that they were made in many cases for very large amounts by those who were personally irresponsible. When the awards were made, therefore, the bonds were awarded without hesitation to national banks in those cases where the prices offered were 102 1/2, or higher, and where the bid appeared in other respects to be made in good faith and with full capacity on the part of the bidder to execute his contracted. The amount thus awarded to national banks was \$24,998,040.

Concerning the distribution of public moneys in banks throughout the country, the secretary says that this has been done without regard to partisanship, and no section has received other than the fair and impartial consideration to which it is entitled. It is shown that the amount of public deposits on Aug. 22 was about \$115,000,000, of which the New York banks held \$28,253,386. On Dec. 7 the figures show public deposits through the country amounting to \$222,353,252.

#### Houses Discusses Merchant Marine.

The needs of an American merchant marine as an auxiliary to the navy formed the principal topic of discussion in the house during the consideration of the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. The debate was participated in by Littlefield (Me.), who questioned the legality of the provision of the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 to supply a deficiency for coal for the navy, caused by the transfer of the battleship fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He criticized congress for its failure to make appropriations for a merchant marine. His remarks elicited from Fitzgerald (N. Y.) the charge that the Republican party was responsible for that condition, while Shelley (Ky.) maintained that the lack of a merchant marine, "a national disgrace," was due to Republican policies.

#### Walsh Arguments March 10.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—The arguments on the motion for a new trial of John R. Walsh, convicted of illegal use of the funds of the Chicago National bank, were set for March 10.

## NEW YORK BANKS CLOSE

### TWO OF OLD MORSE CHAIN DECIDE TO LIQUIDATE.

#### BOTH SOLVENT, SAY OFFICERS

Comptroller Takes Charge of New Amsterdam National and Directors of Mechanics and Traders, a State Institution, Decide Not to Open.

New York, Jan. 30.—Two financial institutions of New York city, one a national and the other a state bank, did not open their doors this morning. The New Amsterdam National bank, capital \$1,000,000, was taken in charge by the representative of the comptroller of the currency, and the Mechanics and Traders' bank, a state institution, capital \$2,000,000, announced the decision of the directors not to open. Both banks announce their ability to pay all depositors.

A statement of the New Amsterdam National shows individual deposits of \$2,065,272. No statement of the liabilities and assets of the Mechanics and Traders' could be had. Previous to the panic last fall it carried deposits of more than \$2,000,000, but this amount has been largely reduced. Both institutions had been known as in the Morse-Thomas chain of financial institutions, but both had undergone a re-organization of the directorates.

The Mechanics and Traders' bank has two branches in Manhattan and ten in Brooklyn. All these branches will remain closed.

The New Amsterdam National was formerly one of the chief links in the chain of banks established by Charles W. Morse. President Frank W. Kinsman, Jr., declared that the closing of the National Bank of North America, attracting renewed attention to the interests which had previously dominated both institutions in their past administrations, started fresh reports of an exaggerated and sensational nature which necessitated the liquidation of the bank.

The institution occupied quarters in the Metropolitan Opera House, in the heart of the uptown theatrical district, and numbered among its clientele many of those prominent on the stage.

About a year ago, the New Amsterdam National underwent a re-organization because of a falling off in its business, and Frank W. Kinsman, Jr., was elected president. Every effort was made to rehabilitate the institution. The recent panic was not without its effect, though the bank weathered the storm and succeeded in reducing its clearing house certificates from \$1,705,990 to \$200,000. The recent placing of the National Bank of North America, considered as the chief bank of the Morse institutions, in the hands of the comptroller of the currency, brought out rumors as to the New Amsterdam National, according to President Kinsman, and he acquainted Comptroller of the Currency Riggs with the situation and requested him to take charge of the institution for the best interests of the depositors and stockholders alike.

## WILLIAMS TELLS OF STRUGGLE

### Testifies in McDonald Case After Shooting Woman's Face Bore Marks.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Charles B. Williams, the first witness in the murder trial of Mrs. Dora McDonald, testified that he was in the room adjoining that in which Guerin was shot and that when he entered after the shooting he found Guerin on the floor and Mrs. McDonald standing nearby with a revolver in her hand. He said that the woman's face bore marks of fingers and that her throat also looked as if she had been choked. On cross-examination Williams admitted that he had received small sums of money from Mrs. Donald's attorneys.